

THE MASONRY INSTITUTE OF HAWAII

# Masonry in Hawaii

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## CHRYSLER RETIRES



**John Chrysler**, Executive Director, Masonry Institute of America has announced his retirement effective June 1, 2021. John began working for the Masonry Institute of America under the former director, Mr. **Jim Amrhein**,

father of the Reinforced Masonry Engineering Handbook. In 1995 John became the executive director.

John is a Certified Structural Masonry Special Inspector for both the International Code Council and California Division of State Architects. He actively serves on TMS Committee 402/602 since 1996. He is currently TMS 402/602 main committee chair. As a former licensed mason contractor in California, he has an extensive background in construction. He is a licensed Civil Engineer in several states.

In the early 2000s, the former MIH director, **Brian Awakuni** was instrumental in bringing John to Hawaii to present seminars.

As a frequent visitor to Hawaii, John has continued to present numerous seminars for MIH. He has used his technical knowledge to help resolve many local design and construction issues, as well as soliciting help for MIH from various professionals throughout the mainland.

John is scheduled to give two seminars in Hawaii prior to leaving to his new residence in Austin, Texas. He will speak at the MCAH's 2021 Conference to be held on October 30, 2021 at the Royal Sonesta Kaua'i Resort.

We wish John the best of everything and a long, happy retirement.



**Rod Haraga and John Chrysler** at MIA's Office in Torrance, CA

## MCAH 2021 CONFERENCE

The recent pandemic caused MCAH to cancel its 2020 Conference. However, with the reduction in covid cases, MCAH has scheduled to hold its 2021 Conference on **October 29-31, 2021**, at the Royal Sonesta Kaua'i Resort (formerly the Kauai Marriott Hotel) located on Kauai. Among the speakers is **John Chrysler**, Executive Director Masonry Institute of America who will be presenting information to the Kaua'i mason contractors. Registration information and flyer for the MCAH Conference are found at [www.masonryhawaii.com](http://www.masonryhawaii.com).

## MCAH SCHOLARSHIP GOLF TOURNAMENT

Pearl Country Club is the venue for the *43<sup>rd</sup> Annual MCAH Scholarship Golf tournament*. The event is scheduled **for Friday, September 24, 2021**. Because of current Covid restrictions, the awards banquet will be held in the restaurant and outside patio area. The registration information and flyer are available on the MIH website at [www.masonryhawaii.com](http://www.masonryhawaii.com).

MCAH will award six - \$3,000 scholarships to local students and \$1,000 to the AIA Student Chapter. Donations are welcomed. Space is limited so please sign up early.

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## QUALITY ASSURANCE & SPECIAL INSPECTION

**John Chrysler**, Executive Director of the Masonry Institute of America will be presenting a 4- hour seminar on *Quality Assurance and Special Inspection Requirements for Masonry*. The seminar will be held at **Pearl Country Club on Friday, August 13, 2021**, beginning at 7:30 a.m. Breakfast will begin at 7:00 a.m. John will breakdown and simplify the significant elements of a masonry Quality Assurance program and show how the reformatted tables contained in the 2016 Specifications for Masonry Structures (TMS 602), adopted by reference into the 2018 IBC, can be used by the designer as the basic masonry QA program. Please go to [www.masonryhawaii.com](http://www.masonryhawaii.com) for additional information and seminar flyer. Deadline for registration is Friday, July 23, 2021. This seminar is approved for 4 credits by AIACEU.

## MASONRY INSPECTION CERTIFICATION

MIH and **John Chrysler** have a scheduled meeting with the staff of the Department of Planning and Permitting, City and County of Honolulu. The preliminary meeting is for August 13, 2021. Like the concrete certification requirements established by CCPI and DPP, the masonry industry is seeking to provide rules and guidelines for the development of a Masonry Inspector's Certification. This certification process will ensure that masonry construction will follow established industry guidelines and provide the quality of construction that meets the code requirements.

## MORTAR AND GROUT SPECIFICATIONS

Originally, this seminar was scheduled for April 2020 but due to the restrictions caused by the Covid-19 pandemic it was postponed. MIH has rescheduled the *Mortar and Grout Specifications Seminar* for **Thursday, October 28, 2021**. The seminar will be held at Pearl Country Club beginning at 7:30 a.m. **John Chrysler**, Executive Director for the Masonry Institute of America will be presenting this seminar. Mr. Chrysler has conducted this seminar to Hawaii's engineers, architects and contractors several times within the past 10 years. This will be his *final* presentation to the masonry industry in Hawaii. The seminar is designed for architects, contractors and engineers who are interested in learning about usage of various strengths of mortar and grout. John will cover additives to mortar and grout for workability which have been an issue with many contractors, engineers and architects.

Please go to [www.masonryhawaii.com](http://www.masonryhawaii.com) for additional information and seminar flyer. Deadline for registration is October 14, 2021. AIACEU has approved this seminar for 4 credits.