



## Maggio hired on as new PCI events manager

Stephanie Maggio has joined PCI as the new event manager. She will be responsible for assisting in the planning and executing all PCI events, including PCI Convention, membership conferences, meetings, educational events, and workshops.

She most recently was senior event manager at the Renaissance Chicago O'Hare Suites hotel in Chicago, Ill. She was also sales manager for catering at Westin Chicago Northwest in Itasca, Ill., and convention services manager of Sofitel Chicago O'Hare in Rosemont, Ill.

Maggio has an associate's degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management from Harper College in Palatine, Ill.



Stephanie Maggio

## PCI Academy Advisory Board becomes committee

Formerly known as the PCI Academy Advisory Board, the newly formed Online Academy Committee will operate under the Educational Activities Council.

This new committee will spearhead PCI programs designed for delivery through the PCI Online Academy. Tasked with coordination, the committee collaborates with various PCI committees to identify new topics and programs. It will play a pivotal role in outlining these programs, aiding in the development of requests for proposals and subsequently reviewing submitted proposals for online courses. These courses are aimed at advancing the precast concrete industry across both established and emerging markets.

To submit an application to join the committee, visit <https://www.pci.org/PCI/Applications/Committee>.

## 2023 EPP program participants recognized

Eleven PCI-certified plants were recognized for their commitment to continuous quality improvement through their participation in the PCI Exceptional Precast Practices (EPP) program.

These PCI-certified plants were recognized during the awards luncheon at the 2023 PCI Committee Days in Tampa, Fla. The 2023 participating plants were Atlanta Structural Concrete Co. of Buchanan, Ga.; Conewago Precast Building Systems of Hanover, Pa.; International Concrete Products Inc. of Germantown, Wis.; Mid-States Concrete Industries LLC of South Beloit, Ill.; Nitterhouse Concrete Products Inc. of Chambersburg, Pa.; Northeast Prestressed Products LLC of Pottsville, Pa.; Prestressed Casting Co.—Springfield plant of Springfield, Mo.; Smith-Midland Corp. of Midland, Va.; Standard Concrete Products Inc. of Savannah, Ga.; Wells-Albany of Albany, Minn.; and Wells-Brighton of Brighton, Colo.

The EPP program is a voluntary, continuous quality improvement tool developed specifically for the precast concrete industry by PCI's Quality Enhancement Committee. The program offers a road map for improvement efforts and milestones for measuring progress. This voluntary program works as follows: a plant takes the self-assessment survey for each of the seven sections/modules: productivity, personnel, safety, field operations, sales and marketing, sustainable plant, and

## Patrie takes over at PCI Northeast

PCI Northeast (PCINE) has appointed Sarah Patrie as its executive director. In this role, she will lead efforts to advance the technical, marketing, and educational initiatives within the precast concrete industry in New England and New York, with a dedicated mission to advocate for the design, manufacturing, and utilization of precast and prestressed concrete products and systems in the region.

Prior to joining PCINE, Patrie served as the vice president of transportation services at the Associated General Contractors (AGC) of New York State. She served as a technical expert addressing the real impacts on the construction industry created by the complexity of New York State's current and future political, legal, and regulatory environment.

Before her tenure at AGC, Patrie held the position of senior project manager and engineer at D. A. Collins Construction Co. Inc. There, she managed and completed projects totaling \$40 million for various government and private clients.

A licensed professional engineer in New York, Patrie holds a BS in civil engineering from Clarkson University in Potsdam, N.Y.



Sarah Patrie

concrete. This process allows the plant to benchmark where they are today and review programs of proven worth that other PCI plants find valuable. That process enables plant personnel to decide on a road map for the future. If this process is managed well, that road map becomes the goals and programs for improvement, providing the basis for achievement account-

ability. The plant's benchmark score allows plant personnel to measure progress from year to year. There is no minimum score required, and scores are not published. All participating plants are provided with an annual certificate of participation and are recognized at PCI Committee Days. For more information, please contact us at [qualityprograms@pci.org](mailto:qualityprograms@pci.org).

## IRWIN J. SPEYER YOUNG PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> The Irwin J. Speyer Young Professional Engineer Award honors the legacy of Irwin J. Speyer by recognizing young professional engineers who have made significant contributions to PCI during their early careers and who demonstrate their intent to continue serving the precast concrete industry as Speyer did during his career. The awards

will be presented in September at the 2024 PCI Committee Days in Nashville, Tenn. Complete award details and the official nomination form are available at <http://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/Speyer-Award>. Nominations must be submitted by May 1, 2024.

## NORMAN L. SCOTT PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> The Norman L. Scott Professional Engineer Award honors the legacy of Norman L. Scott by recognizing professional engineers who have made significant contributions to PCI, the American Concrete Institute, the precast concrete industry, and the engineering profession at large.

The award will be presented in September at the 2024 PCI Committee Days in Nashville, Tenn. Complete award details and the official nomination form are available at [http://pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/Norman\\_L\\_Scott](http://pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/Norman_L_Scott). Nominations must be submitted by May 1, 2024.

## 2023/24 BIG BEAM CONTEST CALL FOR ENTRIES

>> The PCI Student Education Committee is inviting entries from students to participate in the Engineering Student Design (Big Beam) Contest for the 2023/24 academic year.

All teams are required to submit an online application to establish their participation in the competition. Applications must identify all members of the student team and supply perma-

nent email and mailing addresses for each team member. Please visit [pci.org/bigbeam](http://pci.org/bigbeam) to complete the application by June 1, 2024. Completed entries must be submitted digitally to PCI by June 14, 2024. The winning team will be recognized in February 2025 at the PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Indianapolis, Ind.

## 2024 PCI EDUCATOR AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> PCI's educator awards program recognizes the work of academic professionals who exhibit a commitment to precast concrete in their graduate and undergraduate classrooms. Nominations must include recommendation letters, an updated curriculum vitae or resume, and additional information. PCI Distinguished Educator and PCI Educator Awards are available. The awards will be present-

ed in September at the 2024 PCI Committee Days in Nashville, Tenn., and nomination forms must be submitted by July 19, 2024. Nomination forms are available online at <https://www.pci.org/EducatorAward>. For more information about the educator awards program, contact Bekki Missaggia, PCI's education manager, at [bmissaggia@pci.org](mailto:bmissaggia@pci.org).

## THOMAS BATTLES

>> Thomas Battles, former president of PCI, died January 4, 2024. He was 92.



Thomas Battles

After graduating with honors from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a bachelor's degree in architectural engineering, Battles began on the career path that led to his PCI post. "Eventually I felt the desire to become more involved in marketing and people contact than architecture could provide," Battles said in an interview for the Summer 2011 issue of *PCI Journal*. That desire drew him to the concrete industry, where he began developing his specialty of marketing and strategic planning as an architectural marketing consultant at the Portland Cement Association (PCA). Before joining PCA, Battles worked at Skidmore, Owings & Merrill and Holabird & Root in Chicago, Ill. He later served as a principal of Anderson & Battles Architects, an award-winning Chicago firm.

Battles returned to the concrete industry in 1971 as PCI's first director of the architectural precast concrete division. Battles started PCI's

first *Architectural Precast Concrete Design Manual* on its way to publication before becoming vice president of marketing at Martin Concrete Engineering Co. in Neponset, Ill. After two years, he moved to Martin's new operation in Texas. When Martin sold its Texas operation in 1978, Battles became president of FiberSeal International Inc., based in Dallas, Tex. After taking the helm as PCI president in fall 1987, Battles took on one of PCI's most challenging projects: its first comprehensive marketing plan, which included the founding of *Ascent* magazine and required a pledge of support from PCI and its members of more than \$1 million per year for five years. Battles also worked to approve mandatory certification for PCI member plants.

Battles served as executive director of the Chicago Chapter and Illinois Council of the American Institute of Architects (AIA). He was PCI president until 2003 and was also active in the Construction Specifications Institute, the American Society of Association Executives, and the American Concrete Institute.

He was named both a PCI Fellow and Titan in 2004.

## 2024 SIDNEY FREEDMAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARD CALL FOR ENTRIES

>> PCI is accepting entries for the 2024 Sidney Freedman Craftsmanship Award. Launched in 2012, the award recognizes PCI-certified plants for excellence in manufacturing and craftsmanship of architectural precast or glass-fiber-reinforced concrete structures and individual components. Any kind, size, or type of structure and/or element may be entered. Judging is based on success in overcoming obstacles

to production, solutions to formwork or finishing challenges, and quality of individual units. Therefore, entries should include source documents, shop drawings, production photos as well as finished project photos to fully demonstrate the complex solutions implemented for the project. For more information, visit <http://www.pci.org/SFCA>. The deadline for all entries is July 19, 2024.

## 2024 T. HENRY CLARK AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> Nominations for the T. Henry Clark Award, to be presented in September at the 2024 PCI Committee Days in Nashville, Tenn., should be submitted to [qualityprograms@pci.org](mailto:qualityprograms@pci.org) by June 1, 2024. The T. Henry Clark Award nomination form is available at <https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/Clark>.

The T. Henry Clark Award was established to recognize an individual, group of individuals, or firm that has delivered a resource that improves

or enhances the quality of precast concrete products or processes. T. Henry Clark believed in quality and quality processes, and this award is to recognize those who create or promote quality in a way that would have made him proud.

For more information, contact Mike Wolff, the Quality Activities Council chair, at [m.wolff@msprecast.com](mailto:m.wolff@msprecast.com) or Jacques Cattan, PCI managing director of quality programs, at [jcattan@pci.org](mailto:jcattan@pci.org).

## PCI's CALENDAR

### Events

PCI event details are subject to change. For the most current information, visit <https://www.pci.org/events>.

<b>2024 PCI Mid-Atlantic Winter Meeting</b> Hanover, Md.	March 7-8, 2024
<b>2024 PCI Productivity Tour</b> King of Prussia, Pa.	April 30-May 2, 2024
<b>PCI West 2024 Summer Board Meeting</b> Woodland, Calif.	May 22, 2024
<b>2024 PCI Board of Directors Meeting</b> Jackson Hole, Wyo.	June 4-7, 2024
<b>2024 PCI Marketing and Sales School</b> Chicago, Ill.	June 27-28, 2024
<b>2024 PCI Mid-Atlantic Summer Meeting</b> Annapolis, Md.	August 1-2, 2024
<b>2024 PCI Committee Days Conference</b> Nashville, Tenn.	September 23-27, 2024
<b>2025 PCI Convention at The Precast Show</b> Indianapolis, Ind.	February 3-7, 2025
<b>2025 PCI Committee Days Conference</b> Loews Chicago O'Hare, Chicago, Ill.	September 16-20, 2025
<b>2026 PCI Convention at the Precast Show</b> Loews Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.	February 2-6, 2026
<b>2027 PCI Convention at The Precast Show</b> Marriott, Salt Lake City, Utah	February 1-5, 2027
<b>2027 PCI Committee Days Conference</b> Loews Chicago O'Hare, Chicago, Ill.	September 21-25, 2027

## PCI personnel training and certification schools

Quality Control School event details are subject to change. If you have any questions about the Quality Control School schedule or need help completing a registration form, please contact PCI's continuing education coordinator, [education@pci.org](mailto:education@pci.org). Registration forms are available at [https://www.pci.org/qc\\_schools](https://www.pci.org/qc_schools).

<b>Levels I and II</b>	May 15-17, 2024 June 17-20, 2024 August 19-22, 2024 October 23-25, 2024 November 11-14, 2024	Chicago, Ill. online online Nashville, Tenn. online
<b>Level III</b>	March 4-7, 2024 May 14-17, 2024 July 15-18, 2024 October 22-25, 2024 December 9-12, 2024	online Chicago, Ill. online Nashville, Tenn. online
<b>CFA</b>	April 8-11, 2024 September 9-12, 2024	online online
<b>CCA</b>	April 12, 2024 September 13, 2024	online online

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