

# PCI's 70th anniversary sees emphasis on sustainability

As I write this message, we are preparing to head the PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Denver, Colo., kicking off a yearlong celebration of PCI's 70th anniversary.

A very special part of the schedule includes a dinner paying tribute to the next class of PCI Titans of the Industry, which PCI honors every 10 years on our decennial anniversary. Many thanks to those who nominated 20 outstanding candidates and wrote many dozens of letters of recommendation. And thanks also to the Titan Task Group for all of their work in choosing only 10 from so many deserving candidates. Look to the next issue of *PCI Journal* for a write-up on these outstanding individuals who have contributed so much to PCI and the precast concrete industry, as well as all of the other award winners that will be named. For now, let me be the first to congratulate Roger Becker, Reid Castrodale, Pat Hynes, Jason Lien, Richard Miller, Andy Osborn, Sami Rizkalla, Steve Seguirant, Keith Wallis, and Gary Wildung. All names very familiar to *PCI Journal* readers. Congratulations to you all and thank you for all you've done to help advance PCI and the precast concrete industry!

The week will culminate after many meetings of our committees and councils with the meeting of the PCI Board of Directors. The board will be dedicating a large amount of time to discussing our continuing efforts as an institute in the area of sustainability. Members should know the PCI website already contains many tools and information to help our members develop more sustainable precast concrete. PCI has provided producer members with access to a tool to develop their own environmental product declarations (EPDs), which are increasingly being required by customers, at a fraction of the cost of developing the EPDs themselves. The board will get a report and recommendations from the Sustainability Task Group headed by board member Kimberly Wacker with Wells, coordinating the institute's efforts across our councils. I look forward to reporting on PCI's path forward in this important area.

The closing of our annual membership and awards luncheon will see the traditional passing of the gavel to the next chair of PCI, Jim Fabinski of EnCon United. I look forward to working with Jim, the rest of the executive committee, and the entire board of directors in the year ahead as we continue to lead PCI and the industry to better and better heights. I want to thank outgoing chair Matt Ballain for his leadership, vision, and friendship this past year. His emphasis on strengthening and expanding our relationships with students and professors has taken our education tools to a whole new level.

A thanks to all the members I look forward to seeing in Denver. Without you there is no PCI. [D](#)



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