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FROM THE CHAIR



Solving what's next

When people talk about innovation, they often focus on new technology, new products, or the next big idea. Those things certainly matter, but innovation can also start somewhere more practical. It can begin with people who are willing to identify and solve problems.

Whether improving safety, increasing efficiency, addressing workforce challenges, advancing sustainability, or finding better ways to meet our customers' needs, our members are continually looking for ways to move ahead. Innovation is not a single breakthrough. It is the steady work of identifying opportunities, adapting to change, and improving our processes, products, and the way we do business.

This fall provided an opportunity to see that approach in action during PCI Committee Days in San Antonio, Tex. PCI's committees spent time tackling important issues, sharing expertise, and helping shape the future direction of our organization. Their work is a reminder that many of our best solutions come from people willing to roll up their sleeves and solve problems together. We also celebrated Precast Days, as members across the country opened their doors to showcase our industry and help others better understand the important role precast concrete plays in the communities we serve.

Our search for PCI's next chief executive officer continues to progress well. Our executive search firm made more than 500 contacts regarding the role and has now given us a short list of highly qualified candidates. During the fall, the CEO Search Committee will conduct interviews, ask thoughtful questions, and study the findings with the end goal of selecting that right person to lead PCI. The search continues to be a thoughtful process reflecting the importance of the role and the long-term future of PCI.

As you read this issue, I encourage you to think about innovation not simply as new ideas or products but as the willingness to identify and solve problems and to find continually improved solutions for our companies and our customers. That mindset has helped shape our industry for decades, and it will continue to guide us through the opportunities ahead.

Thank you for the expertise, leadership, and commitment you bring to PCI. Together, we are building an industry that is not only strong today but prepared for tomorrow. [J](#)



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