

Different Methods, Same Goal

As I return to the helm of *PCI Journal*, I have been overwhelmed by the support and kind words from PCI members. The precast concrete structures industry should be proud of its flagship publication, and of the editors who have maintained its importance over the years. If we have learned anything from the different editors who have managed the *PCI Journal*, it is that many different methods can be employed to produce the same excellent publication.

My basic philosophy on managing *PCI Journal* comes down to three basic principles:

- Maintain the quality of *PCI Journal*.
- Recognize that all authors have some knowledge to share.
- Treat everyone with respect.

Quality

PCI Journal was established as a vehicle to propagate knowledge to a fledgling industry. Its continued success and credibility lie in the fact that it maintains the highest level of quality in an industry publication. This quality is due to the submissions received, the diligence of the staff, and the rigor of the peer-review process. One of the measures of the quality or importance of an academic journal is its Impact Factor, which is based roughly on the number of citations a publication receives. The Impact Factor for *PCI Journal* has increased in recent years.


Knowledge

PCI members and others who submit papers to *PCI Journal* are full of knowledge. Additionally, PCI staff seek papers on topics that are critical or timely for the precast concrete structures industry. Content may come to us, or we may seek it out. But in either case, the job of the *PCI Journal* staff is to disseminate this knowledge to a greater audience for the benefit of the entire precast concrete structures industry.

Respect

This is my personal philosophy that underlies how I manage all projects, whether they be committee work, consulting projects, or work on *ASPIRE* magazine and *PCI Journal*. By showing and expecting respect in all interactions—with peers, staff, contributors, and volunteers—all parties put their full effort into making the best possible product.

Recognizing that every step in the process of putting together *PCI Journal* is valuable, and thus every contributor to the process has expertise to offer, maintains the focus of *PCI Journal*. And that is printing the highest-quality publication to disseminate the knowledge needed to advance the precast concrete structures industry. That is the goal we all strive for.

Thank you for your support as I return to the position of editor-in-chief of *PCI Journal*. I look forward to assisting you through publication. 

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