

## FROM PCI HEADQUARTERS

### New Board of Directors named, zones eliminated

Chuck Prussack, outgoing PCI chairman, passed the gavel to incoming chairman Dan Juntunen March 2 at the PCI Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon during the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. This marks the beginning of the term for the current PCI Board of Directors. The vice chairman is Mason Hardaway Lampton of Standard Concrete Products Inc., and the secretary-treasurer is Keith Wallis Jr. of Prestressed Casting Co.

The board took steps at its meeting at the PCI convention to strengthen the relationship between PCI and the local chapter organizations by voting to eliminate zones and their zone representative, producer member board positions. These positions have been replaced with producer-member board positions for representatives from each of the PCI chapters to provide a structured means of communicating between local groups and PCI national. Producers in the few areas of the United States without a PCI chapter will continue to be represented on the PCI board by at-large positions. The move was designed to allow PCI to combine resources and efficiently target market goals while continuing to grow its reputation as a technical institute.

Current board members are Todd J. Adams of JVI Inc., Millard J. Barney of Concrete Technology Corp., Daniel Bible of Molin Concrete Products Co., Ned M. Cleland of Blue Ridge Design Inc., J. Matt DeVoss of Jackson Precast, Dennis Fink of Northeast Prestressed Products LLC, Gregory Gibbons of Gibbons Erectors Inc., R. Jon Grafton of Oldcastle Precast, Daniel Kennedy of Sidley Precast Group, David Larsen of Unity Design Inc., Joe Lombard of Lombard Architectural Precast Products Co., Mark McKeny of Coreslab Structures (TAMPA) Inc., Richard Miller of the University



Chuck Prussack (right), the outgoing PCI chairman, passes the gavel to incoming chairman Dan Juntunen March 2 at the PCI Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon during the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

of Cincinnati, Jeff Moehle of MPC Enterprises Inc., Monty Ohrlein of Coreslab Structures (TEXAS) Inc., Michael Paris of Ross Bryan Associates Inc., Gary Pooley of Wells Concrete, John Seroky of High Concrete Group LLC, Bob Sheehan or BASF Corp., Joel Sheets of Tindall Corp. South Carolina Division, Christopher Speck of Oldcastle Precast, Glen Switzer of Dura-Stress Inc., Kimberly Wacker of Spancrete, Lee Wegner of Forterra Structural Precast, Gary Wildung of FDG Inc., and Bradley Williams of Clark Pacific-Fontana.

Outgoing board members who completed their terms before the PCI Board of Directors meeting on March 4, 2017, at the convention are Chris Pastorius of Metromont Corp., Allen Kung of Blakeslee Prestress Inc., and Kenneth E. Kruse of BASF Corp.

### PCI MEDAL OF HONOR CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

Nominations for the PCI Medal of Honor, to be awarded during 2018 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference at The Precast Show, February 20–24, 2018, in Denver, Colo., should be submitted via mail by August 15, 2017, to PCI Headquarters, Attn: President's Office, 200 W. Adams Street, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606 or by email to Megan Lanning, senior manager of member events and services, at [mlanning@pci.org](mailto:mlanning@pci.org). Please submit nominations in letter format with appropriate biographical and supporting information attached. Endorsements from others supporting the nomination are encouraged. For more information, contact [mlanning@pci.org](mailto:mlanning@pci.org).

## Sika receives 2017 Associate Member Award

The 2017 PCI Associate Member Award went to a global construction technology leader with more than 100 years of experience producing high-quality, innovative admixture technologies for the precast/prestressed concrete market. Sika Corp. has repeatedly demonstrated its commitment to PCI by sponsoring the Big Beam Competition, the PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference, and the PCI Committee Days and Membership Conference. Sika supports the *PCI Journal* by way of advertising and has participated in the PCI Premier Partner Program for seven years.



Paul Ramsburg (center) accepts the Associate Member Award for Sika, presented by Bob Risser (left), PCI president, and Chuck Prussack (right), then-PCI chairman, March 2 at the PCI Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon during the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

## MARIO J. BERTOLINI LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



To honor the legacy of Mario J. Bertolini, an icon of the precast/prestressed concrete industry, PCI established the Mario J. Bertolini Leadership and Innovation Award. Bertolini was president of a major precast concrete manufacturer for many years and chairman of PCI in 1989. The award will be presented next at the 2018 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference at The Precast Show, February 20–24, 2018, in Denver, Colo. Nominations are being accepted until August 15, 2017.

Nominations for this award should be made to the Mario J. Bertolini Leadership and Innovation Award Selection Committee and should include a letter identifying the specific characteristics and qualifications of the candidate, including examples that meet the award criteria. The official nomination form must be completed and included with this letter. A nomination form is available at [https://www.pci.org/Publications/Submissions\\_Center/](https://www.pci.org/Publications/Submissions_Center/). For more information, contact Megan Lanning, senior manager of member events and services, at [mlanning@pci.org](mailto:mlanning@pci.org).

## SIDNEY FREEDMAN CRAFTSMANSHIP AWARD ACCEPTING ENTRIES



PCI is accepting entries for the 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. For more information, go to [http://www.pci.org/About\\_PCI/Awards/Sidney\\_Freedman\\_Craftsmanship\\_Awards\\_Program/](http://www.pci.org/About_PCI/Awards/Sidney_Freedman_Craftsmanship_Awards_Program/) or contact Jim Lewis, architectural services manager, at [jlewis@pci.org](mailto:jlewis@pci.org). The deadline for all entries is August 15, 2017.

## 2017 PCI Medal of Honor goes to Hynes

**P**at W. Hynes received the 2017 Medal of Honor award at the PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Hynes was chosen for PCI's highest honor because of his careerlong commitment to both the industry and its professionals at all career levels.

Hynes was on the inaugural Board of Directors for the PCI Foundation in 2006 and continued to serve through 2015. During that time, he was a tireless supporter of the PCI Foundation and an active participant in fundraising efforts. As a committee member and chair of the PCI Foundation Silent Auction, he made great strides in promoting the work of the foundation.

Hynes has been involved in PCI for more than 20 years and served on the PCI Board of Directors and chaired

the Educational Activities Council, Student Education Committee, Journal Advisory Committee, and Precast Insulated Wall Panels Committee. He also served on the committees for two editions of the *PCI Design Handbook: Precast and Prestressed Concrete*, the *State of the Art of Precast/Prestressed Concrete Sandwich Wall Panels*, and the *PCI Manual for the Design of Hollow Core Slabs and Walls*. In 2006, he was named a PCI Fellow.

Hynes retired from the Morse Brothers (Knife River) Prestress Division in Harrisburg, Ore., in June 2016 after 31 years of service.



**Pat Hynes speaks after receiving the 2017 Medal of Honor March 2 at the PCI Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon during the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. His acceptance speech included a poem he wrote, which is reproduced here.**

I started my precast as an unlearned engineering neophyte  
Not knowing prestressed concrete, I had to get it right

Upon my investigation on what I must try  
I discovered this place called PCI

Dan Jenny responded to my first technical request  
It was then I discovered that they were the best

Morse Brothers sent me to my first of many PCI gigs  
It was there that I met lots of precast/prestressed bigwigs

Mast, Martin, Scott, Gustaferro, D'Arcy, Sutton, Wilden, Voss, Zia, and many more  
Helped me learn precast concrete and not to be a steel design bore

Beyond that with some additional luck  
Was a PCI staff that gives us the biggest bang for our institutional buck

Included in my quest for precast knowledge and education  
I found that many other newbies are being guided by the PCI Foundation

The greatest benefits for me as it all ends  
Are all you wonderful people who have become my PCI friends

Through these many years with some lows and highs above  
It never would have happened without Rhonda my sweetie whom I truly love

For many years to all these meeting I have been flying  
As I end my career I'll continue to say, "Keep smiling"

## Quinlan receives PCI's Mario J. Bertolini Award for senior management



Michael E. Quinlan of Coreslab (center) accepts the Mario J. Bertolini Leadership and Innovation Award from Bob Risser (left), PCI president, and Chuck Prussack (right), then-PCI chairman, March 2 at the PCI Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon during the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

At the 2017 PCI Convention and Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio., Michael E. Quinlan, with Coreslab Structures, was presented with the Mario J. Bertolini Leadership and Innovation Award in recognition of his outstanding character as a precast concrete professional.

Quinlan has been with Coreslab Structures since 2004, where he is the vice president for Coreslab Structures (Tampa) Inc. and Coreslab Structures (Orlando) Inc. He is currently responsible for supervising the design and construction of a new state-of-the-art hollow-core plant in central Florida for Coreslab Structures.

In 2003, Quinlan served as chairman of PCI. He was also on the PCI Board of Directors for 10 years and served as chair of the PCI Marketing Committee for six years. In 2003, he was named a PCI Fellow. Quinlan has devoted his entire 44-year professional career to the U.S. precast/prestressed concrete industry and has extensive experience in the manufacture and installation of structural and architectural precast/prestressed concrete.

PCI established this award to honor engineer Mario Bertolini. The award was created to recognize individuals who, while in senior management positions of PCI producer member firms, consistently exhibited the personal and professional traits Bertolini exemplified.

## Mack receives Norman L. Scott Professional Engineer Award



Paul D. Mack accepts the Norman L. Scott Professional Engineer Award from Bob Risser (left), PCI president, and Chuck Prussack (right), then-PCI chairman March 2 at the PCI Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon during the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.

Paul D. Mack was the recipient of PCI's 2017 Norman L. Scott Professional Engineer Award. Mack is a licensed professional engineer who has been a member of PCI since 1974.

Mack joined Rocky Mountain Prestress (RMP) in 1979 as director of engineering, and through his efforts, RMP became the first prestressed concrete manufacturer in the country to use computer-aided drafting (CAD). In 2006, Mack founded Parking Consultants LLC in Denver, Colo., and is still running that office today.

Mack was the chair of the PCI Connection Details Committee and served on the Parking Structures Committee, Building Code Committee, and Technical Activities Council, among other committees. He worked on *PCI Standard Design Practice* and the *PCI Design Handbook: Precast/Prestressed Concrete* from the second edition on and served on several Industry Handbook Blue Ribbon Review Committees. Mack also presented at multiple PCI conventions. Mack is a Life Member of PCI, served on the PCI Board Directors from 1992 to 1993, and was named a PCI Fellow in 1996.

Mack received the award at the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. The award recognizes engineering professionals who exhibit the personal and professional traits that Norm Scott exemplified. The first Norman L. Scott award was presented in 2014.



## Five members named 2017 PCI Fellows

**T**he Board of Directors recently named five members PCI Fellows, honoring them for outstanding contributions to PCI and to the precast concrete structures industry.

The new PCI Fellows are Shrinivas Bhide, R. Jon Grafton, Carl L. Harris, Marianne Methven, and Wael Zatar. They were honored March 2 at the PCI Annual Membership Meeting and Luncheon during the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio.



**Shrinivas Bhide**

Shrinivas Bhide is the director of product management at Bentley Systems Inc. At Bentley, he is responsible for the development of bridge products, including LEAP Bridge, RM Bridge, LARS Bridge, and OpenBridge Modeler. Bhide has been a promoter of concrete bridges throughout his professional career of more than 25 years. In addition to PCI, he is active in the American Concrete Institute (ACI), the Post-Tensioning Institute, the American Segmental Bridge Institute, and the Transportation Research Board (TRB). He served as chair of the National Concrete Bridge Council from 1999 to 2007 and was involved in several of its activities, including the publication of a newsletter devoted to the use of high-performance concrete for bridges, presenting bridge design seminars, and publishing design aids to assist engineers and professors in adopting load-and-resistance-factor design (LRFD) specifications, promoting accelerated bridge construction in the United States, lobbying for federal funding for concrete bridges, and promoting and sponsoring bridge research. Bhide is a registered structural engineer in Illinois and a registered professional engineer in Wisconsin. Bhide serves as the chair of the PCI AASHTO LRFD Specifications Review and Implementation Committee and is a member of the Bridge Producers Committee and Committee on Bridges.

Grafton graduated from the University of Calgary in 1979 with a BS in civil engineering with a focus on structural engineering. He joined precast concrete manufacturing company



**R. Jon Grafton**

Con-Force Structures as a design engineer, where he worked in both the pretensioning and post-tensioning fields of prestressed concrete. In 1990, Grafton moved to California to join Pomeroy Corp., serving in various capacities of increasing responsibility and finally serving as the president from 2003 to 2013. Pomeroy was acquired in the fall of 2013 by Oldcastle Precast, where he currently serves as business development manager for the Western Region. Grafton has participated in many industry research programs at the University of California at San Diego, the University of Nevada at Reno, and Iowa State University in Ames. He participated as a committee member for the PRESSS Program, NCHRP 12-57 and 12-74, and the SHRP 2 Review Panel for Precast Concrete Pavement. Grafton serves on the PCI Pavement, Bridge, and Bridge Producers Committees. He was recently appointed to the PCI Board of Directors and named chair of the Transportation Activities Council. He received PCI's Robert J. Lyman Award in 2005 for his paper "Precast Concrete Design-Construction of San Mateo-Hayward Bridge Widening Project."



**Carl L. Harris**

Harris is the cofounder of Carl Harris Co. Inc., a specialty contracting firm engaged in the erection of structural steel and precast concrete in Kansas and neighboring states. Having served as general manager since its founding, he now serves as its president. Carl Harris Co. Inc. has been a PCI Certified Erector for more than five years in all categories. Harris serves as an Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Authorized Trainer for the OSHA Satellite Training Facility in Wichita, Kans., for the Metropolitan Community College in Kansas City, Mo. He has been active with PCI since 1999, becoming a Certified Field Auditor, a Certified Company Auditor, and PCI Lead Auditor for the Certified Erector Program. He serves as cochair of the Erector Committee and chair of the Erectors Certification Committee. He also serves on the PCI Tolerance Committee, Erector Safety Task Group, and Supplier Safety Task Group.

### PCI FELLOWS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS



PCI is accepting nominations for PCI Fellows, to be awarded during the 2018 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference at The Precast Show, February 20–24, 2018, in Denver, Colo. Please submit nominations by mail to PCI Headquarters, Attn: President's Office, 200 W. Adams Street, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606 or to Megan Lanning, senior manager of member events and services, at [mlanning@pci.org](mailto:mlanning@pci.org) by August 15, 2017. An official application form is available online. For more information, contact [mlanning@pci.org](mailto:mlanning@pci.org).



**Marianne Methven**

Methven is the director of sales and marketing for Hamilton Form Co. in Fort Worth, Tex. She received her BA in marketing and economics from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. She began her career in the precast/prestressed concrete industry in 2005. Prior to this, she was vice president of marketing at CertainTeed Corp., a building materials manufacturer and Fortune 200 company. Methven has served on the PCI Board of Directors as the supplier associate director. She joined the Marketing Committee in 2006 and chaired the Marketing Sustainability Committee from 2009 until it disbanded in 2016. She has served on the Productivity Committee and the Building Code Committee and has been influential in supporting Women in PCI events. Methven continues to serve on the Sustainability Committee and the Marketing Council. She is also active in CPCI and Precast Concrete Manufacturers Association of Texas. She has been a trustee of the PCI Foundation since 2012 and has helped lead several fundraising efforts.



**Wael Zatar**

Zatar is the dean of the College of Information Technology and Engineering at Marshall University in West Virginia. During his career, he served as vice president of the West Virginia section of the American Society of Civil Engineers and was elected as its president. He has participated in 55 funded projects from governmental and state agencies and has disseminated those research findings. He has authored more than 160 journal papers and technical publications. Zatar has received more than 80 awards, including the 2009 PCI Educator Achievement Award and the 2016 PCI Distinguished Educator Award. Zatar has been a member of PCI for 11 years and has presented at the PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference and actively participated in PCI Committee Days and Membership Conferences as well as PCI Central Region meetings and events. He is a graduate of the 2006 Leadership PCI program. As a member of PCI, he has been involved in 19 committees. He also participates in ACI committees and TRB committees, for which he is the current chair of the TRB Structural Fiber Reinforced Polymer Committee.

## 2018 PCI CONVENTION AND NATIONAL BRIDGE CONFERENCE CALL FOR PAPERS

>> PCI is conducting a second call for papers for the annual PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference to be held February 20–24, 2018, in Denver, Colo. Abstracts and papers will be peer reviewed, and accepted papers will be published in the proceedings.

Papers and conference presentations are solicited on topics related to nanotechnology, specifically technologies that would contribute to the enhancement of material mechanical properties, durability, or repair techniques or the creation of intelligent concrete that would have application in the precast and precast, prestressed concrete industries. Abstracts are due no later than June 1, 2017.

For paper requirements, presentation requirements, and abstract submittal instructions, go to [http://www.pci.org/News\\_And\\_Events/PCI\\_Convention/Call\\_for\\_Papers/](http://www.pci.org/News_And_Events/PCI_Convention/Call_for_Papers/). All presenters of peer-reviewed papers will be required to register for the 2018 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference and present their papers in person. Registration will open in late 2017. For questions, contact Roger Becker at [rbecker@pci.org](mailto:rbecker@pci.org).

## NOMINATION PERIOD OPENS FOR 2017 PCI EDUCATOR AWARDS

>> PCI's educator awards program recognizes the work of academic professionals who exhibit a commitment to precast/prestressed concrete in their graduate and undergraduate classrooms. Nominations must include recommendation letters, an updated curriculum vitae or resume, and additional information. PCI's Educational Activities Council recommends that members begin work on their nominations now to have enough time to prepare a thorough nomination packet. A PCI Distinguished Educator and PCI Educator award are available. The awards are presented in the fall, and nomination forms must be submitted by June 1, 2017. Nomination forms are available online at <http://www.pci.org/educator>. For more information about the educator awards program, contact Alex Morales, managing director of education and membership, at [amorales@pci.org](mailto:amorales@pci.org).

## Plant Certification Program reaches 50-year milestone



Bob Risser (far left), PCI president and CEO, and Chuck Prussack, then-PCI chairman (far right), recognize the seven plants that have been PCI-certified since 1967 at the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. The plants are Blakeslee Prestress Inc. of Branford, Conn.; Forterra Pipe & Precast of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Metromont Corp. of Charlotte, N.C.; The Shockey Precast Group of Winchester, Va.; Knife River Prestress of Harrisburg, Ore.; Wells Concrete of Wells, Minn.; and Tindall Corp. of Conley, Ga.

At the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, PCI celebrated the 50 years of the PCI Plant Certification Program. Plants that have been continuously certified for all 50 years were honored.

The concept of the Plant Certification Program was approved by the PCI Board of Directors in 1958. The first printing of the *Manual for Quality Control for Plants and Production of Structural Precast Concrete Products* was in 1966. The board wanted a minimum of 25 plants to voluntarily apply to the program before it was launched, so it wasn't until 1967 that 26 companies operating 35 plants submitted

two-year contracts. Seven of those plants completed the certification process in 1967 and remain PCI-certified today. They are Blakeslee Prestress Inc. of Branford, Conn.; Forterra Pipe & Precast of Iowa Falls, Iowa; Knife River Prestress of Harrisburg, Ore.; Metromont Corp. of Charlotte, N.C.; The Shockey Precast Group of Winchester, Va.; Tindall Corp. of Conley, Ga.; and Wells Concrete of Wells, Minn. PCI also thanked Ross Bryan Associates Inc. for their 50 years of dedication to the PCI Plant Certification Program.

## New PCI Design Handbook available for preorder

The eighth edition of the *PCI Design Handbook: Precast and Prestressed Concrete* is available for preorder to PCI members. The members-only presale includes a discounted price through June 30, 2017. The newest edition, due out this summer, includes easy-to-follow design procedures, numerical examples, and both new and updated design aids using *Building Code Requirements for Structural Concrete (ACI 318-14)* and *Commentary (ACI 318R-14)*, *Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures (ASCE/SEI 7-10)*, the *2015 International Building Code*, and other current industry standards. The handbook also includes new and updated information on dapped-end bearing design, beam ledge design, the impact of ACI 318-14, a new disproportionate collapse appendix, a new diaphragm seismic design methodology appendix, and a new blast design appendix. The book is available at <http://www.pci.org/bookstore>.

### 2017 BIG BEAM COMPETITION DEADLINE APPROACHING



PCI's Big Beam Competition is an engineering student competition designed to give graduate and undergraduate students real in-plant experience while they design a concrete beam to competition specifications. All those intending to submit a report must submit an application online at <http://www.pci.org/bigbeamapp>. Final reports are due to PCI by June 16, 2017.



## QA Supplier Committee releases coil insert alert

The new QA Supplier Committee recently issued an alert regarding the potential differences when using coil inserts, coil nuts, coil rods, and coil bolts from different manufacturers. The alert is available at [https://www.pci.org/PCI\\_Certification/Certification\\_Program\\_Updates/](https://www.pci.org/PCI_Certification/Certification_Program_Updates/). The committee will be writing a standard to submit to the American National Standards Institute for their review and approval.

The mission of this new committee is to make PCI members aware of national as well as supplier-specific standards that affect the accessories used in the fabrication, connection, or erection of precast concrete products. The QA Supplier Committee will work to expand producer/erector education on the recommended compliance testing and quality assurance that they should require of products used by members of the precast concrete industry. For more information on the alert or the committee, contact [qualityprograms@pci.org](mailto:qualityprograms@pci.org).

## Business Performance Council forms Field Safety Task Group

A Field Safety Task Group has been formed as part of the PCI Business Performance Council. The group was created to review accidents on precast concrete projects to uncover the causes. The goal is to ensure that common problem areas are adequately addressed in the *Erector's Manual: Standards and Guidelines for the Erection of Precast Concrete Products* and *Erection Safety for Precast and Prestressed Concrete*. The task group intends to provide producers and erectors with advisory notices based on its findings.

Greg Gibbons, president of Gibbons Erectors Inc., will chair the task group and Jim Lewis, PCI's architectural services manager, is the PCI liaison. The task group is asking erectors to submit accident information and to note the cause of the incidents, when possible. Information collected will be kept confidential. The goal is also to show the general community of erectors what to look out for, what can cause an accident, and identify additional training that could be put in place to prevent similar accidents.

## STUDENT CALL FOR POSTERS FOR 2018 CONVENTION



PCI is now accepting abstracts for poster sessions for the 2018 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference at The Precast Show, February 20–24, 2018, in Denver, Colo. Abstracts are due by August 1, 2017.

All abstracts and student posters should relate to the design, analysis, materials, production, erection, sustainable benefits, or maintenance and/or repair of precast concrete. Case studies, research, and project profiles are welcome. Abstracts will be peer reviewed, and final posters will be displayed during the exhibition at the convention.

Abstracts of 200 words or fewer must be submitted via email to [education@pci.org](mailto:education@pci.org). For more information, go to [http://www.pci.org/Education/Student\\_Education/](http://www.pci.org/Education/Student_Education/). For inquiries, contact Alex Morales, managing director of education and membership, at [amorales@pci.org](mailto:amorales@pci.org).

## Technical Activities Council holds winter meeting

PCI's Technical Activities Council (TAC) met January 28 through 30, 2017, in Tucson, Ariz. The focus of the meeting was strategic planning for PCI's technical activities. Discussion of current hot topics within the industry included codes and standards strategic planning, the status of building information modeling within the industry, and an update on building enclosure research being performed in conjunction with Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

The council reviewed current TAC and other technical committee rosters to assess policies and open positions. New chairs were approved for the Journal Awards, High Strength Steel and Prestressed Reinforcement, and Hollow Core Slab Producers committees. TAC received updates from liaisons to all PCI technical committees on the strategic goals and needs of each committee. Other technical work included a review of current ballots within TAC related to the upcoming *fib Guide to Good Practice: Precast Insulated Sandwich Panels*, the Committee on Bridges eLearning modules, and Section 6.4.7 of the eighth edition of the *PCI Design Handbook: Precast and Prestressed Concrete*.

For more information on the work of TAC, contact Jason Krohn, PCI's technical activities managing director, at [jkrohn@pci.org](mailto:jkrohn@pci.org).



## PCI Foundation hosts students, professors at PCI Convention



Ray Clark of US Formliner speaks to students from Clemson University in Clemson, S.C., about their time in the PCI Foundation precast studio at the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Courtesy of PCI Foundation.



More than 30 students attended the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, to take part in the poster sessions and spend time at education sessions and on the show floor to learn more about the precast concrete industry. Courtesy of PCI Foundation.

Thirty students and twelve professors attended the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio, as part of their PCI Foundation education programs and studios. Most of the students were there to take part in the poster session held on the convention floor on March 3. Students had the opportunity to share projects that they completed during the program with conference attendees and other schools.

In addition to showing their work, the students visited the education sessions and trade show. “It was fascinating,” says Anna Huen, a student from the University of Colorado Denver. “There is so much about precast that we still have yet to learn. There are so many more aspects of it that are architectural that I think the show has really opened our eyes to. It has been an awesome experience.”

Poster session projects displayed by PCI Foundation students included a town square in Volga, S.Dak.; a visitor’s center for Pikes Peak in Colorado Springs by the University of Colorado Denver; a precast concrete floor system by students at the Rhode Island School of Design in Providence; a Solar Decathlon entry for the 2017 competition by Washington University in St. Louis, Mo.; digital fabrication projects from the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor; an embassy project from Clemson University in Clemson, S.C.; and a project to convert a precast concrete parking structure to other uses from University of Washington in Seattle.

## NOMINATIONS BEING ACCEPTED FOR LEADERSHIP PCI



PCI’s flagship leadership program, established on the occasion of PCI’s 50th anniversary, is opening the nomination period for the next Leadership PCI class. Each year a class of about 12 outstanding individuals is selected from candidate nominations submitted by PCI member organizations. Each new class begins at the PCI Convention, during which class members take part in program initiation, committee meetings, and other convention activities. During the subsequent year, class members are committed to a program of development activities, culminating in a graduation ceremony at the subsequent convention.

The next class starts at the 2018 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference at The Precast Show, February 20–24, 2018, in Denver, Colo. Any PCI member organization can submit a candidate for Leadership PCI by completing and submitting an application, available in the Members Only section of [www.pci.org](http://www.pci.org). Applications are due by August 1, 2017.

The program fee is \$1500 per participant. By submitting a nomination form, the sponsor agrees to be billed the program fee should his or her candidate be accepted into the program. The program fee is due before the 2018 PCI Convention. For more information about the educator awards program, contact Alex Morales, managing director of education and membership, at [amorales@pci.org](mailto:amorales@pci.org).

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

In 2013, Norm Scott died unexpectedly. He was an icon of the precast/prestressed concrete industry. To honor his legacy, PCI has established the Norman L. Scott Professional Engineer Award. The award will next be presented at the 2018 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference at The Precast Show, February 20–24, 2018, in Denver, Colo. Nominations should be submitted via mail by August 15, 2017, to PCI Headquarters, Attn: President's Office, 200 W. Adams Street, Suite 2100, Chicago, IL 60606 or by email to Megan Lanning, senior manager of member events and services, at [mlanning@pci.org](mailto:mlanning@pci.org). An official application form is available online. For more information, contact [mlanning@pci.org](mailto:mlanning@pci.org).

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## After Dark has record attendance, raises funds for studios

The PCI Foundation After Dark fundraiser had record attendance during the 2017 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. The goal of this event is to allow attendees to meet professors who teach precast concrete programs in conjunction with the PCI Foundation.

“Talking even a few minutes to some of the professors in our programs gives folks the opportunity to see what a difference we are making in the state of precast concrete education,” says Dean Gwin, chairman of the PCI Foundation.

In addition to enjoying music and cocktails, attendees could participate in a silent auction, chaired by Marianne Methven of Hamilton Form and Ray Clark of US Formliner. The auction raised about \$11,000, and the After Dark event raised another \$10,000. The fundraiser was sponsored by BASF, Hamilton Form, and Thermomass.



From left, Joe O'Brien, Elizabeth Strohl, and Don Faust Jr. of Universal Concrete Products in Stowe, Pa., participate in the PCI Foundation After Dark fundraiser at the PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in Cleveland, Ohio. Courtesy of the PCI Foundation.

## PLAYING THE LONG GAME



**Marty McIntyre**  
PCI Foundation  
Executive Director

The PCI Foundation trustees have set a goal for the long game. When they met recently and spoke about the long-term vision for the PCI Foundation and what it could mean for our industry, they looked long and short. In the short term, the idea is to keep educating students and their professors about precast concrete. In the long term, the idea is to make precast concrete a part of every architecture, engineering, and construction management student's education, to help create future customers who understand precast concrete and want to work with (or even for) our industry.

When you consider the long game, you think in decades, not years, and you think not just about today's technology—not just how our industry exists today—but how it might improve in the future. As a partner or donor to the PCI Foundation, your company can help our whole industry play the long game.

Peter Finsen, executive director and CEO of Georgia/Carolinas PCI, recently shared a story with me about an Association for Learning Environments conference he attended. While he was at a precast concrete school tour, one of the participants came up and reintroduced herself. Ginny Magrath had been a graduate student at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in the School of Architecture, one of the first programs launched by the PCI Foundation. Magrath, two years out of graduate school, shared that she is now working with LS3P Architects in Charlotte on designing a total-precast concrete school in the Charlotte area. Dozens of students out there are just like her.

One of the cool parts of working with students and professors who are part of the PCI Foundation programs is that I often catch glimpses of what the future might look like. It gives me such great appreciation for the industry leaders who fund and volunteer with the PCI Foundation. I enjoy knowing that our industry includes leaders who envision the work to be done over a period of 10, 20, or even 30 years. They are conscious leaders who recognize the power of time and education and the meaning that those things can have on our industry.

When you think of your company's long-term goals, or your own long-term goals, I hope you will include the PCI Foundation. Making an annual sustainable donation will be just the ticket to help us all win the long game.

## PCI CALENDAR

For the most current information on PCI events, visit <http://www.pci.org/events>. For industry events, visit <http://www.pci.org/news/events>.

**PCI Northeast Spring Meeting**  
Cranwell Resort, Lenox, Mass.

May 9–10, 2017

**PCI Foundation Professors Seminar**  
University of Colorado Denver, Denver, Colo.

May 16–18, 2017

**PCI Summer Conference**  
Inverness Hotel and Conference Center, Englewood, Colo.

June 9–13, 2017

**PCI Quality Summit**  
Atlanta, Ga.

September 11, 2017

**PCI Productivity Tour**  
Atlanta, Ga.

September 12–15, 2017

**PCI Northeast Annual Meeting**  
Saybrook Point Inn, Old Saybrook, Conn

September 13–14, 2017

**2017 PCI Committee Days and Membership Conference**  
Loews Chicago O'Hare, Rosemont, Ill.

October 4–7, 2017

**2018 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference  
in partnership with The Precast Show**  
Hyatt Regency Denver, Denver, Colo

February 20–24, 2018

**2019 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference  
in partnership with The Precast Show**  
Louisville, Ky.

February 26–March 2, 2019

**2020 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference  
in partnership with The Precast Show**  
Ft. Worth, Tex.

March 3–7, 2020



## PCI personnel training and certification schools

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<b>Level I/II</b>	August 30–September 1, 2017	Chicago, Ill.
	December 5–7, 2017	Nashville, Tenn.
<b>Level III</b>	August 29–September 1, 2017	Chicago, Ill.
	December 7–10, 2017	Nashville, Tenn.
<b>CFA</b>	December 5–7, 2017	Nashville, Tenn.
<b>CCA</b>	December 8, 2017	Nashville, Tenn.

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