

Denver convention a bridge to PCI's future

The future of PCI was certainly on display in Denver! By every measure, the 2018 PCI Convention and National Bridge Conference in partnership with The Precast Show was a resounding success. PCI registration was 1307, and more than 700 attended the membership and awards luncheon. Meeting rooms were standing-room only, and there was a tremendous buzz in the air about all the programs and activities at PCI. Thanks to the entire PCI staff, all the volunteer members, and all the sponsors and our Premier Partners for their support and tireless efforts to make it such a great event.

The successful partnership with The Precast Show continues, with record attendance of more than 4500. Show visitors and exhibitors alike commented on attendance and excitement. We look forward to continuing this great partnership with the National Precast Concrete Association, both with The Precast Show and in other areas, such as education, safety, and government affairs. This part of PCI's future is headed in a great direction.


The future of PCI and the industry was on display with both the graduating and incoming Leadership PCI classes. Congratulations to the new PCI Fellows and award winners, especially the recipient of PCI's Medal of Honor, Dr. Maher Tadros.

I especially want to thank outgoing Chairman Dan Juntunen of Wells Concrete for his leadership and friendship this past year. I first met Dan when he chaired the search committee that brought me to PCI, and he has spearheaded the efforts that have led to closer ties with the PCI local groups and ultimately the reorganization of the board around our local chapters.

The future of PCI in 2018 is in great hands with your new chairman, Mason Lampton of Standard Concrete Products. Mason took the lead in calling for the development of a PCI strategic plan, which we will continue to refine, and his leadership in the area of government affairs will be critical this year as we continue to add representation in Washington, D.C., to the PCI value proposition.

Charting the future of PCI took center stage for the PCI Board of Directors at its meeting, where the board spent several hours continuing to refine the strategic plan that emerged from its meeting this past November. Although not yet formally adopted, the plan reaffirms PCI's commitment to maintaining the industry body of knowledge and quality programs and identifies goals for PCI's future: code development, growing market share, and enhancing members' businesses through initiatives such as workforce development, safety, and operations improvements. Through the spring, the board and staff will be identifying the resources necessary to accomplish these through the budget process, with the goal of approving the plan at PCI's summer meeting in June.

The future of PCI and precast/prestressed concrete looks strong indeed. The PCI staff and I thank you for your support and look forward to making this exciting trip into the future with the PCI members.

On a final note, the tragic collapse of the pedestrian bridge at Florida International University in Miami occurred just before this issue of *PCI Journal* went to print. More information on PCI's official response is included in From PCI Headquarters. 

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