

# FROM PCI HEADQUARTERS

## Smith named manager of codes and standards

PCI has hired Edith Smith as its new manager of codes and standards. Before joining PCI, Smith was senior design engineer with Gage Brothers, a precast concrete producer in Sioux Falls, S.Dak.

Smith's main focus will be on developing and implementing the PCI design specification to be adopted by the building code in accordance with PCI's strategic plan. This will include working with PCI volunteers and consultants to manage standards development and updates. She will also review technical papers and support committee work.

"I am excited to join PCI's team and work with all of our members to advance the precast/prestressed concrete industry," Smith says.

Throughout her career, Smith has been actively involved in PCI committees, including as secretary of the Parking Structures Committee and as a member of the Connection Details, Seismic, and Leadership PCI Committees and Membership Council. She has been a driving force behind the Women in PCI events and participated in the inaugural class of Leadership PCI in 2005.

Smith holds a structural design and construction engineering technology degree from Pennsylvania State University in Harrisburg, where she was first introduced to precast concrete by Alex Aswad, a PCI Fellow. She is a registered professional engineer in nine states.

"We look forward to having Edith as a valuable member of the PCI team," says Roger Becker, PCI's vice president of technical services. "Her experience in designing prestressed concrete is ideal for the important work of codes and standards."



Edith Smith

## McConvill joins PCI as new controller

John McConvill has been named PCI's new controller. McConvill started June 18, 2018, and is working closely with Beth Taylor, PCI's chief financial officer, to carry out the mission and objectives of the institute as approved by the PCI Board of Directors and outlined in its business plan.



John McConvill

McConvill comes to PCI from The Salvation Army, where he served as accounting operations manager, and has more than 20 years of accounting and finance experience at not-for-profits. He has a bachelor of science in business administration with an emphasis in accounting from Marian University in Fond du Lac, Wis.

## PCI adds Boman as senior manager of business intelligence

Karen Boman joined the PCI staff as senior manager of business intelligence on July 16, 2018. Boman is heading up all of PCI's central information technology projects and will be improving the user experience for PCI members and customers in all technology-related areas.

Boman comes to PCI with more than 25 years of association experience, 20 of which are in information technology and business analysis. She attended the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago.



Karen Boman

## PCI revises yearly schedule, activities for events, awards

The PCI Board of Directors recently developed and approved an updated strategic plan. As such, PCI is restructuring event offerings beginning in 2019 to align them more closely with the strategic goals set forth in the plan.

The 2019 PCI Convention will include PCI's partnership with The Precast Show and all trade-show-related activities. PCI will also continue holding committee and council meetings and education sessions. The education sessions will now include a strong focus on workforce development, innovation, operations, and technical non-peer-reviewed topics and presentations.

The PCI Convention will also continue to include the always-popular PCI Design Awards reception and the annual membership meeting, along with presentation of the PCI Associate Member Award, PCI Fellows, and PCI Medal of Honor.

The most significant change is that the National Bridge Conference and all peer-reviewed paper presentations are moving to the 2019 PCI Fall Conference. The Transportation Activities Council and AASHTO-T10, Concrete Design, will still meet at the PCI Convention.

PCI's 2019 Fall Conference will still feature committee and council meetings, in addition to the National Bridge Conference and technical peer-reviewed papers. PCI's popular membership awards luncheon will be a more robust program because it will now include some of the prestigious awards that had been presented at the PCI Convention, including the Norman L. Scott Professional Engineer Award, the Sidney Freedman Craftsmanship Award, the T. Henry Clark Award, the Mario J. Bertolini Leadership and Innovation Award, the *PCI Journal* awards, the Distinguished Educator Award, and the Educator of the Year. The Exceptional Precast Program participants, Safety Awards, and Big Beam winners will also be recognized during the luncheon. As always, you will still have ample opportunity to enjoy the same networking events and table-top exhibitors.

In addition, the Tour, which was previously held in the fall, will now move to the second week of May 2019.

## Nauden promoted to senior manager

Sherrie Nauden has been promoted to senior manager of continuing education at PCI. In this role, she will be responsible for PCI's education endeavors, including Quality Control Schools, convention education events, and all continuing education program for architects and engineers. Nauden will also be the staff liaison to the Education Activities Council, the PCI Academy Advisory Board, the Continuing Education Committee, and the Student Education Committee.

Nauden started at PCI as education manager in 2015, overseeing PCI's continuing education programs, including those registered with the American Institute of Architects and the Registered Continuing Education Provider program, handling course registration functions for all of PCI's provider programs. She was instrumental in getting PCI's Preferred Provider Program approved by the International Code Council (ICC). ICC certificate holders can obtain continuing education credits that can be used to meet the renewal requirements for their certifications.

Nauden has more than 15 years of professional development and continuing education experience in the for-profit and not-for-profit sectors. Nauden received her BA in sociology from DePaul University in Chicago, Ill.



Sherrie Nauden

## Annual PCI Foundation BBQ Competition underway

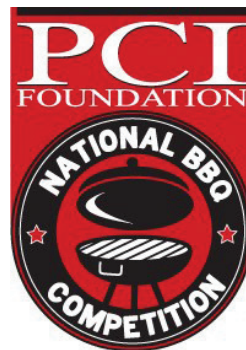
The PCI Foundation celebrates the fourth year of its successful barbecue competition in 2018 with the expansion of the program to three months. Events are ongoing through October this year.

To enter, PCI members host individual barbecue fundraisers for the PCI Foundation and are encouraged to include employees, local VIPs, suppliers, industry friends, and, of course, students.

How the funds are raised depends on the plant. For instance, some sell table spaces to suppliers, plates of food to employees, raffle tickets, or chances to dunk the plant manager in a tank. All donations are tax deductible to the company or entity making the donation, so a supplier can make a donation in honor of a plant and still claim the tax deduction.

To enter the competition, email or call Marty McIntyre at [martymci@pci-foundation.org](mailto:martymci@pci-foundation.org) or (708) 386-3715. A \$25 entry fee allows the PCI Foundation to send posters and signs. All final reports are due by December 15, 2018.

GCP Applied Technologies will be sponsoring the PCI Foundation Barbecue Competition for the second year. The winner will be presented with a trophy at the 2019 PCI Convention in Louisville, Ky.



## PCI promotes Davis to senior staff accountant

Brenda Davis has been promoted to senior staff accountant.

Most recently, Davis served as staff accountant. Davis started at PCI in May 2001.



Brenda Davis

## Some *fib* technical resources free to PCI members

As a National Member Group (NMG) Organization of *fib* (International Federation for Structural Concrete), PCI and its members receive free PDFs of all bulletins published more than a year ago. Members have access to download and print these *fib* bulletins for your use through the Members Only section of PCI.org.

*fib* Bulletins are a series of publications that includes several types of technical documents: model codes, guides to good practice, state-of-art reports, and technical reports, which form a detailed record of the results attained by commissions and task groups in the field of research synthesis and operational application to concrete structures.

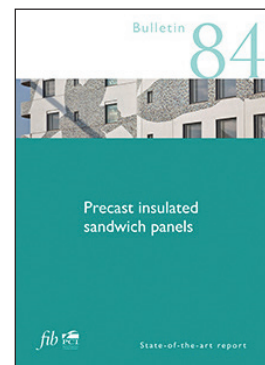
Recently, four new bulletins have been added to the list of more than 70 bulletins available as a PCI member benefit. Of the four newly added bulletins, *Planning and Design Handbook on Precast Building Structures* (No. 74) and *Precast-Concrete Buildings in Seismic Areas* (No. 78) directly relate to precast concrete structures and may be of interest to PCI members.

## Second PCI-*fib* joint publication released

PCI and the *fib* (International Federation for Structural Concrete) have published their second joint title, *Precast Insulated Sandwich Panels* (FIB-84-17), which was created by *fib* Task Group 6.11.

In building construction, sandwich panel attributes combine with the advantages of prefabrication, such as structural efficiency, flexibility in use, speed of construction, quality consciousness, durability, and sustainability. This new bulletin includes resources such as information on bracing and using guy wires for insulated sandwich panels, as well as how to handle imperfections and crack repair of insulated sandwich panels.

For more details or to purchase the bulletin, visit <https://www.fib-international.org/publications/fib-bulletins/precast-segmental-bridges-488-622-detail.html>.



## PCI CALENDAR

### Events

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

<b>PCI Northeast Annual Meeting</b> Old Saybrook, Conn.	September 12-13, 2018
<b>The Tour</b> Bloomington, Minn.	September 18-20, 2018
<b>PCI Committee Days and Membership Conference</b> Rosemont, Ill.	October 10-13, 2018
<b>2019 PCI Convention in partnership with The Precast Show</b> Louisville, Ky.	February 26-March 2, 2019
<b>The Tour</b> Sacramento, Calif.	May 18-20, 2019
<b>PCI Summer Conference</b> Kansas City, Mo.	June 6-10, 2019
<b>PCI Fall Conference</b> Rosemont, Ill.	September 25-28, 2019
<b>2020 PCI Convention in partnership with The Precast Show</b> Fort Worth, Tex.	March 3-7, 2020
<b>2021 PCI Convention in partnership with The Precast Show</b> New Orleans, La.	February 23-27, 2021
<b>2022 PCI Convention in partnership with The Precast Show</b> Kansas City, Mo.	March 1-5, 2022

## PCI FOUNDATION ANNOUNCES 2-TO-1 MATCHING FOUNDERS CHALLENGE



**Marty McIntyre**  
PCI Foundation  
Executive Director

What would it be worth to you to have a new person who had a solid grasp of precast concrete and eventually will have influence in the selection of materials on projects placed at your “most difficult to deal with” architect? I’m hoping the obvious answer is . . . at least \$5000 per year for five years!

And if that new hire turned just one project to precast concrete per year—and your company got the job—that five grand would seem like a drop in the bucket. This is exactly the objective of the PCI Foundation. And it’s working! We have churned out more than 2500 students through the studio programs from about 25 universities all over the country. (Keep in mind, that’s 2500 more students who have a knowledge of precast concrete than there were before the studio programs existed, and they are out there in the workforce today!)

So what does the PCI Foundation want from its members? Quite simply: your participation! If we are to address the number one priority of our recent CEO conference—the acquisition and retention of good, young talent—then the easiest way to do that is to support the efforts of the PCI Foundation.

Let’s cut to the chase! Two of our most loyal PCI Foundation advocates/contributors believe so strongly in our studio programs that they are issuing this challenge. They will match every new five-year pledge of \$5000 or more up to \$50,000. It is an incredible way to make your donation even more meaningful—three times over! That’s a pretty sweet deal, huh? So please, PLEASE, take advantage of this generous offer. For a mere pittance of \$5000 per year (or more if you are so inclined), we are able to leverage an additional \$10,000 to continue to bring the precast concrete “word” to ever more graduate students in architecture, engineering, and construction management. And these are our soldiers of tomorrow. They will turn projects to precast!

If you are already a donor, we sincerely thank you for your support and hope you see the value in making it an annual gift. If you are a first-time donor, we want to provide you with all the good reasons that supporting our efforts is not a good idea, but a great idea! We are hoping for a minimum of 10 pledges for \$5000 per year (or more) for five years by the end of 2018. Three companies have already joined the effort: Standard Concrete, Spillman, and Prestressed Casting. And we thought it would be fun to announce our results at Committee Days during the Concrete Chefs Dinner in October. You are cordially invited to be recognized at that time as one of our new (or ongoing) Angels. If \$5000 seems like a lot of money to you, think of what it could mean to the PCI Foundation. After the matching pledge, your pledge of \$5000 a year for five years actually totals \$75,000. That is three universities, 200 students, three to six professors, and an enormous step in building a new generation of customers for the precast concrete industry.

Less than 10% of our membership actively supports the PCI Foundation. We hope that the generous offer of \$3 to \$1 might persuade you to commit to becoming part of the grand adventure that is *your PCI Foundation!*

## PCI personnel training and certification schools

If you have any questions about the Quality Control School schedule or need help completing a registration form, please contact PCI’s education manager, Sherrie Nauden, at [snauden@pci.org](mailto:snauden@pci.org) or (312) 360-3215. Registration forms are available at <http://www.pci.org/schools>.

<b>Level I/II</b>	December 3–5, 2018	Nashville, Tenn.
<b>Level III</b>	December 5–8, 2018	Nashville, Tenn.
<b>CFA</b>	December 3–5, 2018	Nashville, Tenn.
<b>CCA</b>	December 6, 2018	Nashville, Tenn.

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