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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

# Have a voice in **YourPCI**, committee members do

I wrote this message recently after returning from the 2019 PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Louisville, Ky. The committee meetings that I went to were some of the most productive that I have ever attended in my history as a PCI committee member. If you have never attended these 60-plus meetings that occur a few days before every PCI Convention, you are missing out. Volunteer PCI members, just like you, work to create what ends up as PCI's manuals, research and development projects, and other items that constitute the industry's body of knowledge.

If you are not involved in these meetings, you probably don't realize that similar committees under a topic area (such as marketing, quality, technical, and transportation) are grouped under a council chair, who represents the committees on the PCI Board of Directors. I first heard the idea that committee activities bubble up to the council chair and then to the board from Tom McEvoy, the 2009 PCI chairman.

As a committee member, you do have a voice in **YourPCI**. Next year when you attend the PCI Convention, plan to go a few days early and attend some committee meetings that interest you. Committee work is unique and not all individuals enjoy it, but the work of the committees benefits all PCI members. With so many committees, there are bound to be a couple you're interested in. After 40 years in the industry, I still learn from these interactions and believe that there is no better environment for discussing and solving industry issues than at a committee table.

**YourPCI** Board of Directors meets at least three times per year, most recently in Louisville. If you have never attended a PCI board meeting, you are welcome as a visitor and PCI member to see how the top governing body of the institute makes decisions about critical industry issues.

One of the items reported during the recent board meeting was PCI's work to continuously improve the speed and functions of its website. The other day I requested a change to our plant listing under the certification tab. In the past, it took months for a change to occur because PCI used an outside consultant. In this instance, the listing was changed less than 10 minutes after the email request was sent, thanks to PCI's internal IT staff.

PCI is a much bigger machine, with more working parts, than most members realize. Getting involved in **YourPCI** will only make you more aware of the benefits of **YourPCI** membership. [J](#)



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