

# Thank you for serving

Meeting in mid-February, the PCI Board of Directors conducted its annual ritual of passing the torch to a new chair, welcoming new board members, and thanking departing members for their contributions. I want to thank J. Seroky for his service to PCI as chair in what can only be described as a difficult year that no one could have predicted when he joined the Executive Committee three years ago. J.'s leadership saw PCI through all the difficulties while seeing a tremendous number of accomplishments in 2020. The 2020 annual report is on the members-only portion of the PCI website at <http://www.pci.org/AnnualReport>; it gives a summary of all we accomplished last year. J.'s vision and leadership will leave a legacy at PCI, long after his service on the board and Executive Committee has concluded. J.'s commitment to safety and elevating PCI's safety programs and services led to our new partnership with Optimum Safety, offering a whole new array of safety products and services to PCI members. J. was also instrumental in forging the partnership between PCI and ACI, resulting in the creation of ACI-PCI 319, which will ultimately create a comprehensive precast concrete code, a contribution that will have a positive impact on the industry for decades to come.

We also thank the outgoing members of the board, including long-serving past Chair Keith Wallis of Prestressed Casting. Keith's service on the board, the Executive Committee, and many different committees has helped move PCI forward on many different fronts. Keith always leads with the best interests of PCI and the industry in mind. Also rotating off the board are Ruth Lehmann (PCI West), Mark McKeny (Durastress), Chris Speck (Oldcastle), Jay Stracener, Glen Switzer (Durastress), and Brad Williams (Clark Pacific). We thank each of them for taking time away from their day jobs to contribute to PCI. Through their time on the board, these individuals have helped shape PCI's strategic plan and kept things moving forward.

I also want to thank Georgia/Carolinas PCI executive director Peter Finsen for his long service to PCI and the industry. Peter is retiring in March after more than 19 years, having started in December 2001. Peter is a tireless promoter of and educator for the precast concrete industry, forging strong relationships with designers, departments of transportation, and universities in the region. In addition to his local duties, Peter has been an active and energetic member of several PCI committees, including marketing and education. For his service to PCI, Peter was named a PCI Fellow in 2014. Peter has also been a vocal advocate of reaching students about the benefits of precast concrete through the work of the PCI Education Foundation. Through Peter's efforts and with the support of the local producers, Georgia/Carolinas PCI leads the nation in the number of successful university programs sponsored by the PCI Foundation. We thank Peter for all his contributions and wish him a happy retirement.

As vaccines continue to roll out and we hopefully return to some form of normal later this year, I look forward to working with our new chair, Dennis Fink, on the challenges ahead and welcome the newly elected secretary-treasurer Matt Ballain of Coreslab (INDIANAPOLIS) to the executive committee. I'm looking forward to another successful year for PCI and the precast concrete industry in 2021. 



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