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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



It's been a long, strange year

As I write this Chairman's Message, I am entering the final third of my year as chair. So far, my experience has been a great one, despite navigating some really strange times. The people I've met and connected with from the different chapters will provide me with lifelong memories and friends. It has also been beneficial to me to hear and discuss how members from around the country are handling the supply-chain demand issues, which if managed correctly, can provide our products an advantage in the marketplace by surpassing our competition's lead times and keeping project time lines on or ahead of schedule.

Unfortunately, I will be repeating myself on this next topic. I have written the same comment in each one of my Chairman's Messages since the very first one and still no action has been accomplished. I am optimistic that our federal lawmakers can do what is needed for our country and our industry by passing legislation to fund transportation. As our elected officials stall on deciding what is and what is not transportation and how it will be paid for, our companies struggle to staff and maintain a workforce that will be ready to take on the challenge when action is finally taken. I urge you to press your congressional representatives to take action and pass transportation legislation.

PCI Committee Days was held September 22 through 24 in Rosemont, Ill. Future PCI Committee Days locations will be rotated every other year between Rosemont and another city beginning with San Antonio, Tex., in 2023. As we've become accustomed to, especially during our current challenges, the PCI staff did a great job organizing and managing the events. The schedule was condensed to shorten the time required away from your companies and families. A similar schedule will be utilized at the 2022 PCI Convention in March. The National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA) has agreed to move the final networking event to Friday night, beginning with the 2025 show, requiring one less day at the show and promoting more PCI member attendance. Please support this move in Kansas City, Mo.

Continuing to build on our strong partnering relationships with NPCA, the executive committees of both associations are meeting October 25 and 26 to review and plan The Precast Show and collaborate on current events, such as government affairs, safety, and workforce development.

I remain encouraged about the future despite some of the negativity that surrounds us all in our lives today. Our industry brings a great deal to the table. Our country needs us to build, provide employment, and prosper, and knowing the people in the prestressed concrete industry as I do, we are ready for the challenge.



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