

Get involved to maximize value

Every December, the PCI staff prepares the annual report for the year so it will be ready in time for the PCI Convention. Despite the ongoing challenges of the pandemic and pressure of labor and supply shortages for the industry, 2021 was nonetheless a very successful year for PCI. Thanks, as always, to the leadership of the PCI Executive Committee and PCI Board of Directors as we navigated these obstacles and to the many member volunteers who are the engine that makes PCI run. Also, many thanks to the PCI staff for its flexibility, passion, and hard work on behalf of the institute and the industry.

Despite its challenges, 2021 produced significant achievements for PCI and the precast concrete industry. Among the highlights were the launch of several historic new programs, including the new architectural plant certification program in October. This generational change to the program represents PCI's response to the design community and will serve to further promote the benefits of quality precast concrete.

With our partners at the International Accreditation Service (IAS), we launched a program allowing access to IAS AC157 accreditation for PCI-certified plants at a much-reduced rate. The new certification management system (CMS) brings the entire certification process entirely online.

PCI also participated with many other construction and industry groups in helping pass the historic infrastructure bill. The bill's investments in the future should benefit many PCI members.

Along the way, PCI finances continued to strengthen and included achieving the target set for PCI's reserves.

All of this could not have been accomplished without the involvement and hard work of PCI members. But the relationship with members is mutually beneficial. Those members who are more involved consistently say that they get back far more than they give. They see what PCI is providing in terms of our developing programs and body of knowledge, including national standards and research. The most cited value, however, is the opportunity to build relationships with like-minded members and form a network of people who can help solve problems back home. As I have said many times in this space, maximize your PCI investment by getting involved at both the national and local levels.

We look forward to a busy 2022 with more accomplishments, including the opportunity to offer additional PCI standards for reference in the *International Building Code*, advancing new technologies such as ultra-high-performance concrete, and continuing to enhance our education programs for designers, members, and students.

We are also excited about the industry gathering again in Kansas City, Mo., in March for the PCI Convention and The Precast Show. Registration is open, and I hope we will see you there to participate in committee activities, take advantage of education opportunities, see the latest that our associate members have to offer, and most importantly enjoy the networking and camaraderie of your fellow precast concrete industry members.

Wishing everyone good health and prosperity in 2022. **J**



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