

OUR MEMBERS

Wells adds Kocchi as national marketing director, Holmes as Colorado operations manager

Wells has added Megan Kocchi as its national director of marketing and Greg Holmes as its Brighton, Colo., plant operations manager.

Working closely with Kimberly Wacker, senior vice president and chief strategy officer, Kocchi will develop the marketing team, support product growth initiatives, create marketing programs and craft external client communications. As the national marketing lead, she will support companywide business objectives and customer retention efforts, align with the sales and preconstruction teams to position Wells' building solutions in the market, and increase awareness of the Wells brand to partners and clients. As part of the Wells' team, Kocchi will develop marketing strategies for the company's Midwest, Mountain States, and Great Lakes regions. She will also be responsible for evaluating the impact of Wells' marketing programs and initiatives and managing research projects to support improved strategy and communications.

Most recently, Kocchi was a marketing leader and associate for Eppstein Uhen Architects. She brings more than 15 years of marketing team leadership, strategy, and execution to her role at Wells. In addition to her various leadership roles, she has held multiple board positions with the Society for Marketing Professional Services Wisconsin chapter, most recently as a past president.

As plant operations manager, Holmes will support Wells' production goals and greater businesses objectives; planning, scheduling, and directing ongoing production work, establishing plant performance standards, analyzing workflows, and troubleshooting problems.

With more than 15 years of experience in the field, most recently as a plant manager for Metromont Corp., Holmes started his career working at the Wells Minnesota location during college. He spent more than six years with Wells, first as a batch plant operator and later as a quality control manager. Specializing his career in the precast concrete manufacturing environment, Holmes has attained Level III PCI plant quality control technician/inspector certification.

—Source: Wells



Megan Kocchi



Greg Holmes

Steelike achieves \$3 million in recent funding round

Steelike Inc. reports that it has raised \$3 million in a second investment round to support the company's accelerating growth in the face of increasing demand. In addition, Steelike secured a substantial credit facility to further support its ability to supply and perform large projects in infrastructure and other applications.

This second round included a vast majority of investors who had participated in Steelike's first round in 2020. New investment included expanded participation from members of the New York Angels, who co-led the round with a group of Chicago-based investors.

Since 2020, Steelike has supplied its ultra-high-performance concrete (UHPC) for the construction, repair, and restoration of over thirty bridges across the United States. Steelike UHPC has been used in a wide variety of bridge applications, including bridge deck overlays, link slabs, bridge deck expansion joint headers, precast UHPC girders, steel column and stringer repairs, and connections between precast concrete panels, girders, diaphragms, and piers.

—Source: Steelike Inc.

Wells promotes Monzelowsky to Midwest project management director

Wells has promoted Scott Monzelowsky to its project management team in the role of director of project management for the Midwest division. In this new role, Monzelowsky is responsible for leading Wells' team of project managers, ensuring efficiency and consistency through the entire life cycle of every Wells project.

Before this promotion, Monzelowsky spent more than two decades with Wells, working most recently on its sales and business development team. He will continue to partner closely with many of the company's internal teams to assess project viability, proper estimates, and contract accuracies. In this role, he will also effectively serve as the voice of the partner as it relates to product requirements, project planning, and scheduling.



Scott Monzelowsky

With more than 22 years of precast concrete industry experience, Monzelowsky has been integral to the product evolution that Wells has led, from foundational, structural components to new cutting-edge architectural precast concrete

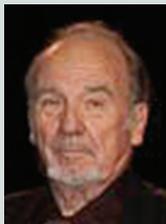
capabilities. His variety of roles within the company include drafting, estimating, project management, sales, and business development.

—Source: Wells

ALLAN R. KENNEY

>> Allan R. Kenney, former chairman of Precast Systems Consultants Inc. in Venice, Fla., died April 8, 2022. He was 89.

A longtime member of PCI, Kenney began his committee involvement with the Specifications Committee, which he joined in 1967. From 1971 to



1972 Kenney was chair of the Guide Specification for Architectural Precast Concrete Committee and subsequently served on PCI's Architectural Precast Concrete Services and Manual Committee and its various predecessors for more than three decades, until 2011.

Kenney coedited the second edition of PCI's *Architectural Precast Concrete*, published in 1989, and was named a PCI Fellow in 2009.

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>> William L. Gamble, professor emeritus of the Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, died May 22, 2022. He was 85.



Gamble earned his BS from Kansas State University in Manhattan in 1959 and his MS and PhD from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1961 and 1962, all in civil engineering. His research and professional interests were in the analysis and design of highway and railway bridges, building structures, prestressed concrete piling, and tunnel lining systems. The bridge-related research included a major concentration on the time-dependent behavior of prestressed concrete structures.

In 1962 and 1963, Gamble was a Fulbright Fellow in Australia. Afterwards, he joined the faculty of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1963.

He taught five different undergraduate and graduate courses in reinforced and prestressed concrete, plus a course on the fire resistance of structures. In 2000, he coauthored, with Robert Park of New Zea-

land, the second edition of *Reinforced Concrete Slabs*.

As a member of PCI, Gamble served on the Prestressed Concrete Two-Way Slabs, Building Code, and Fire Committees. He also published in *PCI Journal* and was a frequent contributor to discussions on other *PCI Journal* papers.

Gamble was a licensed structural engineer in the State of Illinois and a Life Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and a member of ASTM International and the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois. In 2020, he was a Fellow of the American Concrete Institute (ACI) and was elected an Honorary Member "for lifetime achievements in teaching, structural engineering and contributions to ACI, particularly in the analysis and design of buildings, bridges and tunnel systems." He was a member and past chair of the joint ACI-TMS Committee 216, Fire Resistance and Fire Protection of Structures; the joint ACI-ASCE Committee 421, Design of Reinforced Concrete Slabs; and ACI Committee 543, Concrete Piles. He was also a member of the joint ACI-ASCE Committee 423, Prestressed Concrete, and ASTM International Subcommittee A01.05, Steel Reinforcement.

PCI'S NEWLY CERTIFIED PLANTS AND ERECTORS

>> PCI recently certified the following plants and erectors. For an explanation of the certification designations, visit http://www.pci.org/Plant_Certification and http://www.pci.org/Erector_Certification.

- Dutchland Inc. in Gap, Pa.: C3
- F. A. Wilhelm Construction Co. Inc. in Indianapolis, Ind.: A, S2
- HRCP Precast Plant in Chesapeake, Va.: B4
- Peak Construction Group Inc. in North Liberty, Iowa: S2

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