

# Professional collaboration

As I write this message, the PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo., is just weeks away. Committee and council members and the PCI staff are busy finalizing agendas and plans for what we know will be a very productive and enjoyable event. It will certainly be great to see so many PCI members in person as we work together to advance the industry.

PCI prides itself on preserving our commitment to the consensus process as we collaborate to move PCI forward. It sometimes can be a bit frustrating and slow, but it is important (essential for technical work) that all voices and points of view be heard on a subject and resolved—hopefully for everyone, but at least for a majority—and that we accomplish this in a professional manner.

Committee veterans know how important it is for work to be conducted in a professional and courteous manner and in keeping with certain PCI policies. At the beginning of every meeting, the chair and staff remind members and other attendees of our antitrust policy and code of conduct. The antitrust policy obviously protects everyone from discussing items that cannot be discussed among competitors, such as prices, margins, and territories. The code of conduct protects everyone from harassing or otherwise unprofessional behavior. Although we may disagree on issues that arise in the creation of PCI's body of knowledge, the code of conduct insists that we agree to disagree agreeably.

All PCI members agree to adhere to these policies while conducting all PCI business. It's important to remember that this extends beyond formal committee or council meetings. It not only includes conversations outside the committee room while we are together physically but also all correspondence between committee members and other participants between meetings. PCI must be diligent in making sure we remain within the law on antitrust issues and provide a professional atmosphere that makes sure all participants are treated with respect in keeping with our code of conduct.

As we finalize preparations for the convention, I want to thank Dennis Fink, PCI chair, and the rest of the Executive Committee for their dedication to and leadership of PCI. Dennis helped guide PCI through a year of great accomplishment but also one that required maximum flexibility as we navigated a delayed convention and the impact of COVID-19 throughout the year. Dennis also gave unselfishly of his time, visiting almost every local region meeting across the country.

I look forward to another exciting year under the leadership of incoming chair Matt DeVoss. Thanks to everyone for your continuing efforts at PCI. I look forward to seeing you in Kansas City for a successful PCI Convention and Precast Show. **J**



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