

## Success

## in Kansas City

I begin this issue's message with congratulations and thanks to everyone involved with the 2022 PCI Convention and The Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo. PCI registration was almost 10% greater than it was for the 2020 convention in Fort Worth, Tex., before the pandemic shut-downs. Attendance at The Precast Show was a record. More than 4600 people walked a hugely expanded show floor, up about 20,000 ft<sup>2</sup> from the Ft. Worth show to about 88,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. Many thanks to all of the PCI members and staff who made such an event possible. And of course, it was wonderful to see so many friends in person again!

Committees and councils are where the real work of the institute takes place. Thanks to the many volunteers and chairs for their hard work. Thanks especially to the chairs who ended their years of service at the convention. We couldn't get it done without you! To see the results of this hard work, I encourage you to look at the 2021 Annual Report, which is posted in the PCI Resources section of the PCI website. It gives a great overview of all we accomplished in 2021 and the progress on the goals of our strategic plan.

The convention is also a time where we celebrate successes and recognize those who have given so much to PCI and the industry. Congratulations to Medal of Honor winner Michael Lanier and the newly named PCI Fellows: Dusty Andrews, Oguzhan Bayrak, Jeffrey Carlson, Jason Krohn, George Morcoux, Glen Switzer, and Chad Van Kampen.

The convention is also where we pass the gavel to the new PCI chair, Matt DeVoss of Jackson Precast in Jackson, Miss. Congratulations to Matt and to the incoming secretary-treasurer, Jim Fabinski of Encon United. We also welcome the incoming members of the PCI Board of Directors: Ned Cleland of Blue Ridge Design; Brandon Farley of EnCon United; Troy Jenkins of Northeast Prestress Products; Cheryl Lang of Tindall; Andrew Osborn of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc.; Richard Potts of Standard Concrete; Ben Spruill of Gulf Coast Prestress; Kimberly Wacker of Wells; and Lee Wegner of Forterra.

I want to thank the outgoing members of the board for their work and support, guiding the institute over the past several years through the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic but still accomplishing our goals and keeping our finances strong. I especially want to thank Dennis Fink of Northeast Prestressed Products for his leadership and friendship as PCI chair.

But with all we've accomplished, PCI continues to roll ahead. As part of the convention, the board reviewed and assessed our progress on our strategic plan and reviewed a draft updated plan that is scheduled to be adopted at the summer meeting in June. Although it mainly stays the course on many of our goals, there will be a significant new goal dedicated toward workforce development, attracting new workers to the precast concrete industry at all levels and retaining them. The new PCI chair, Matt DeVoss, stated his support for this effort in his acceptance remarks, and I look forward to working with him and the board to put in place tools and information of value to members to bring people to this great industry. **D**



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