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## CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE



# Goals are on track

As I enter my last quarter of my year as chair, I am pleased to report that the PCI team continues to make progress toward its long-term goals and our commitment to the strategic plan.

Specifically, I can report after meeting with ACI last month in Dallas, Tex., that the task of submitting a new ACI-PCI 319, the precast structural concrete code, to the International Code Council in 2025 is currently on schedule. We, as an industry, have invested time and capital toward this game-changing code, and I am pleased to report that we are on track to meet that deadline.

In addition, the PCI Executive Committee recently met with the officers of the National Precast Concrete Association (NPCA) at their convention last month in Florida. We are both well on our way to planning The Precast Show for 2023 in Columbus, Ohio, as well as future destinations. Both organizations discussed continued opportunities for partnership and synergy as we continue to build on our current work in government affairs, safety, education, and leadership programs. I value the relationships that we have formed with the NPCA officers, and I encourage future members of the PCI Executive Committee to find time in their busy schedules to meet and collaborate with NPCA.

Finally, I am pleased to announce that the newly formed Workforce Development Committee gathered in Chicago in December. An outside facilitator led discussions on previous accomplishments; Cue Career, where students can explore careers by watching video interviews with people who are early in their career and access workforce development opportunities; workforce development survey reports; and the job fair scheduled for the 2023 PCI Convention at The Precast Show. This one-and-a-half day workshop included proposals for a PCI microsite showcasing the industry to potential workers, interviews from current industry professionals, and plant tours, all as workforce recruitment tools. The goal is to develop a framework of what to expect from PCI at a national level, the PCI regional chapters, and PCI producers and associates. I am excited about this endeavor because I believe that workforce recruitment is the most significant hurdle our industry faces.

As I enter the home stretch as chair, I want to thank the chapter executive directors who have invited me to attend their meetings throughout the country. I have stayed busy traveling and genuinely wish I could attend each and every one. The hospitality and welcome that you have shown me is humbling. The success of PCI depends, now as always, on the individual chapter members and their enthusiasm, support, and investment. In this ambitious year of gathering and refocus, I greatly appreciate your collective efforts in making us a strong, successful, and growing organization. [▶](#)



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