

# OUR MEMBERS

## Wells promotes Demant to director of project management

Wells has promoted Josh Demant to director of project management for its Great Lakes region. In this new role, Demant works closely with other regional project management leaders, bringing regional insight to develop best practices and ensure consistency in project management processes across all of Wells'



Josh Demant

divisions. At Wells project managers serve as the central hub between the company's internal experts, clients, and building partners.

Demant brings an in-depth understanding of the pre-fabrication process to this role, transitioning from his prior position of interim plant manager for Wells' Crystal Lake, Ill., manufacturing facility.

Since joining Wells as a project manager in 2019, Demant has moved up the ranks through different project and operational management roles. Prior to joining Wells, he worked in various roles across the construction industry, beginning his career as a laborer and quickly assuming managerial responsibilities thereafter.

—Source: Wells

## GARY A HOUSEHOLDER

Gary A. Householder, former vice president of CSD Structural Engineers, died October 14, 2022. He was 66.

He earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

Householder started at CSD in 1980, and spent his entire 41-year career there as a structural engineer. Over the years, Householder worked with numerous precast concrete manufacturers throughout the United States on countless projects and trained young engineers in the field of precast concrete design.

"Householder was a type of engineer that any owner, contractor, or consultant would have wished to have," Farshad Mazloom, COO of CTU Precast, wrote in a LinkedIn post. "He followed the applicable codes precisely, yet making sure his design was constructible, simple, and lean. He applied the basic engineering principles to solve the most complicated engineering challenges; simplicity was always his solution. He was one of the engineering pioneers of precast and hollow core."



Householder worked for many years to advance the technical knowledge base within the precast concrete industry. In 1999, Householder joined PCI and immediately became a member of the Industry Handbook committee, beginning with the sixth edition of the *PCI Design Handbook: Precast and Prestressed Concrete*, first published in 2004, and worked on every edition of the *PCI Design Handbook* through 2021. Householder was also coeditor of the third edition of the *PCI Manual for the Design of Hollow Core Slabs and Walls*, published in 2015.

Beyond industry service to PCI, Householder was a technical advisor to the Spancrete Manufacturers Association (SMA) for more than 20 years. He advised SMA in technical matters related to precast concrete product testing and development of technical documents shared by the producer members.

"He was a man with vision, outstanding common sense when it came to find an engineering and construction solution, and with great sense of humor," Mazloom wrote. "Householder and I never worked in the same company, but he was always a great mentor and the man I trusted with any questions."

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## ROBERT C. SIDLEY

Robert C. Sidley, former owner of Sidley Precast, died November 24, 2022. He was 87.

In 1955, Sidley received his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Case Institute of Technology in Cleveland, Ohio. Following college, he joined the U.S. Air Force, earned his wings in 1957, and served as a second lieutenant.

As CEO of R. W. Sidley Inc., he served the family business for more than 44 years. Even beyond his retirement in 2002, he continued to work for

his father's company for many more years. Sidley Precast Group, a division of R. W. Sidley Inc., is a member of PCI.

Sidley was also active in the Ohio Ready Mix Concrete Association, was on the board of directors and served as president from 1986 to 1988. In 2022, he received the Ohio Concrete Association's William R. Feltz Lifetime Achievement Award. He also served as a director for the National Ready Mixed Concrete Association.

## PCI'S NEWLY CERTIFIED PLANTS

PCI recently certified the following plants. For an explanation of the certification designations, visit [http://www.pci.org/Plant\\_Certification](http://www.pci.org/Plant_Certification) and [http://www.pci.org/Erector\\_Certification](http://www.pci.org/Erector_Certification).

- Arch City Ironworks in Saint Louis, Mo.: S1
- Concrete Strategies in Saint Louis, Mo.: A, S2
- MST Concrete Products Inc. in Central, S.C.: B3

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