

OUR MEMBERS

Kubat retires from Wells

Spencer Kubat has retired from his position as vice president of sales for Wells Midwest. Kubat started his career with Wells in 1980.

Starting in the 1980s, Wells entered the architectural building solutions market. In recent years, Wells has seen significant growth and expansion in geographic regions, employees, and revenue with acquisitions of Rocky Mountain Prestress in 2019 and Spancrete in 2020. Following the acquisitions, Kubat's role transitioned from day-to-day client support to strategic endeavors.

Greg Roth, president and chief operating officer of the Midwest Division for Wells, says, "Spencer was instrumental in pushing Wells into the high-end architectural building solutions market that we are well known for today. He put quality and service at the core of everything he did internally with teammates and externally among numerous relationships with some of our largest repeat clients that we still have the pleasure of calling partners today."

—Source: Wells



Spencer Kubat

ACI Center of Excellence for Carbon Neutral Concrete names Frank executive director

NEU: An ACI Center of Excellence for Carbon Neutral Concrete has appointed Dean A. Frank to serve as its executive director.

Frank previously worked as director of validation for NEU and as program developer for the American Concrete Institute (ACI). He also served as director of quality programs for PCI from 2007 to 2011 and then as the director of quality and sustainability programs from 2011 to 2017. He brings extensive experience in sustainability, International Standards Organization (ISO) standards and certification development of personnel, products, and manufacturing plants.



Dean A. Frank

Before working at ACI, Frank gained a comprehensive working knowledge of resilience and sustainability as an employee at Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc., the National Precast Concrete Association, and through his consulting company. He also has experience in working as an assessor with ISO standards governing the operations of conformity assessment bodies. Frank holds a master's degree in civil engineering from the University of Colorado at Boulder and is a licensed professional engineer in Indiana and Colorado.

"NEU has been growing quickly and I'm excited about our opportunities to make a difference in reducing the carbon emissions of concrete," Frank says. "I have enjoyed the work I've been doing with NEU so far in setting up the validation program, which we believe will have a big impact on the industry."

—Source: NEU: An ACI Center for Carbon Neutral Concrete

Wells promotes McGlothlen to senior vice president of HR

Wells has promoted Amy McGlothlen to senior vice president of Human Resources.

McGlothlen has been part of the Wells team for more than nine years, starting as a human resources generalist and advancing to human resources manager for the Great Lakes Division in 2020. The new position gives McGlothlen more opportunities to have an impact on the full employee experience, from onboarding and training through long-term engagement and development.

With 1200 employees across the nation, employee health and well-being and diversity in the workforce is paramount to Wells' success.

McGlothlen has spent more than 20 years focused on the human resources field. She holds a bachelor's degree in business administration and a Professional in Human Resources certification.

—Source: Wells



Amy McGlothlen

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CHARLES E. "BUDD" HILGEMAN JR.

Charles E. "Budd" Hilgeman Jr., one of the founders of Concrete Technology Inc., died December 5, 2022. He was 88.

Hilgeman graduated from the University of Dayton in Dayton, Ohio, with a bachelor of arts degree in 1956. In his senior year, Hilgeman was promoted to cadet colonel and student commander of the University of Dayton Army Reserve Officers' Training Corps unit. Hilgeman served for three years of active duty as an officer in the 18th Infantry Regiment, 1st Infantry Division of the United States Army.

In 1969, Hilgeman became one of the founders of Concrete Technology Inc. (CTI) in Springboro, Ohio, where he served as chairman of the board and chief executive officer. CTI was a leading manufacturer of architectural precast concrete cladding panels and beams for commercial, government, manufacturing and retail buildings. Hilgeman and the other three founders were proud that they converted CTI to an employee stock ownership plan so that the workers would become owners in the company they were working for. He retired from CTI in 2005.

Hilgeman became a PCI member in 1977 with CTI and was named a PCI Fellow in 1997 and a Titan of the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute



Charles E. "Budd"
Hilgeman Jr.

in 2004 for his contributions to precast concrete innovation, leadership of industry-altering development, and accelerating the growth of precast concrete in North America. In 2006, he became a PCI Life Member.

Active in PCI administrative and committee work, Hilgeman served two terms as director of zone 4 in 1977/78 and 1995/96, and he was secretary-treasurer of the PCI Board of Directors in 1997. He chaired the Convention Advisory, Education, and Student Education Committees and was a member of the Architectural Precast Concrete, Architectural Precast Concrete Division Management, Fellows Nominating, and Program Planning Committees and the Industry Marketing Council and Research and Development Council.

Hilgeman was dedicated and committed to furthering student education at all levels. He was heavily involved in promoting precast concrete to students, professional educators in both architectural and engineering disciplines, and practicing professional architects, engineers, and owners. He also encouraged other PCI members to get involved in supporting education for students, educators, and practitioners. Hilgeman was a guest lecturer at the Construction Materials and Technology Institute Workshops, a program sponsored by PCI for the Association of Collegiate Schools of Architecture.

PCI'S NEWLY CERTIFIED ERECTOR

- >> PCI recently certified the following erector. For an explanation of the certification designations, visit http://www.pci.org/Erector_Certification.
- Rocky Mountain Precast in Yigo, Guam: S2

Sylaj named CPCI president

The Canadian Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (CPCI) has named Val Sylaj its new president effective January 1, 2023, succeeding Robert Burak.

"I have been fortunate to be a part of a vibrant cement and concrete industry over the last 35 years, and personally honored to be the president of CPCI over the last 14 years. I am excited to see the next chapter unfolding for CPCI and I am equally excited to 'pass the torch' to Val," says Robert Burak, former CPCI president. "Val leads a strong team that is certain to evolve over time to respond to the ever-changing needs of the industry."

Sylaj is a member of PCI's Journal Awards and Safeguarding Impartiality Committees.

—Source: Canadian Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute



Val Sylaj

Wells promotes Kloos to Mountain States president, COO

Wells has promoted Steve Kloos to president and chief operating officer of its Mountain States region. He will be responsible for preconstruction, sales, engineering, operations, and field and installation services throughout the mountain states.

A 27-year veteran of Wells, Kloos started his career in the former Ready Mix Division, ascended to general manager, and most recently served as senior vice president of quality. In this role, Kloos became heavily integrated in all of Wells' manufacturing operations, leading efforts related to quality control, with an emphasis on continuous improvement and the client experience.

—Source: Wells



Steve Kloos

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PCI relies on a network of robust and engaged committees to develop standards, handbooks, manuals, guidelines, and other documents for our Body of Knowledge. These committees regularly need additional members to support ongoing efforts. Current PCI committees soliciting new members include:

- Structural Design of UHPC (newly formed)
- FRP Composites
- Prestressed Concrete Piling
- Prestressed Concrete Poles
- Professional Members



To learn more or to join a committee, scan the code or visit: pci.org/PCI/Applications/Committee.aspx

