



## Opt in


# for the students

Spring is in the air, and that means renewal time at PCI. Plant certification renewal and membership renewal give PCI members an opportunity to opt in for support of the PCI Foundation and PCI's efforts in government affairs. I encourage you to support both with at least the suggested amounts the process will produce.

The PCI Foundation Board of Trustees recently met to consider applications for our education grants. We had an unprecedented nine applications. The applications also show the involvement of PCI producer members since successful applications require the involvement of at least one producer. I am happy to report that we were able to fund all or part of six of these programs. But we could not fund all of them due to a lack of resources. The PCI Foundation needs your financial support to fund as many of these university programs as possible.

The PCI Educational Activities Council has identified an increased focus on students as a major part of our education programs. These young people represent our future, and it is essential for future architects, engineers, and construction managers to be exposed to the benefits of precast and prestressed concrete as part of their education. We once again had more than 140 students at the PCI Convention in Denver, Colo. We are making a difference.

The PCI Convention in Denver was another enormous success, with attendance again above 1000. There is tremendous enthusiasm in the PCI membership about our programs and the value PCI brings to our members. We have several important new standards that will be completed in the months ahead, including a standard on prestressed piles and another on insulated precast concrete wall panels. I want to thank Matt Ballain, past chair, for his successful year and look forward to working with the new chair, Jim Fabinski; vice chair Carlos Cerna; and secretary-treasurer, Cheryl Lang, on our goals for the year ahead. I also want to thank the outgoing members of the PCI Board of Directors for their contributions and leadership, including the past chair, Matt DeVoss; Todd Culp of Coreslab (OMAHA); David Malaer of Valley Prestress; Jane Martin of Gate Precast; Chris Mosely of CEG; Patty Peterson of Tindall; Richard Potts of Standard Concrete; Peter Simoneau of Dailey Precast; Ben Spruill of Gulf Coast Prestress; and Lee Wegner of Contech.

Thanks also to all the volunteers and the PCI staff for their hard work in producing such an outstanding event! 



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