



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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# 2026 PCI Convention

## a big success

I write this having just returned from the very successful PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Kansas City, Mo., with more than 930 in attendance. I can report that the councils and committees all had very busy weeks. The number of publications and programs being generated by our volunteer members is incredible. Thank you to all of our member volunteers who make our programs happen. For many more details on PCI's accomplishments in 2025, the 2025 annual report is now available at [https://www.pci.org/PCI/Members\\_Only/Annual-Report](https://www.pci.org/PCI/Members_Only/Annual-Report). I encourage all members to download the report and see just how many ways PCI provides value to our members.

A highlight of the convention was the annual membership luncheon, where we presented education awards and recognized contributions of our associate supplier members. We also honored a new group of PCI Fellows. The video recognizing these men and women for their significant contributions to PCI and the industry can be found at [https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/PCI\\_Fellows](https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/PCI_Fellows). Congratulations and thank you for all you have done for PCI!

The PCI Medal of Honor was presented to Rita Seraderian, retired executive director of PCI Northeast, for her more than four decades of service to PCI and the prestressed concrete industry. Seraderian is an innovator, a pioneer, and a role model to an entire generation of women in precast concrete.

I also want to acknowledge several retirements taking place at PCI. I want to thank Laura Bedolla for more than ten years assisting our technical staff and committees as the technical committees program manager. Tom Klemens will be retiring this spring after serving as our director of publications for more than six years. Thank you, Tom! Replacing Tom is Angela Tremblay, an experienced structural engineer who has been a freelance technical editor for *PCI Journal* and *Aspire* magazine for concrete bridges, so she comes to us familiar with PCI and our publications.

Speaking of retirements, I announced at the PCI Board of Directors meeting that I will be retiring as PCI president in the spring of 2027. I will work with Cheryl Lang, PCI chair, and the board of directors to form a search committee. The intention is to hire a recruiting firm to assist with the search and to have the next president on board by the fourth quarter of 2026 so we will have time for a smooth transition.

I want to thank the entire PCI staff for all their dedication and hard work on your behalf. These are world-class professionals who take great pride in the quality and quantity of PCI's many programs and who work tirelessly to continue to provide value to members. I'm proud to have served with such a great group of people. ■



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