



Looking ahead

As this issue of the *PCI Journal* highlights bridge construction, it is fitting to reflect on the role PCI plays in building connections—between innovation and application and between today’s needs and tomorrow’s opportunities. Like the structures our industry delivers, PCI’s work is grounded in careful planning, technical excellence, and a long-term view.

This spring, the PCI Board of Directors and our committees have been actively advancing PCI’s strategic plan. This plan will guide how we support our members, strengthen the institute, and position PCI for sustained leadership in the precast and prestressed concrete industry. Key priorities include advancing and expanding our technical leadership and continuing to grow PCI’s market share—particularly where our solutions deliver proven value. We are defining these priorities now and look forward to sharing more as the plan continues to take shape.

We are also preparing for our summer board meeting, where we will build on the momentum from this year’s PCI Convention. This meeting will provide an important opportunity for collaboration and alignment as we define our shared vision and the work ahead.

As many of you know, Bob Risser has announced his plan to retire as PCI’s president and chief executive officer in the spring of 2027, following more than a decade of dedicated service. Since stepping into the role in 2015, Bob has guided PCI through meaningful progress, and we are grateful for the steady leadership he continues to provide.

Ensuring strong leadership continuity is a top priority for the institute. PCI has formed a search committee and has engaged a national search firm to support a comprehensive and thoughtful vetting process. We expect to post the position this spring, with interviews to follow, and our goal is to identify a successor by the end of the year. This timeline allows for meaningful overlap and a smooth transition, building on the solid foundation already in place.

Throughout this year, we look forward to celebrating Bob’s leadership and the many successes achieved during his tenure. As you see Bob at PCI events, I encourage you to thank him for his commitment to the institute and its members. Bob and his wife, Martha, have generously given their time and resources in support of PCI and its mission.

Thank you to our board, committees, and members for the time, expertise, and energy you invest in PCI. This is a busy and pivotal season for the institute, and I am encouraged by the collaboration and dedication I see across our organization. I am confident in PCI’s direction and optimistic about the future we are building together. I am thankful for the opportunity to serve you in this important role. **■**



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