

FROM PCI HEADQUARTERS

Gallandorm to receive ACI's Robert F. Mast Award

Edith Gallandorm, PCI's director of codes and standards, has been selected to receive the 2026 American Concrete Institute's (ACI's) Robert F. Mast Award. The honor was bestowed by the ACI Board of Direction in recognition of her "significant contributions to the advancement of ACI precast codes, as well as practices and construction among industry stakeholders."

Gallandorm will be recognized during the ACI Fall 2026 Concrete Convention held October 11 through 14 in Atlanta, Ga.

Gallandorm has served as a PCI staff member since 2018 and acts as staff liaison for numerous technical committees under PCI's Technical Activities Council. In 2024, Gallandorm was named a PCI Fellow. Before joining PCI, she served as a PCI volunteer for 20 years and participated in the inaugural Leadership PCI class in 2005. Her volunteer service has included leadership and membership roles on several PCI committees, including the Industry Diversity, Membership, Parking Structures, Joint and Connection Design, Seismic, and Sustainability Committees.

Gallandorm was named an ACI Fellow in 2023 in recognition of her contributions to the production and use of concrete materials, products, and structures. Her ACI service has included chairing the joint ACI-PCI Committee 319, Structural Precast Concrete Code, and membership on ACI 318, Structural Concrete Building Code; ACI 423, Prestressed Concrete; ACI 550, Precast Concrete Structures; and the ACI Technical Activities Committee. She has also served on several ACI subcommittees addressing specifications



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for precast structural and architectural concrete, foundations, and tolerances.

PCI Production Leadership Summit focuses on building strong plant cultures

The PCI Production Leadership Summit brought together PCI-certified plant managers, supervisors, department leads, project managers, plant executives, and emerging leaders July 21 and 22 in Oklahoma City, Okla., to explore strategies for building collaborative, supportive, and high-performing plant cultures.

The two-day program combined facilitated learning, interactive leadership exercises, peer discussions, and a tour of Coreslab Structures (OKLA) in Oklahoma City. Throughout the summit, participants worked through scenarios in which conflict could arise and used intentional communication, collaborative problem-solving, teamwork, and trust to reach solutions. Several exercises challenged participants to look beyond individual interests and make decisions that supported the broader group.

Following each seminar topic, selected participants shared key lessons from the discussions. Common themes included the importance of listening to team members, trusting employees to do the right thing, and remaining positively engaged to help foster a culture of excellence.

Participants also completed the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument assessment before the summit and received individualized reports during the program. The results helped participants identify their natural approaches to managing conflict, including tendencies such as avoidance or collaboration,

2027 PCI EDUCATOR AWARDS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

PCI's educator awards program recognizes the work of academic professionals who exhibit a commitment to precast concrete in their graduate and undergraduate classrooms. Nominations must include recommendation letters, an updated curriculum vitae or resume, and additional information. PCI Distinguished Educator and PCI Educator of the Year Awards are currently accepting nomina-

tions. The awards will be presented next February at the 2027 PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Salt Lake City, Utah, and nomination forms must be submitted by September 21, 2026. Nomination forms are available online at <https://www.pci.org/EducatorAward>. For more information about the educator awards program, contact Bekki Missaggia, education manager, at bmissaggia@pci.org.

and consider how their communication and management styles affect their teams. Randy Wilson, PCI's architectural precast systems director, said some participants noted that the assessment prompted them to reflect on ways they could become more effective leaders, including listening more, communicating less abruptly, and engaging more positively with their crews.

Kevin Martlage, an organizational culture and leadership consultant, also reviewed the development of PCI Culture DNA and led discussions about defining and sustaining a plant-specific culture. Participants responded positively to the concept, with many noting that their organizations' cultures had developed organically rather than being formally defined. Participants discussed involving their management teams in the process of defining a shared culture to provide a foundation for consistent leadership and decision-making on the plant floor.

The discussions also examined how a clearly defined culture can guide everyday behaviors, not only how organizations respond to serious problems, but also how employees approach routine responsibilities, such as picking up debris, cleaning tools, and returning equipment to its designated location. Participants considered the values and expectations that they want to be "baked into" daily operations and reflected in every aspect of plant culture.

The summit concluded with participants identifying opportunities to assess their current cultures, address gaps, and devel-

op plant-specific actions to support continued improvement. The program emphasized that strong plant cultures are built through intentional leadership, clear expectations, trust, communication, and consistent daily practices.

Three PCI chapters to gather for first Chapter Three 2026

PCI Midwest, PCI Mountain States, and PCI of Illinois and Wisconsin will come together for Chapter Three 2026, a joint fall meeting scheduled for September 30 through October 1 in Lincoln, Neb.

The event expands on last year's joint meeting between PCI Midwest and PCI Mountain States by welcoming PCI of Illinois and Wisconsin. The three-chapter gathering will provide expanded networking opportunities, educational programming, broader collaboration, and cost savings for participating members.

The meeting will begin September 30 with three educational sessions at the Graduate by Hilton—Lincoln, followed by an evening networking event at Lazlo's Brewery and Grill.

On October 1, attendees will travel to Endicott Clay Products in Endicott, Neb., for a plant tour and lunch. The tour will highlight Endicott's recently completed production upgrade, including

PCI Production Leadership Summit tour the Coreslab Structures (OKLA) plant July 22, 2026, in Oklahoma City, Okla.



new rectifying equipment designed to precision grind clay thin brick flats and corners to meet or exceed the dimensional tolerances required for PCI-embedded clay thin brick.

Participants will observe the rectifying equipment in operation and follow the complete clay thin brick manufacturing process, from raw-material mining and forming through quality verification, precision rectifying, waxing, and final packaging.

Chapter Three 2026 is open to members of the three participating PCI chapters.

Two updated editions of transportation publications are available for free

PCI has released two new transportation publications that provide updated guidance for the design and construction of precast, prestressed concrete bridge systems. The second edition of *The State of the Practice of Precast, Prestressed Concrete Adjacent Beam Bridges* (SOP-01-2026), prepared and reviewed by the PCI Bridges Committee's Adjacent Members Subcommittee, presents an updated overview of current practices for the design and construction of precast, prestressed adjacent-member bridges. The publication includes new applications and recent research related to joint details and expands its coverage beyond adjacent box beams to include other types of adjacent components. Much of the information from the first edition has been condensed and supplemented with references to other publications for additional detail.

The second edition of *Recommended Practice for Lateral Stability of Precast, Prestressed Concrete Bridge Girders* (CB-02-26) presents an updated methodology for evaluating the lateral stability of long, slender bridge girders. The publica-

tion considers each stage of a girder's transition from the casting bed to its final location in the bridge and includes guidance for addressing girders with embedded or attached devices.

Both publications are available as free PDF downloads from the PCI bookstore at <https://www.pci.org/bookstore>.

Plant safety guest speaker set for PCI Committee Days

Safety consultant Brian Owens will speak at the upcoming Plant Safety and Environmental Committee meeting about how shifts in perspective can draw individuals in to make safety personal and impactful in construction and manufacturing and how to apply these processes in your businesses. His presentation will also provide examples and feedback on implementing the safety processes.

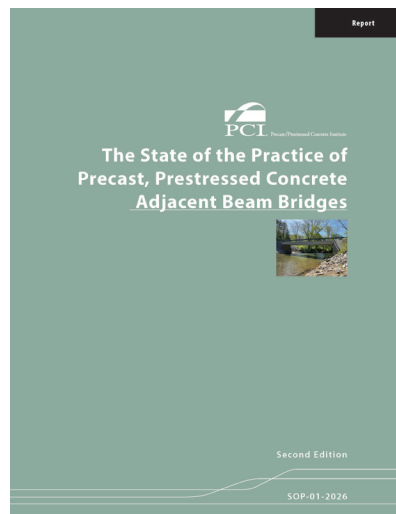
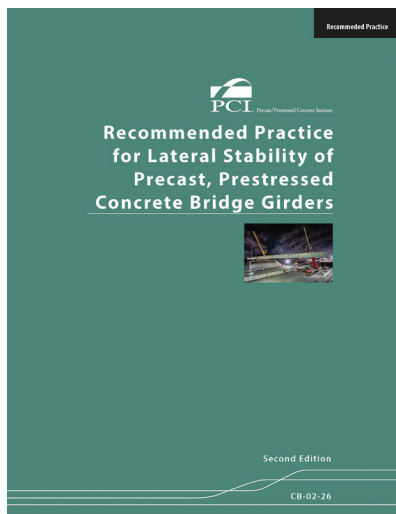
The Plant Safety and Environmental Committee meeting is from 3:30 to 5 p.m., September 9, conference room 3 and 4 at the San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter on the River Walk.

Georgia/Carolinas PCI announces board changes

Georgia/Carolinas PCI has announced several changes to its board of directors.

Paul Ramsburg of Sika has completed his term on the board. Derrick Hiott of Devita was elected as an associate board representative and will serve alongside senior associate board representative A. J. Ishikawa of Splice Sleeve.

The association also welcomed Coby Long of Dutchland Inc. as the company's representative.



PCI CALENDAR

Events

PCI event details are subject to change. For the most current information, visit <https://www.pci.org/events>.

2026 PCI Northeast Annual Fall Meeting Equinox Golf Resort and Spa, Manchester, Vt.	September 2-3, 2026
2026 PCI Committee Days San Antonio Marriott Rivercenter on the River Walk, San Antonio, Tex.	September 8-12, 2026
PCI Central Region 2026 Fall Meeting Indianapolis Marriott Downtown, Indianapolis, Ind.	September 23-25, 2026
Chapter Three: PCI of Illinois and Wisconsin, PCI Midwest, and PCI Mountain States Fall Meeting Graduate by Hilton-Lincoln, Lincoln, Neb.	September 30-October 1, 2026
2026 Precast Concrete Manufacturers Association Fall Meeting Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Biloxi, Miss.	October 15-16, 2026
PCI Gulf South Winter Meeting Beau Rivage Resort and Casino, Biloxi, Miss.	October 15-17, 2026
2026 PCI Producer CEO Summit The Westin O'Hare, Rosemont, Ill.	October 28-29, 2026
2027 PCI West Annual Board Meeting Las Vegas, Nev.	January 20, 2027
Florida Prestressed Concrete Association Winter Meeting Aloft Lake Nona, Orlando, Fla.	January 26-27, 2027
2027 PCI Convention at The Precast Show Salt Lake Marriott Downtown at City Creek, Salt Lake City, Utah	February 1-5, 2027
2027 PCI Mid-Atlantic Winter Meeting The Hotel at Arundel Preserve, Hanover, Md.	March 4-5, 2027
PCI Central Region 2027 Spring Meeting Nashville, Tenn.	April 20-22, 2027

PCI personnel training and certification schools

PCI School event details are subject to change. If you have any questions about the quality control school schedule or need help completing registration, please contact PCI's continuing education coordinator at education@pci.org. Register at https://www.pci.org/qc_schools.

Levels I and II	October 21-23, 2026 November 16-19, 2026 January 11-14, 2027 April 5-8, 2027 June 21-24, 2027	Nashville, Tenn. online online online online
Level III	October 20-23, 2026 December 14-17, 2026 March 15-18, 2027 July 12-15, 2027	Nashville, Tenn. online online online
Certified Field Auditor	September 28-October 1, 2026 April 26-29, 2027	online online
Certified Company Auditor	October 2, 2026 April 30, 2027	online online