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CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Thank you, PCI

This is my last Chairman's Message. It is an extra one because officer terms were changed from a calendar year to convention-to-convention. Since it is my last message, I want to reflect on the past year. I have enjoyed putting some of my thoughts together for these messages because I believe that our industry brings so much to the marketplace and we have a lot to say. I have tried to convey my enthusiasm for our industry and our products in these messages!

I have enjoyed working with my fellow Executive Committee members, Chris Pastorius, Dean Gwin, Tom Kelley, Dan Juntunen, Mason Hardaway Lampton, and PCI president Bob Risser. In any situation, these would be the kind of people I'd like to surround myself with. They are clear thinkers, each having his unique viewpoint. I'd like to think that we thought better as a whole than we could have individually as we made decisions concerning PCI and its members. We also had a lot of fun. As Jim Voss told me at the start of my entry into the chairs, "this experience will change you for life," and it has, for the better. When my grandkids get old enough to understand what I'm saying, I'll tell them about my "good old PCI days"!

I have enjoyed working with the PCI staff. Bob has been great and is bringing his vision to PCI. He asks the question, "If you did not have to belong to PCI, would you still be a member?" at every venue. If you tell him you would not belong unless you have to, he wants to know what PCI could do to provide enough value to you for you to join. I think he cares enough that if you tell him what you need, he would work on providing it. Roger Becker, PCI's technical services vice president, is a very smart and very thoughtful person. I jokingly tell him that he's on my speed dial list for when I have a problem. Megan Lanning, PCI's events and members services senior manager, shuns the limelight but is easy to work with and a real professional in the event planning arena. Jason Krohn, PCI's technical activities managing director, is an old friend. I've enjoyed watching him mature at PCI. Sid Freedman, PCI's retiring architectural systems, industrial operations, and safety manager, has encyclopedic knowledge of the industry. He has forgotten more than I'll ever know. Jim Lewis, PCI's new architectural services manager, is a great successor to him. He brings much industry experience with him to succeed Sid. William Nickas, PCI's transportation systems managing director, is a great friend from my Bridges Committee days and a force to be reckoned with in the transportation arena. He represents PCI well. I'm glad Emily Lorenz, director of sustainability and publications, is back with PCI. She does an amazing job in publications and LEED issues. Alex Morales, PCI's membership and education managing director, is a very hard worker. Just put something in front of him and then get out of his way! Jeff Appel, PCI's controller, writes executive summaries every month on the financials that are easy to understand. Dean Frank, PCI's quality programs director, is always there to answer a question about certification when I need an answer. Becki Coleman, PCI's executive office administrator, responded to any inquiry I ever asked of her very thoroughly and quickly. I wish her the best. I'm still getting to know some of the newer folks, like Dawn Parker, PCI's market development managing director, and Paul Blair, PCI's chief financial officer. For any of the staff I haven't named, please accept my *mea culpa*. I know you have done a great job also.

Finally, to my theme for this year of being good stewards to this industry and giving of our time and talents to teach the next generation, I think we are succeeding. We have great new initiatives and continued focus on what has worked well.

It has been an honor to be your chairman this past year. Thanks for the opportunity. 📌



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