



## OUR MEMBERS



### Rose named president of Coastal Precast

Coastal Precast Systems has named Joe Rose its new president. Most recently, Rose was vice president of sales. He started at Coastal Precast in 2009 as a professional engineer. Rose succeeds Paul Ogorchock, owner and past president. Ogorchock will become the company's chief executive officer.

Rose worked as a consulting engineer from 1986 to 2000 and has been involved in the prestressed concrete industry for the past 17 years. He was past chair of the PCI Pile Committee. Rose graduated with a BS in civil engineering from the Virginia Military Institute in Lexington.

—Source: Coastal Precast Systems

### Spancrete expands sales team in Georgia with Lee, Wolfe



Edward Lee

Spancrete has added two new business development managers to its team in Newnan, Ga., Edward Lee and George Wolfe.

Edward Lee has more than 30 years of precast and concrete sales experience. He will work with customers to develop precast concrete designs that meet their building needs. Lee holds a bachelor of arts in education from the University of Kentucky in Lexington.



George Wolfe

George Wolfe brings eight years of precast concrete experience, ranging from quality control to drafting, and as engineering manager. With his additional background in design, he will also be involved in value engineering designs to best deliver on the customer vision. Wolfe holds a bachelor of applied science in business management from South Florida State College in Avon Park.

—Source: Spancrete

### McLaren Engineering Group expands Orlando office

McLaren Engineering Group has added professional engineers Brett Rowan and Mauricio Posada to its Orlando, Fla., office.

New senior structural engineer Brett Rowan has more than a decade of engineering experience in design, project management, construction inspection, and forensic investigation. He previously worked on innovative designs for new construction, remodeling, retrofitting, additions, and takeover projects across the southeastern United States. He is a licensed professional engineer in the state of Florida.

New senior marine engineer Mauricio Posada has nearly 20 years of experience in marine engineering, working on projects throughout the region, including the Wharves Strengthening Program for the Port of Miami and the Roatan Cruise Terminal in Honduras. He is a licensed professional engineer in the states of Florida, Texas, Louisiana, Alaska, and New York.

—Source: McLaren Engineering Group

### Prussack retires from Oldcastle



Chuck Prussack

Chuck Prussack, PCI's 2016 chairman, retired April 14 as manager of sales, engineering, and quality control from Oldcastle Precast Inc. in Spokane, Wash. Prussack will continue in his role on PCI's Executive Committee through next spring.

Prussack joined Central Pre-mix Prestress Co. in 1979, which later became Oldcastle.

Of his career he says, "I was at my happiest brainstorming with designers and contractors how to put a quality precast structure together. As I look at these structures today, most look as good as the day they were erected."

He has been an active member and participant in the PCI community, attending meetings and participating on committees, in addition to serving on the PCI Executive Committee. He is a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers and the Structural Engineers Association of Washington. He is also a PCI Fellow, a panel member on several National Academy of Sciences bridge-related projects, a prestressed concrete lecturer, and a presenter on various bridge projects. He earned his bachelor of science degree in civil engineering from Washington State University in Pullman.

## Meadow Burke opens new headquarters near Tampa



Meadow Burke recently opened a new state-of-the-art headquarters in Riverview, Fla., near downtown Tampa. Courtesy of Meadow Burke.

Meadow Burke has combined its manufacturing, distribution, engineering, and business support functions into a new facility at 6467 S. Faulkenburg Road in Riverview, Fla. Meadow Burke engineered and constructed the new state-of-the-art facility.

The 48,000 ft<sup>2</sup> (4500 m<sup>2</sup>) facility incorporates manufacturing capabilities that provide shorter lead times on products prevalent in the Southeast, in addition to special-request items. The distribution center features space-functional, innovative racking for efficient inventory management. The Riverview location also has significant inventory in stock to service immediate needs, in addition to engineered custom solutions.

—Source: Meadow Burke

## Gate Precast's Oxford facility recognized for safety record



Gate Precast's Oxford, N.C., facility was recently recognized for its safety record. Courtesy of Gate Precast Co.

On June 1, the North Carolina commissioner of labor, Cherie Berry, recognized Gate Precast's Oxford, N.C., facility as a safety leader in North Carolina, presenting it with dual safety awards.

Berry presented Gate with the Silver Award for realizing injury rates 50% below the industry average (for the third consecutive year) and an award for achieving 2 million work hours without a lost-time accident during a special ceremony at Vance-Granville Community College in Creedmoor, N.C. Gate human resources and safety manager Bob Madison, along with Gate's John Labone and Art Vasquez, accepted the awards on Gate's behalf.

To date, the plant has worked more than 2.5 million hours without a lost-time accident, and its injury rate is 64% below the industry average. The plant is certified as a Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP) facility.

Gate facilities in Winchester, Ky., and Ashland City, Tenn., have also maintained SHARP status for more than five years.

—Source: Gate Precast Co.

## Spancrete adds industry veterans at Florida location



Chet Vansyckel

Spancrete welcomed Chet Vansyckel as plant manager and Scott Hadder as business development manager. Each brings more than 20 years of construction industry experience to the company's Sebring, Fla., facility.

Vansyckel will plan, schedule, and direct ongoing production as the plant manager. He will also oversee the implementation of company safety and continuous improvement programs. He is a State of Florida-certified general contractor.



Scott Hadder

Hadder has been involved in many parts of the construction process. He will manage customer relationships and help grow the prominence of precast concrete solutions for buildings and other structures in Florida. Hadder holds an associate's degree in architectural engineering from ITT Technical Institute.

—Source: Spancrete

## JOHN M. HANSON



**J**ohn M. Hanson, a PCI Fellow, died May 26, 2017. He was 84. Hanson was a nationally renowned expert in the investigation of distress and failure of concrete, steel, and masonry structures.

Hanson graduated from South Dakota State University in Brookings, where he earned a bachelor of science degree in civil engineering in 1953. Following graduation, Hanson joined the structural test section of the Boeing Airplane Company in Seattle, Wash. Later that year, he was called into the United States Air Force. Discharged as a first lieutenant in 1955, he went on to work in the bridge section of Sverdrup and Parcel Inc. in St. Louis, Mo.

In 1956, Hanson left Sverdrup and Parcel to attend graduate school at Iowa State University in Ames. The research for his degree was on the fatigue strength of steel beams with cover plates, and in 1957, he received his master of science degree in structural engineering. From 1957 to 1960, he worked as a structural engineer for J. T. Banner and Associates in Laramie, Wyo., and Phillips-Carter-Osborn Inc. in Denver, Colo., on bridge and building designs.

From 1960 to 1964, Hanson attended and was also a research instructor at Lehigh University in Bethlehem, Pa. His PhD research was on the shear strength of prestressed concrete beams. Hanson stayed at Lehigh as an assistant professor until he joined the Portland Cement Association in Skokie, Ill., in 1965, where he worked on evaluating concrete members penetrated by service systems and fatigue strength of concrete members.

Hanson joined Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc. (WJE) in 1972. His consulting work at WJE included the walkway collapse at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Kansas City, Mo., in 1981 and the collapse of the Schoharie Creek Bridge on the New York State Thruway in 1987. Hanson served as president of WJE from 1979 to 1992, succeeding Jack Janney. During the next 20 years with WJE, he managed more than 300 projects, including many of the company's most challenging and high-profile projects. In 1989, Hanson was also instrumental in the buyback of the company from the United States Gypsum Co., which had purchased the company

from its founders in 1973. Under his leadership, eight new branches were opened and Erlin Hime Associates was acquired. In addition, staff size grew from about 70 to 240 employees and revenue increased from \$3.5 million to \$22.3 million. Hanson retired from the WJE Board of Directors in 2014 after having served the firm for almost 42 years in various capacities.

In 1992, Hanson left WJE to join the faculty at North Carolina State University in Raleigh as Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Civil Engineering and Construction.

PCI named Hanson a Fellow in 1995, and he received Martin P. Korn Awards in 1978 and 1979 for the *PCI Journal* paper "Behavior and Design of Prestressed Concrete Beams with Large Web Openings."

Hanson was a member of the PCI Board of Directors from 1977 to 1980 and 1993 to 1996; a member of numerous other association committees; and chair of PCI's Technical Activities Committee, Research and Development Committee, Segmental Construction Committee, and Ad Hoc Committee on Responsibility for Design of Precast Concrete Structures. He was also a member of the Building Code, Fellows Nominating, Industry Advancement Award, Industry Development, Program Planning, and Specially Funded Research and Development Management Committees.

In addition to the honors Hanson received from PCI, he was elected an Honorary Member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) in 2002. He was presented the Forensic Engineer of the Year award, sponsored by the ASCE Technical Council on Forensic Engineering, in 1999. In 1992, he was elected to the prestigious National Academy of Engineers. In addition, he was a corecipient of ASCE's 1974 State-of-the-Art of Civil Engineering Award and 1976 Raymond C. Reese Award. He also received the Distinguished Service Award from the American Concrete Institute in 1976 and the ASCE T. Y. Lin Award in 1979. He was cited as a Distinguished Engineer by South Dakota State University in 1979 and was given a Professional Achievement Citation by Iowa State University in 1980. Hanson served as the president of the American Concrete Institute in 1990 and president of the International Association for Bridge and Structural Engineering executive committee from 1993 to 1997.



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## MIKE FERRERI



**M**ike Ferreri, owner of Ferreri Concrete Structures Inc. in Albuquerque, N.Mex., died May 27, 2017. He was 68.

Ferreri had a bachelor's degree in education from the University of New Mexico in Albuquerque. He was involved in the precast concrete industry most of his adult life. He started as an entry-level drafter at his brother's company in the early 1970s, then worked in various capacities there and at Stanley Structures, which bought his brother's plant.

Ferreri served as general manager of the Stanley Structures plant in Albuquerque and in 1987 purchased the assets of Stanley to start Ferreri Concrete Structures with his brother, Ron Ferreri, who was the general man-

ager of the Denver, Colo., plant at the time. In 1992, the plant was relocated to its current location, and then Mike and Ron Ferreri actively designed it, built it, and set it up. When Ron Ferreri retired in the late 1990s, Mike Ferreri bought out his half and became sole owner and president. Mike Ferreri was known for keeping key employees during lean times and taking care of them.

Ferreri served on PCI's Board Nominating Committee and was a member of the PCI Board of Directors in the 1990s. In 2002, he was recognized with the Robert J. Lyman Award as coauthor of the *PCI Journal* article "Hopi Health Care Center—An All-Precast Concrete Hospital in the Desert." The Ferreri plant has been PCI certified for more than 30 years and has received several safety awards from PCI.

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