

FROM PCI HEADQUARTERS

Krol named quality program managing director at PCI

PCI welcomes Bartłomiej Krol as its new quality programs managing director. He will be responsible for PCI's quality programs, including certification activities for precast concrete plants, erectors, and personnel.

Before joining PCI, Krol was corporate quality control manager at County Prestress in Westmont, Ill., where he directed the quality control department, supervised and mentored the company's quality control managers, and developed training materials for quality control technicians. Before working at County Prestress, he was an engineer at Alta Vista Solutions in Richmond, Calif., where he was a consultant to the California Department of Transportation and a design engineer at HNTB Corp. in Oakland, Calif.

Krol has a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of California, Berkeley. He is a licensed professional engineer in California.



Bartłomiej Krol

Ballain appointed PCI Central Region executive director

The PCI Central Region Board of Directors has appointed Matt Ballain executive director.

Ballain's professional experience includes serving as vice president and general manager of Coreslab Structures (Indianapolis) Inc. for 19 years and spending a total of 30 years in the precast and precast, prestressed concrete industry.

Ballain served as PCI chair from 2023 to 2024, PCI vice chair from 2022 to 2023, PCI secretary/treasurer from 2021 to 2022, PCI Central regional representative from 2019 to 2021, PCI Central Region chair from 2010 to 2019, and PCI Central Region secretary/treasurer from 2008 to 2010.

PCI Central Region board credits outgoing PCI Central executive director Phil Wiedeman with the highest level of distinction for serving in this role for 22 years.



Matt Ballain

2025 PCI DESIGN AWARDS CALL FOR ENTRIES

The PCI Design Awards program recognizes design excellence and construction quality using precast concrete. Be a part of the search for excellence and submit your precast concrete projects today.

The 2025 PCI Design Awards submission site is currently open. Visit pci.org/designawards for complete information, including this year's categories and submission guidelines, or to make a submission.

Entries are accepted in two primary categories: buildings and transportation structures. In addition to buildings and transportation, there are

special awards categories: All-Precast Concrete Solution Award, the Building Information Modeling (BIM) Award, the Harry H. Edwards Industry Advancement Award, and the Sustainable Design Award.

July 16, 2024, is the submission deadline, and winners will be notified in fall 2024. All winning projects will be showcased February 3-7, 2025, at the 2025 PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Indianapolis, Ind., and will be included in a supplement to *PCI Journal* and *Aspire* and the spring issue of *Ascent*. For more information, contact PCIDesignAwards@pci.org.

2025 MARIO J. BERTOLINI LEADERSHIP AND INNOVATION AWARD CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> To honor the legacy of Mario J. Bertolini, an icon of the precast concrete industry, PCI established the Mario J. Bertolini Leadership and Innovation Award. Bertolini was president of a major precast concrete manufacturer for many years and chairman of PCI in 1989. The award will be presented February 3-7, 2025, at the 2025 PCI Convention at the Precast Show in Indianapolis,

Ind. Nominations are being accepted through August 9, 2024.

The criteria for this award and the nomination form are available at https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/Mario_J_Bertolini_Award. For more information, contact Philip McConnell, PCI's membership and administrative services coordinator, at pmccconnell@pci.org.

2024 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 Awards are available. The awards will be present-

ed in September at the 2024 PCI Committee Days in Nashville, Tenn., and nomination forms must be submitted by July 19, 2024. Nomination forms are available online at <https://www.pci.org/EducatorAward>. For more information about the educator awards program, contact Bekki Missaggia, PCI's education manager, at bmissaggia@pci.org.

2025 PCI FELLOWS CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> The PCI Fellows recognition is awarded to individuals who embrace the values of the institute, who have provided continuous outstanding contributions to the U.S. precast concrete industry, and who have demonstrated exceptional service to PCI. Service to the industry may be considered in the areas of education, research, design, and/or production. PCI is accepting nominations for PCI Fellows, to be awarded February 3-7, 2025, at the

PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Indianapolis, Ind. Nominations are being accepted through August 9, 2024.

The criteria for this award and the nomination form are available online at https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/PCI_Fellows. For more information, contact Philip McConnell, PCI's membership and administrative services coordinator, at pmccconnell@pci.org.

2025 PCI MEDAL OF HONOR CALL FOR NOMINATIONS

>> The PCI Medal of Honor award was established to honor a person who has made extraordinary contributions to PCI and the precast concrete industry. The nominees for the Medal of Honor shall have made a highly significant contribution to the precast concrete structures industry and shall have demonstrated a sincere continuing interest in the institute. The award will be presented to be awarded February 3-7,

2025, at the PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Indianapolis, Ind.

Visit https://www.pci.org/PCI/About/Awards/PCI_Medal_of_Honor for more information and nomination criteria. Nominations are being accepted through August 9, 2024, and should be sent to Philip McConnell, PCI's membership and administrative services coordinator, at pmcconnell@pci.org.

2024 RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

>> The PCI Research and Development Council is soliciting applications for the Daniel P. Jenny Research Fellowships and the Dennis R. Mertz Bridge Research Fellowship. The PCI fellowship programs serve to advance the precast concrete industry through the financial support of graduate students in engineering and construction related degree programs with research grants of up to \$50,000. In addition to advancing the design,

fabrication, and construction of precast concrete, ancillary award benefits include engaging faculty in the precast concrete industry, introducing students to the benefits of precast concrete, and connecting students, faculty, and PCI members for future networking opportunities.

Applications for the 2024 fellowship awards are due August 9, 2024. Complete information is available at <https://www.pci.org/Fellowships>.

Mental Wellness Task Force established at PCI

In October 2023, the Mental Wellness Task Force was established under the Workforce Development Committee, led by Todd Adams from JVI and dedicated committee members within the industry. Recognizing the need to address mental health within our industry, particularly given construction's rank of second in terms of suicide and depression rates, the task force's goal is to take proactive steps to address mental health.

Although our industry has historically focused on physical safety measures in the workplace, there is a gap when it comes to supporting employees' mental and emotional well-being outside of working hours. One of the task force's primary objectives is to prioritize the health and safety of our workforce, not only during work hours, but also beyond.

The task force is in the initial stages of executing its strategy, and current resources are available at pci.org/wellness. If you are interested in learning more or assisting the Mental Wellness Task Force, please email info@pci.org.

PCI Needs You

PCI relies on a network of robust and engaged committees to develop standards, handbooks, manuals, guidelines, and other documents for our Body of Knowledge. These committees regularly need additional members to support ongoing efforts. Current PCI committees soliciting new members include:

- Structural Design of UHPC (newly formed)
- FRP Composites
- Prestressed Concrete Piling
- Prestressed Concrete Poles
- Professional Members



To learn more or to join a committee, scan the code or visit: pci.org/PCI/Applications/Committee.aspx



PCI's CALENDAR

Events

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

PCI Production Manager Summit Sheraton, Sioux Falls, S.Dak.	July 22-24, 2024
2024 PCI of Illinois and Wisconsin Summer Summit Grand Geneva Resort, Lake Geneva, Wis.	July 29-30, 2024
2024 PCI Mid-Atlantic Summer Meeting Annapolis, Md.	August 1-2, 2024
PCI Central Region 2024 Summer Event Belterra Casino Resort, Florence, Ind.	August 6-7, 2024
Architectural Precast Production Workshop Sheraton Music City, Nashville, Tenn.	September 4-6, 2024
2024 PCI Committee Days Conference Nashville, Tenn.	September 23-27, 2024
PCI Marketing and Sales School 2.0 Renaissance O'Hare, Chicago, Ill.	November 7-8, 2024
2025 PCI Convention at The Precast Show Indianapolis, Ind.	February 3-7, 2025
2025 PCI Committee Days Conference Loews Chicago O'Hare, Chicago, Ill.	September 16-20, 2025
2026 PCI Convention at the Precast Show Loews Kansas City, Kansas City, Mo.	February 2-6, 2026
2027 PCI Convention at The Precast Show Marriott, Salt Lake City, Utah	February 1-5, 2027
2027 PCI Committee Days Conference Loews Chicago O'Hare, Chicago, Ill.	September 21-25, 2027

PCI personnel training and certification schools

Quality Control School event details are subject to change. If you have any questions about the Quality Control School schedule or need help completing a registration form, please contact PCI's continuing education coordinator, education@pci.org. Registration forms are available at https://www.pci.org/qc_schools.

Levels I and II	August 19-22, 2024 October 23-25, 2024 November 6-8, 2024 November 11-14, 2024	online Nashville, Tenn. Harrisburg, Pa. Online
Level III	July 15-18, 2024 October 22-25, 2024 December 9-12, 2024	online Nashville, Tenn. online
CFA	September 9-12, 2024	online
CCA	September 13, 2024	online

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