



# 70th anniversary celebration to include *PCI Journal* top 70

I write this on PCI's actual birthday of June 18, when in 1954 the institute was first incorporated in Florida. We had a staff meeting and celebration lunch with 70th anniversary balloons, cake, and logo cookies!

Our celebration of PCI's first 70 years continues with the recognition of our heritage as a technical institute and the keeper of the industry body of knowledge. PCI members know that maintaining and expanding the body of knowledge is the bedrock goal of our strategic plan. It all started with *PCI Journal*. Issue 1 of volume 1 was published in May 1956 and included articles by T. Y. Lin and a young assistant professor at the University of Florida named Paul Zia. Nothing better embodies the beginnings of the body of knowledge of precast, prestressed concrete.

Over the decades, more than 250 journal papers have been referenced in the *PCI Design Handbook*, more than 200 referenced in the *PCI Bridge Design Manual*. Fifty journal papers have been referenced in ACI 318. And of course, *PCI Journal* papers have led to numerous PCI recommended practices, committee reports, guidelines, and other publications.

To commemorate this legacy, in the November–December 2024 issue, we will include a list of many of the more significant and memorable papers that have been published in the first 70 years of the journal in a top 70 list. This compilation has been undertaken by PCI's Journal Editorial Advisory Committee and is turning out to be quite a challenge; it is also turning out to be quite enlightening and a pleasure.

The annotated list will include many names PCI members are already familiar with—T. Y. Lin, Robert Nast, Charles Zollman, Donald Meinheit, Paul Zia, and Charles Raths—as well as many other less well-known authors whose contributions have nonetheless made a mark on the industry.

Of course, we can't reprint even just highlights of seven decades of technological advances, but the list will include digital object identification numbers so you can easily locate a paper that catches your interest and reread it (or perhaps read it for the first time) online.

It is an honor to have inherited this legacy and a solemn responsibility to maintain the integrity of *PCI Journal* as a resource and the usual first point of expanding the industry body of knowledge for another 70 years and beyond. [J](#)



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