

Historic milestones at 70

As this is the last issue of *PCI Journal* in our 70th anniversary year, we should look back at the historic achievements PCI members and staff have made in a remarkable year.

We began 2024 by celebrating the latest class of PCI Titans at the PCI Convention at The Precast Show in Denver, Colo. These 10 individuals have made remarkable contributions to PCI and the precast concrete industry, and we thank them for all their service.

This year will go down as a historic year as a technical institute, keeper of the industry body of knowledge. Just a few of the major publications that were completed this year were the next edition of the *PCI Bridge Design Manual*, the first *Specification for the Design of Precast Concrete Insulated Wall Panels* (ANSI/PCI 150-24), a new standard on prestressed piles *Specification for Precast, Prestressed Concrete Piles* (ANSI/PCI 142-24), and others. But the crowning achievement of 2024 for the precast industry is the first *Precast Structural Concrete Code*, ACI/PCI 319.

For more than 50 years, PCI members speculated about having parts of PCI's body of knowledge directly referenced in the International Building Code. With the completion of ACI/PCI 319, we now have a document that can be presented for reference in the 2027 building code. PCI will be leading the effort to make that dream a reality starting in early 2025. Congratulations to all of the PCI members and staff who have worked diligently over the past six years to make the first edition of ACI/PCI 319 a reality.

It was also a historic year for the industry in the area of sustainability. The Sustainability Committee and its subcommittees kicked into high gear this year. Thanks to all the members and staff who have energized those efforts.

As part of our efforts to meet the market's needs on sustainability, 2024 also saw PCI partnering with the National Precast Concrete Association and the American Concrete Pipe Association as recipients of an almost \$10 million grant to help members of the manufactured concrete industry develop environmental product declarations. We are expecting award of the grant by the end of the year, when we can begin this five-year effort.

None of this could be possible without the work and support of the PCI membership and staff. Thanks to the council, committee, and task group members who give selflessly of their time and talent to move the industry forward. **J**



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