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Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute Recognizes 10 PCI Titans of the Industry

CHICAGO, February 22, 2024 – The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) has named 10 PCI Titans of the Industry for their exceptional and unique contributions to the precast concrete industry. These dedicated professionals have provided exceptional contributions and have demonstrated outstanding leadership, service, and innovation.

To celebrate PCI's 50th anniversary in 2004, 50 PCI and industry members were honored in the inaugural class of PCI Titans. Eight others were named in 2014. To commemorate the 70th anniversary of PCI in 2024, 10 more deserving members were named after a rigorous nomination process. They were honored at the 2024 PCI Convention in Denver, Colo. Recognition included an awards dinner on Feb. 8, followed by a question-and-answer session at PCI's booth at The Precast Show the next day.

"It was an honor to meet and talk with the members of the 2024 class of PCI Titans of the Industry at the 2024 PCI Convention," said PCI President and CEO Bob Risser. "Seeing so many exceptional stalwarts of the precast concrete industry in one place was inspirational. Our industry is strong and has a bright future thanks to the 10 deserving Titans who were selected by their colleagues and fellow PCI members. We thank them for their outstanding contributions to PCI and the precast concrete industry."

The 10 2024 PCI Titans of the Industry are:

- **Roger Becker** has been instrumental in advancing precast concrete in several areas, including hollow-core, strand bond, concrete diaphragm design, load distribution, and code and software development. He worked with Spancrete from 1999 to 2010 and then worked on the PCI staff until he retired as vice president of technical services in 2020.
- **Reid Castrodale** founded Castrodale Engineering Consultants in 2012 and has been the director of engineering for the Expanded Shale, Clay and Slate Institute since 2012. He is respected for his in-depth technical knowledge, assisting with the AASHTO Bridge Design Specifications and advanced precast concrete bridge technology.
- **Pat Hynes** is an exceptional mentor of younger members and has encouraged countless engineers to become involved with PCI. He retired from Knife River Prestress in 2016 after 31 years of service. He serves as a Trustee Emeritus on the PCI Foundation Board and as a consulting member of the Student Education Committee and Leadership PCI.
- **Jason Lien** was an early adopter of building information modeling (BIM), revolutionizing the speed and accuracy with which precast concrete shop drawings are developed. He has advanced PCI's educational mission by contributing to the sixth and seventh editions of the PCI Design Handbook and by supporting the PCI Foundation and online academy. He is executive vice president of EnCon United.
- **Richard Miller** is a professor at the University of Cincinnati, where he conducted research for more than 30 years. His areas of interest include prestressed concrete structures and bridges, structural performance, nondestructive testing, and civil engineering materials. His contributions include chairing the R&D Council and Technical Advisory Council, as well as several educational committees.
- **Andy Osborn** is known as a pioneering researcher and prolific author of reports, articles, and reviews of technical publications. His expertise in structural design and forensics allows him to look critically at many technical topics about research and document development. He has chaired the Prestressing Reinforcement Committee, Technical Activities Council and the R&D Council.
- **Sami Rizkalla** is an innovative researcher, educator and prolific author. He has almost 300 publications to his name, with a third directly related to precast concrete. He was a lead designer on the first North American bridge built with fiber-reinforced polymer (FRP) concrete. His long history of PCI committeework includes chairing the FRP Composites Committee.
- **Steve Seguirant** has a strong history of code work and as a precast concrete advocate. Many state departments of transportation model their practices after his pioneering work. Among his several technical achievements, Seguirant was heavily involved in developing precast concrete supergirders with a current maximum span length of 223 feet.
- **Keith Wallis** is widely recognized as an exceptional leader and has served as chair of the Quality Activities Council for five two-year terms. He has played a vital role in developing and advancing quality procedures and standards in the precast concrete industry. His commitment to quality aspects of prestressed concrete has inspired many young committee members to help improve the industry.

- **Gary Wildung** has had many leadership roles at PCI, including chairing the Quality Activities Council and the Erectors Certification Committee. With an excellent knowledge of precast concrete and an informed approach to projects, Wildung in his retirement continues to be an active contributor and champion of the precast concrete industry.

You can find the names of all of the PCI Titans of the Industry [here](#). Watch the Titans videos at [PCI's YouTube channel](#).

Photo caption: Eight of the 2024 PCI Titans of the Industry answered questions at the PCI booth at The Precast Show. From left to right are Steve Seguirant, Jason Lien, Andy Osborn, Pat Hynes, Keith Wallis, Gary Wildung, Reid Castrodale, and Richard Miller. Not pictured: Roger Becker and Sami Rizkalla. Photo: PCI

About PCI

Founded in 1954, The Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI) is a technical institute for the precast concrete structures and systems industry. PCI develops maintains, and disseminates the Body of Knowledge for the design, fabrication, and construction of precast concrete structures and systems. PCI develops consensus base standards, industry handbooks, quality assurance programs, certification, research and development projects, design manuals, continuing education, and periodical publications. PCI members include precast concrete producers, erectors, suppliers, professional engineers and architects, educators, students, and industry consultants who complement the wide range of knowledge of precast concrete. For more information, visit pci.org/howprecastbuilds.