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A Newsletter of the Wisconsin Precast Concrete Association

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Summer 2012

A Message from WPCA President Steve Olson



WPCA Members and Associates,

I was asked to give you a brief update as to how we are progressing as an association with KPAS as our new association leadership. To date I have been impressed with how George, Erin and Justin are doing as they get us back on track. Records and state reports have been filed as we get everything back in order.

Justin and George have done a good job getting our summer meeting scheduled. While we approved the date and meeting place for the summer meeting this past January, KPAS didn't come on board until this spring so they have put in a lot of work setting up this summer meeting on short notice. Be patient as KPAS unveils their first summer meeting as the WPCA association leadership.

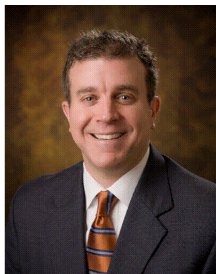
The summer meeting will offer valuable information and provide a new starting point for WPCA. Please see the important summer meeting registration information on page 3.

Thanks,

Steve Olson
President

Legislative Update from George Klaetsch

Recalls Complete – Next Election Only Months Away



Governor Walker Wins in Strong Recall Performance

On June 5, Wisconsin became the third state in history to attempt to recall its governor. Governor Walker, who was victorious over Milwaukee Mayor Tom Barrett, became the first governor to ever defeat a recall election attempt. In fact, Governor Walker exceeded his 2010 margin of victory over Mayor Barrett, picking up more votes and winning more counties. More than 2.4 million votes were cast, which is 56 percent of eligible voters. By comparison in 2010, approximately 2.1 million votes were cast, equaling just under 50 percent of eligible voters.

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WPCA 2012 Summer Convention

July 13-14

On Friday, July 13, and Saturday, July 14, the Wisconsin Precast Concrete Association will hold its annual summer conference at the Blue Harbor Resort in Sheboygan, Wis. This is an excellent opportunity to network with other individuals and companies involved with the precast concrete industry, as well as to enjoy a weekend with the family on the shores of Lake Michigan.

To register, fill out the form located to the right and mail to 10 E Doty St., Madison, WI 53703. Make checks payable to WPCA.

Hotel reservations can be made by calling the Blue Harbor directly at 866-701-2583. The WPCA reduced rate ended on June 13th for rooms with (1) King Bed or (2) Queen Beds were \$169/night plus tax. All reservations made now will be at the prevailing room rate.

Information

The Agenda

Friday, July 13, 2012

- 3:15 p.m. Plant Tour, Weiser Concrete, Fond du Lac, WI
- 4:30 p.m. Plant Tour, Ledgeview Precast, Fond du Lac, WI
- 6:30 p.m. Dinner at the Blue Harbor Resort, Island Room/Patio

Saturday, July 14, 2012

- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast at the Blue Harbor Resort
- 8:15 a.m. Welcome & Announcements
- 8:30 a.m. Informational Session on OSHA Crane Training, Tony Dotto, Crane Tech, LLC
- 9:30 a.m. "Legislative Update" from George Klaetsch
- 10:00 a.m. Confirmed Guest Dave Ross, secretary of the Wisconsin Department of Safety and Professional Services
- 10:30 a.m. WPCA Business/Member Meeting
- 11:45 a.m. Lunch, Blue Harbor Resort
- 1:15 p.m. Claire McQuestion Memorial Golf Outing, Riverdale Country Club

Hotel Information

Blue Harbor Resort
 725 Blue Harbor Dr.
 Sheboygan, WI 53081
 Phone: (866) 701-2583

Website: www.blueharborresort.com

If you have questions, please call the WPCA at (608) 441-1436 or e-mail the WPCA at jlaxton@kpasllc.com. For more information on convention events, please refer to the convention brochure at www.wiprecast.org.

REGISTRATION FORM

Name 1: _____

Name 2: _____

Name 3: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Spouse/Children: _____

Registration Fee:

\$100 per Registrant \$ _____

(not applicable for spouse/children)

Friday, July 9:

Dinner (Lake Michigan Fish Fry & BBQ)

____ @ \$30/each \$ _____

Saturday, July 10:

Breakfast Buffet

____ @ \$20/each \$ _____

_____ Lunch (Deli Buffet)

____ @ \$20/each \$ _____

Golf at Riverdale Country Club

____ @ \$40/person \$ _____

Sponsorship \$250

\$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

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Legislative Update continued

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In the recall election, Governor Walker received approximately 1.3 million votes, surpassing his 2010 total of 1.1 million votes. Mayor Barrett received 1.1 million votes, surpassing his 2010 total of a little over 1 million votes.

Turnout projections painted a picture of a race that could see near presidential election-like voter turnout, but those projections were a bit off. Actual turnout showed an uptick from 2010 gubernatorial election numbers, but it was far from presidential election turnout.

Lieutenant Governor Rebecca Kleefisch defeated Mahlon Mitchell by approximately the same percentage (53-47) as Governor Walker defeated Tom Barrett (53-46).

Republicans Win 3 of 4 Recall Elections – Lose Senate Majority

The silver lining for Democrats is the victory of former Sen. John Lehman over Sen. Van Wanggaard, which flips control of the state Senate to the Democrats. The Senate is now controlled by the Democrats 17-16, but this may be short-lived as many are predicting the Republicans to take back control of the Senate during the November general election.

Klaetsch Public Affairs Strategies will have more details on the new Senate majority and how it could impact the Wisconsin Precast Concrete Association during the remainder of 2012. As of this writing it is expected that there will be limited impact on the WPCA through the remainder of this year.

George Klaetsch
Executive Director

Recall Results

Current As of June 6, 2012

Governor (Walker Incumbent)

- Scott Walker (R) 1,326,658 53%
- Tom Barrett (D) 1,150,223 46%
- Hari Trivedi 14,229 1%

Lieutenant Governor (Kleefisch Incumbent)

- Rebecca Kleefisch (R) 1,296,916 53%
- Mahlon Mitchell (D) 1,150,991 47%

13th District - State Senate (Fitzgerald Incumbent)

- Scott Fitzgerald (R) 47,116 58%
- Lori Compas (D) 32,870 41%
- Terry Virgil (I) 760 1%

21st District – State Senate (Wanggaard Incumbent)

- John Lehman (D) 36,255 51%
- Van Wanggaard (R) 35,476 49%

23rd District – State Senate (Moulton Incumbent)

- Terry Moulton (R) 39,843 57%
- Kristen Dexter (D) 30,479 43%

29th District – State Senate (Open Seat)

- Jerry Petrowski (R) 44,027 61%
- Donna Seidel (D) 27,702 39%

A Thank-You from Scholarship Winner Kevin Urban

In the Spring 2012 Newsletter, the WPCA announced our 2012 Scholarship winners. Below is a letter the WPCA received from one of our winners, Kevin Urban. Kevin's father Dan Urban, is a Crivitz Redi-Mix employee.



Thank you for choosing me for the Wisconsin Precast Concrete Association Scholarship.

My plans have changed a little since receiving this award. The scholarship will be put to good use at Carroll University in Waukesha, Wisconsin as a Graphic Communications major. I will also be continuing my wrestling career at a new level. Thank you again in helping me further my career.

Sincerely,

Kevin Urban

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Form & Function: When Infrastructure and Precast Concrete Meet

Precast concrete has long been a staple of our nation's infrastructure. Thanks to its durability, dependability, quality and ease of installation, DOTs have used it for a wide range of applications, including walls, bridges, barriers and more.

While some precast elements dutifully do their job but go largely unnoticed as they blend into roadway landscapes, others stand out thanks to integral colors, unique shapes, insets and finishes that give them a dual purpose.

These components are much more than just dependable infrastructure. In Florida, for example, highway sound walls now come to life with inset regional wildlife such as manatees, alligators, fish and flamingos. Other states have chosen designs that reflect the surrounding aesthetics such as natural stone, wood texture or brick.

With precast concrete, you get the desired look paired with a long service life and fast installation. And many times precast concrete can be put into place in a fraction of the time of competing materials. One example is a soundwall system released recently by an NPCA member with an integrated column that serves as the foundation for the wall as well as the panel joint. Many variations of form-finished MSE and retaining walls are also available from precast manufactures across the country.

When it comes to bridges, precast concrete can convey a community's architectural style, protect the environment, and span everything from gullies to gorges. Whether the product you need is a short-span bridge or a comprehensive solution that can traverse a major river, precast can provide the attractive, long-lasting design you need. A story in our Fall 2011 issue of Precast Solutions highlighted one such bridge in NJ.

Across the map, State DOTs and road agencies are gaining public approval and strong support for custom precast infrastructure.

-From the NPCA News Blog,
April 23, 2012

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NPCA Plant Certification Program Earns Accreditation from ANSI

The National Precast Concrete Association's Plant Certification Program achieved a coveted stamp of approval recently when it was accredited by the American National Standards Institute. ANSI accreditation means that NPCA has demonstrated that its Plant Certification Program is consistently administered in accordance with international standards. The NPCA Plant Certification Program will now be recognized in the ANSI International Classification of Standards.

"Accomplishing ANSI accreditation took a great deal of effort by the NPCA Quality Assurance Committee and the NPCA technical staff. To my knowledge, NPCA is the only concrete certification program to have achieved this distinction," said Ty E. Gable, NPCA president.

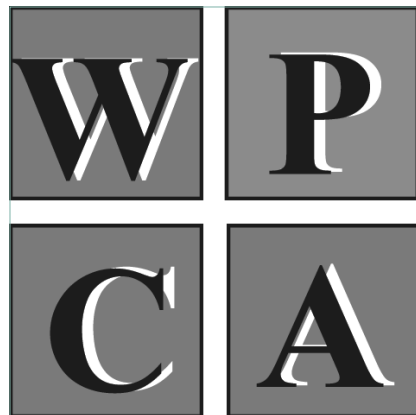
NPCA administers the largest, most comprehensive certification program in the manufactured concrete products industry, with 365 certified plants. NPCA certification is required by 36 state departments of transportation, the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and scores of municipalities and other contracting entities. "The ANSI accreditation process is extremely rigorous," Gable said.

"They were very thorough in their examination of every aspect of our certification program, including our auditing procedures, training of inspectors and all aspects of reporting the data. The fact that we are now ANSI accredited provides an extra level of quality assurance for DOTs, health departments and designers who specify products from NPCA-certified plants," Gable added.

ANSI states that its accreditation "signifies that the procedures used by standards developing organizations meet the Institute's requirements for openness, balance, consensus, and due process. ANSI accreditation further signifies that the standards of the accredited organization were developed in an environment that is equitable, accessible and responsive to the requirements of various stakeholders.

-From the NPCA Blog, May 30, 2012

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