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REGISTRATION ENCLOSED!\*\***



## Crane Bill Update

The NPCA has met with the NCCCO and reviewed the certification program as it relates to the precast concrete industry. Recommendations have been made by the Boom Truck Work group – a subcommittee of the NCCCO to the NCCCO Board. We are currently awaiting a final response and expect to hear sometime within the next two weeks. We are hoping to be able to present a different class of certification, specific to smaller booms at the WPCA Summer Conference at the Blue Harbor in Sheboygan.

### **REMINDER:**

If you haven't already, remember to update your contact information for the WPCA office. To ensure security and timely arrival for all checks, membership forms, conference registrations etc. be sure to mail to:

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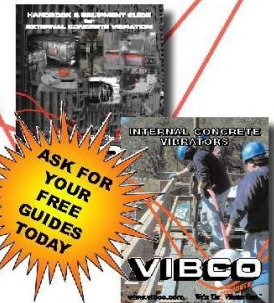
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# President's Message

Dear Members and Associates,

I know everyone is getting anxious for spring to finally arrive, and it is time for precasters to convert concrete into cash. The late spring may also increase our May deliveries and overtime as we try to make up for days lost. I hope everyone has a safe and profitable start to this year's construction season.



At the top of our issues of concern, is the OSHA Crane Certification Rule. At this time, the crane certification issue is being managed by the National Precast Concrete Association. They had a two day meeting with the NCCCO in Indianapolis this winter and are in the process of presenting a modified crane certification proposal that will apply to our industry. The intent is to create a different class of crane operator that is specific to our industry and drivers. We will keep you posted as progress is made.

Finally, back by popular demand, the WPCA Summer Meeting will be returning to Blue Harbor this year. However, this year promises to be even better with the addition of a Brewer game and tailgate Saturday night! More information will follow as soon as it becomes available. Thanks again to George and Katie and I look forward to seeing everyone this summer!

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## WPCA Legislative Update from George Klaetsch

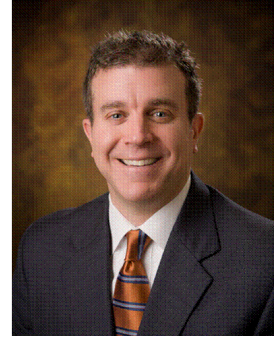
Victory for WPCA Members with Commercial Motor Vehicles

*Item in DOT budget could have resulted in revocation or suspension*

On April 30, the Wisconsin Joint Committee on Finance reviewed and took action on Governor Walker's Biennial Budget.

A portion of the Transportation budget focused on the Consumer Protection Investigator Positions and Intrastate Motor

Carrier Regulation. This provision would have created eight new consumer protection investigator positions at a cost of hundreds of thousands of dollars. **On a 12-4 vote the Joint Committee on Finance eliminated this provision from Governor Walker's budget proposal.**



Why is this important to the WPCA?? Among other things, this provision would have done the following:

*“Consumer protection investigators conduct motor carrier compliance reviews, which may involve on-site visits or other correspondence to examine the company's records and conduct interviews. Depending upon the extent of the issues under investigation, the review may take one to two days or up to several weeks. The purpose of such reviews is to determine the motor carrier's "fitness" to operate, which is a test of compliance with various safety regulations. If violations of motor carrier laws are found, the investigator may issue citations. Depending upon the type and severity of the violations, if any, the investigator may issue a rating upon completion of the review. If, as the result of the rating, the motor carrier does not take the prescribed corrective actions, the investigator may take action to have the motor carrier's operating authority revoked or suspended.”*

**Important note** – The WPCA has won the most recent battle, but not the war.

While this is an excellent first step, the WPCA staff must still work with the both the State Assembly and State Senate to keep this unwanted provision out of the legislature's final version of the budget. We must also work to ensure Governor Walker does not reinsert the provision given his partial veto powers.

## Legislative Update Continued...

Stay Tuned – I will report the final result of the state budget in the Summer, 2013 newsletter

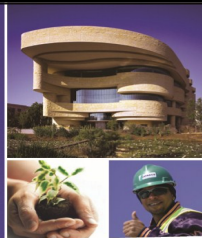
### Legislative Session Reaches First 100 Days – What are the WPCA Lobbying Interests

In mid-April the 2013–14 Legislative Session reached its first 100 days. At that time, almost 300 legislative proposals had been introduced. In addition, a 1,083 page \$69.2 billion biennial budget was introduced by Governor Walker and his administration. As you can imagine, with that amount of activity the WPCA association staff along with the WPCA board has seen their workload dramatically increase (including the issue mentioned above). The following is a list (and brief description) of budget subjects and topics the WPCA has registered on behalf of its members:

#### Budget Bill Subjects

The Wisconsin Fund – WPCA has been lobbying to make sure the Wisconsin Fund is fully funded for each year of the biennium. As of this writing, Governor Walker has proposed to provide \$2.3 million to the WI Fund for each year of the biennium – same as his last budget.

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NPCA is currently asking NPCA producer members to submit their best projects for consideration as our featured cover story. All NPCA members will get to vote on the submissions, then NPCA will write a cover story for the November–December 2013 edition, featuring the winning project. This edition of Precast Inc. will be distributed to media outlets throughout the industry.

NPCA Producer Members are invited to submit a recent project that shows the world the benefits of precast concrete construction – either above–ground or underground. Entries will be posted online and voting by NPCA members will take place this summer. The project that earns the most votes will be the featured cover story. NPCA will assign a writer to do a complete project profile and publish the article and photos inside the magazine. This edition of the magazine will be widely distributed throughout the industry, including World of Concrete and The Precast Show. The winning company will receive 100 free copies to use for marketing and promotions. Entry deadline is June 1, 2013.

For more information and how to apply visit <http://precast.org/covercontest/>

## Electronic Plan Submittal (including POWTS)

As of October 1, 2012, The Division of Industry Services (Formerly Safety & Buildings) began accepting plans electronically. It was recently confirmed that POWTS plans are included in this electronic submittal process. Submitters are required to register for a SharePoint account logon prior to web–scheduling plans for the first electronic submittal.

To submit electronically:

Simply go to [www.dsps.wi.gov](http://www.dsps.wi.gov)

Click *Plan Review*

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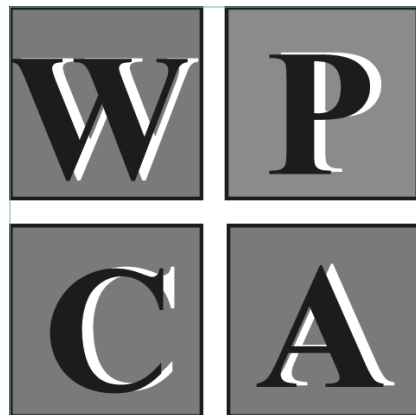
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At that point you will see the following:

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