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 A Newsletter of the Wisconsin Precast Concrete Association  
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**Winter 2013**

**President’s Message**

Our 2013 Winter Conference is in the books. I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting and that you were able to take home some important information. I believe the upcoming Crane Operator Certification Regulation will remain at the top of our list of concerns until we are provided with the final details of the type of test our delivery drivers will be required to pass. The impact this bill will have in regards to costs and testing of our veteran and new drivers is significant. The impact this bill can potentially have on veteran drivers who are unable to pass the written test is devastating. It sounds as if the final information will be coming out in early summer on this regulation.



I am very pleased with the stability and direction our association is headed. As George and Katie become more familiar with our members and industry we should continue to be a reputable association to regulators and home owners throughout Wisconsin. Thank you to our associate members for your contributions during our meetings. Good luck to everyone as we approach the Spring construction season!

Steve Olson  
 President

**WPCA Board Transition:**

At the Winter Conference, your current Board members were re-elected for one more year. I would like to extend a thank you to the following for their above and beyond, extended service on the Board of Directors:

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|------------------------|----------------|
| President –            | Steve Olson    |
| Vice President –       | Paul Miller    |
| Secretary/ Treasurer – | Bruce Wieser   |
| Past President –       | John Meade     |
| Regional Directors –   | Jeff Rasmussen |
|                        | Mike Donohue   |
|                        | Rob Ausen      |
|                        | Deke Mader     |
| Associate Member –     | Darryl Cloud   |

These members agreed to serve with the understanding that association staff will be working on an ascension plan to transition and retain board members in a more strategic and functional way. Bylaws may have to be altered accordingly. The ascension plan will be presented at the Summer Conference and put into place at the 2014 Winter Conference. Look for details to be forthcoming!

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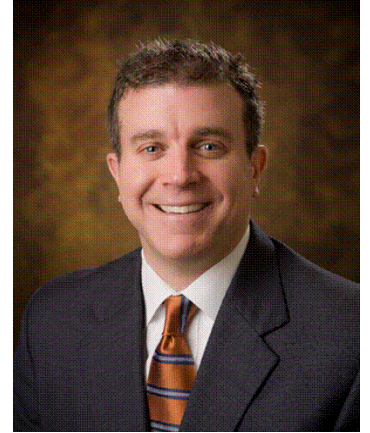
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# WPCA Legislative Update from George Klaetsch

## Rules Rules Rules

From the moment a human infant can understand a parent say “NO” we realize we are living in a world of rules. There is no better testament to that than state government administrative code, more commonly known as agency rules. In fact, there are 1,768 chapters and 11,764 pages of administrative rules in Wisconsin today. These rules range from how bedding is packaged on store shelves to how cheese is sliced. That is why in 2012 Governor Walker created the Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB) and the WI State Assembly has embarked on the “Right the Rules”. While one (SBRRB) has made their recommendations, the other (Assembly Right the Rules) will be making recommendations over the next few legislative sessions.



## Small Business Regulatory Review Board (SBRRB)

In January, the SBRRB took a giant step in recommending 218 rule changes with 307 modifications to decrease unnecessary regulatory burdens that hinder small businesses and the jobs they are attempting to create and/or maintain. Each of these recommended rule changes must go through the rulemaking process in order to be modified or repealed. As in anything related to government, this will take some time and not happen overnight.

## Right the Rules

It is believed for the first time in Wisconsin's history, the Wisconsin State Assembly is going to comb through every administrative code looking for outdated regulations. Their objective is to make sure these rules are still protecting the public and the environment, but not in a way that's costing Wisconsin jobs.

Each Assembly committee will examine the individual chapters pertaining to their issue area. Each will ask these basic questions: is the rule outdated, does the rule protect the public from a threat to public health, safety or welfare, does it promote or hinder job growth and the economy, what is the cost to implement the rule, does it follow legislative intent and have there been complaints about the rule?

## How Does This Affect Me?

First, the SBRRB has already made recommendations and at the recent Winter Conference, those administrative code chapters were shared with board and general members. The one chapter we are currently focused on is SPS 382. Currently, SPS 382 requires municipalities to employ two or more full-time plumbing inspectors if they wish to take on the responsibility of being a delegated authority for the commercial plumbing plan review. This rule has been identified as an unfunded mandate. The recommendation to modify this rule would be to delete the two-inspector requirement. The modified rule would allow a municipality to hire a DSPS approved plumbing inspector as needed. This is consistent with the DSPS attempts to streamline employee efficiencies.

## Update

We already have association members providing existing rules that are outdated or in need of modifications. If you or your employees believe there are specific rules that are in need of updating, modifying or completely eliminated, please contact Katie at [kboycks@kpasllc.com](mailto:kboycks@kpasllc.com).

## 2013 Winter Conference Recap....

A sincere thank you to all who helped make the 2013 WPCA Winter Conference a success!! This year's WPCA Winter Conference took place at Madison-Mariott West January 15-16. In case you were not able to attend, here is what you missed:

- ◆ Presentations from Steven Cramer from UW-Madison, Brian Lee from Revelation PR, Evan Gurley from NPCA, Steve Mader the President of Crest Precast, Mark Wieser the Vice President of Wieser Concrete, George Klaetsch our WPCA Executive Directors and Brad Johnson from DSPS
- ◆ Board of Directors Elections (see page one)
- ◆ Scholarship winners were announced (see page five)
- ◆ Exhibitor's displays showcased the latest products and industry information
- ◆ And much, much more....

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the 2013 Winter Conference or suggestions for next year please do not hesitate to contact the WPCA office via phone (608) 441-1436 or via E-Mail: [info@wiprecast.org](mailto:info@wiprecast.org)



Conference Attendees Intently Listening to a Legislative Update from Executive Director George Klaetsch

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- ◆ Tuesday Night Cocktails: Thank you to Darryl Cloud from Concrete Sealants
- ◆ Tuesday Dinner: Thank you to Scott Grams from General Resource Technology
  - ◆ Wednesday Lunch: Thank you to Jason Chilson from W.R. Grace

Congratulations to this year's  
WPCA *Scholarship Winners!!*

This year WPCA was able to raise and donate a total of \$600.00 dollars to two winners!

- ◆ Raquel Wieser will be attending University of Wisconsin–Green Bay this coming fall and is planning to major in Psychology.
- ◆ Abby Williamson will be attending University of Wisconsin–Eau Claire this coming fall and is planning to major in Early Childhood Special Education.

Best of luck to both of you in all your future endeavors!

A HUGE thank you to all of those who generously donated  
to this years scholarship fund!!!

(in no particular order)

- ◆ Dalmaray Concrete Products, Inc.
  - ◆ Wieser Concrete Products, Inc.
  - ◆ Meade Construction Co., Inc.
    - ◆ Concrete Sealants, Inc.
    - ◆ Huffcutt Concrete, Inc.
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## Thank you to this years *Exhibitors!!!*

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### ATTENTION: Final Mailed Hardcopy Newscast

The WPCA Board of Directors has decided to go paperless! Meaning, this will be the last hardcopy version of the quarterly WPCA Newscast. To continue receiving updates please provide your email address to Katie Boycks at [kboycks@kpasllc.com](mailto:kboycks@kpasllc.com) or 608-441-1436 you can access the Newscast online at <http://www.wiprecast.org/newsletter.html>

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### Electronic Plan Submittal (including POWTS) Now Available at Division of Industry Services

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*

Click *Submitting Plans under Process Information*

Click *Electronic Submission*

At that point you will see the following:

“Click Here to register for a SharePoint logon.”

Once you have registered, schedule plans through the web scheduler and you will receive further instructions on how to submit plans electronically.

## Save the Date: **WPCA Summer Conference July 19-20, 2013**

This year the WPCA Summer Conference facility tour will be hosted by Dalmaray Concrete Products, Inc. on Friday July 19, 2013 in Janesville, WI. Following a Board of Directors meeting and programs we will be attending the Brewers vs. the Marlins on Saturday July 20, 2013, time still T.B.D., spouses and family are welcome!! The hotel accommodations will be at Lake Lawn Resort in Delevan, WI.

Be sure to look for further information in the Spring WPCA Newscast and  
**Make sure to mark your calendars!!**

### Crane Bill Update:

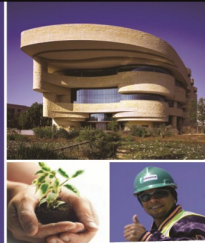
The first task group meeting is set to take place in Indianapolis on March 13<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>. The NCBVA (National Concrete Burial Vault Association) will be sending representatives to the task group meeting as well. We expect to receive an update based on the results of that meeting. Stay tuned!

### **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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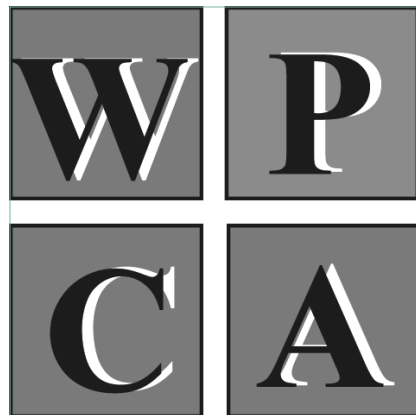
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