

## Winter 2014

### Get to Know Your Board Member: New WPCA President Paul Miller

Dear WPCA Membership,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I am Paul Miller, newly appointed WPCA President and President of Grove Concrete and Supply, Inc. I have been in the precast business for well over 25 years. Grove Concrete is a family-owned business. I started in this business working for Grove as a kid when my parents owned it and then decided to take it over in 2003 upon their retirement. I was born and raised in Union Grove, WI. It felt only natural to follow in my parents' footsteps. I hope to keep Grove Concrete going strong and build it to be even bigger and more successful. My goal is to make Grove Concrete the best it can be so when my own sons are ready, they will have a choice if they would like to carry on the tradition.



I sincerely enjoy the challenges that I encounter on a daily basis in this business. Each day is different and I am constantly managing 10 things at any given time. I wouldn't have it any other way. The days are always interesting. Whether I am consulting a customer on a project, writing proposals, working with my guys in the shop, repairing my equipment or vehicles, working with my accountants, answering phone calls, or the myriad of other things that I do in any given day, at the end of the day, I am fulfilled. I was born to do exactly what I do!

As a member of the WPCA, my goal is to keep educating myself and also to keep my fellow members informed. The rules are ever-changing, and no project is exactly the same. Not only do we benefit from the information the WPCA provides, our customers do. After all, that is the end goal, to ensure we are all providing the best products and services to our customers within the guidelines that we are all required to follow. A running joke in my household, as my better half learns more about my business, is that what I do is "simple". What we do was described as mixing rocks and water together, stirring it up and pouring it into a mold - that's it. While I am hopeful she is just joking, I do wonder if most people who do not have the intimate knowledge of this business think similarly. While I realize that most people would not know all the steps involved in our process, it makes me want to educate my customers more (as much as they will listen) especially when they think plastic will be a good substitute! In short, I am passionate about this business, it is my life and I will continue to do what I do better every day to ensure it is the future for my children.

Sincerely,  
Paul Miller  
WPCA President

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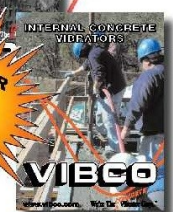
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## Save the Date: WPCA Summer Conference July 11-12th, 2014

This year the WPCA Summer Conference facility tour will be hosted by Dalmaray Concrete Products on Friday July 11, 2014 in Janesville, WI. Following a Board of Directors meeting and programs there will be golfing and boating activities on July 12th, 2014. Spouses and families are welcome and encouraged to attend!! 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!!**

## WPCA Website Changes in Spring 2014

During the Winter Conference on January 15th, 2014 the board of directors approved a motion to update the WPCA website platform. The WPCA staff will begin working diligently to switch the website over to a new platform called wild apricot. There is not expected to be any lapse of website use during the transition. The new website host will allow the WPCA staff to complete more timely updates, offer online registration and payment options for events and membership renewal, provide a more navigable membership database and offer advertising opportunities to members. The WPCA is very excited to start working on this new member benefit and improve the efficiency and access to information for members and those interested in learning about the WPCA.



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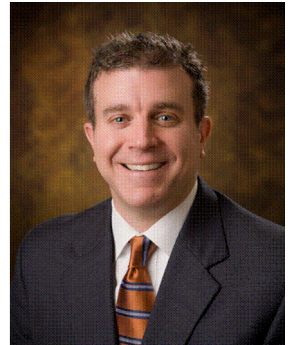
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## WPCA Legislative Update from George Klaetsch

### Governor Walker Unveils Blueprint to Prosperity

In his 2014 State of the State Address, Governor Walker unveiled his *Blueprint for Prosperity*. According to the Governor, his *Blueprint for Prosperity* will return state tax dollars collected by state government back to the tax payers.



During the Governor's January 23<sup>rd</sup> address and in the weeks following, Walker invited all Wisconsinites to visit [Prosperity.Wi.Gov](http://Prosperity.Wi.Gov) to see how this latest tax relief proposal would affect taxpayers and their families. The site offers additional details about the plan, a tax calculator to determine potential savings, and resources of programs highlighted in the State of the State address.

Other details of the *Blueprint* include more than \$500 million in tax relief and \$322 million in withholding updates:

- **Reduce property taxes by \$406 million** – The typical homeowner will see a reduction of \$101 on their next property tax bill compared to the previous year.
- **Reduce income taxes by nearly \$100 million** – all of which would go into reducing the lowest income tax bracket from 4.4 percent to 4.0 percent. If you are a family making \$40,000, your savings will be about \$58. No one will get a bigger savings than that.
- **Cut withholding taxes by \$322.6 million** – this will let Wisconsinites keep more of their hard-earned paychecks. It will put more money in the hands of consumers and will continue to stimulate the economy. A typical family of four will see about \$58 more in their paychecks each month. By the end of this year, that's more than \$520 dollars.

The final piece of the plan also deposits more than \$100 million into the state's rainy day fund and increases funding for the *Wisconsin Fast Forward* program by \$35 million. Funding will focus on support for dual enrollment programs between school districts and technical colleges that target high demand jobs; investments in technical colleges to eliminate waiting lists in high demand fields like manufacturing, agriculture, and Information Technology; and support for programs helping people with disabilities enter the workforce.

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# Legislative Update Continued

## WPCA Legislation of Interest – AB 683

At first glance, Assembly Bill 683 is an electrician's bill that directly affects the electrician trade and how it operates in Wisconsin. Upon reading the entire bill, you will discover that the proposed legislation would allow WPCA trade partners – septic and holding tank plumbers and installers to do minor electricians work that has been in question the past half-decade. On page 7, section 13, 101.862 (4)(g) the plumbing trades (including WOWRA) identified an opportunity to clarify **what septic/holding tank installers can do and what can't they do when dealing with electrical connections associated with these tanks.**

During the 2014 WOWRA/WLWCA Winter Conference, we had many state officials primarily from the DSPS providing their current interpretations of Wisconsin State Statute – Act 63 on what WI plumbers and installer can and can't do. Happening at the exact same time, Representative Tom Larson (an electrician by trade) and Senator Glenn Grothman introduced a bill that is intended to ensure that plumbers and septic installers can conduct minor electrical work in support of septic and holding tank installation, maintenance, etc.

As a result, Assembly Amendment 6 to AB 683 was introduced and passed on February 13, 2014 and was scheduled for a vote on the Assembly floor on February 18, 2014.

**Please note – this is still a legislative proposal and not law.** We will keep you posted on all updates and progress throughout the remaining legislative session.

The following is AA 6 to AB 683 that passed the Assembly Labor Committee on 9-0 vote. The amendment reads:

1. Page 7, line 1: delete lines 1 to 9 and substitute:

101.862 (4) (g) A person engaged in installing, repairing, or maintaining manufactured equipment or utilization equipment, including ballasts, electric signs and luminaires, or a any other manufactured system that is designed to provide a function that is not primarily electrical in nature if the installation, repair, or maintenance ~~does not involve~~ only involves the modification or installation of conductors ~~beyond~~ that are considered part of the equipment or system under this paragraph. For purposes of this paragraph, any conductor going from the disconnecting point ~~or beyond the last~~ nearest junction, pull, or device box, ~~whichever is nearer to the point where the person is performing the installation, repair, or maintenance to the manufactured equipment or utilization equipment or~~ the manufactured system is considered part of the equipment or system."

# 2014 Winter Conference Recap....

A sincere thank you to all who helped make the 2014 WPCA Winter Conference a success!! This year's WPCA Winter Conference took place at the Madison-Marriott West on January 14-15th. In case you were not able to attend, here is what you missed:

- ◆ An educational and valuable train the trainer by program by Ron Overton
- ◆ Presentations from Ron Overton from Overton Safety Training, Mark Wieser from Wieser Concrete, Brad Johnson from the Department of Safety and Professional Services, Brad Boycks from the Wisconsin Builders Association and Tom Thomas from Employer Support for the Guard and Reserve
- ◆ Two new members joined the association—Fister and FESCO Direct
- ◆ Board Members ascended to their new roles (Paul Miller-President, Jeff Rasmussen-Secretary, Rob Ausen-South Regional Director, Dan Wick-North Regional Director)
- ◆ Scholarship winners were announced (see page seven)
- ◆ Exhibitor's displays showcased the latest products and industry information
- ◆ And much, much more....

If you have any questions, comments or concerns about the 2014 Winter Conference or suggestions for next year please do not hesitate to contact the WPCA office via phone (608) 441-1436 or via

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New President Paul Miller and WPCA Board signing the Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve which pledges hiring veterans



Conference Attendees Listening Intently to a Legislative Update from Executive Director George Klaetsch and Association Manager Katie Boycks

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**Scholarship Winners**

This year WPCA was able to raise and donate a total of \$1000.00 dollars to two winners!

- ♦ **Bailey Rockwell** is currently attending the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and is planning to major in Bioproducts/Biosystems Engineering.
- ♦ **Danielle Komro** will be attending the University of Wisconsin-Stout and is planning to major in Cross-Media Graphics Management

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

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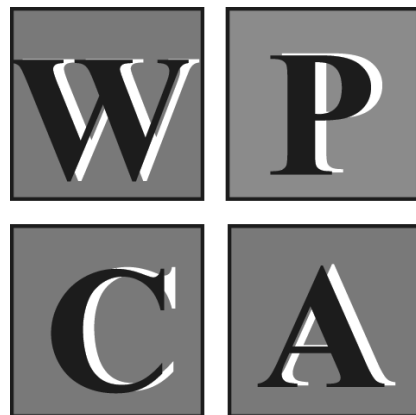
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and bidding by winter conference attendees, we were able to raise an additional \$700.00 for the WPCA scholarship fund. The scholarship fund awards multiple scholarships each year to deserving students.



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