Notes From The Director

I always enjoy being at the Capital District Engineer’s Week Event. Besides meeting new people and having the opportunity to speak about precast, I get to see the great work being done by local school students in programs such as Future City, Math-Counts, and Model Bridge Competition.

I would like to congratulate our producer members that were recognized during the Precast Show in Denver for their outstanding accomplishments as NPCA certified plants.

Warmest Regards,

Ronald E. Thornton, P.E.
Belleayre Mountain Ski Bridge—Highmount, NY

Submitted by Mark Losee of Jefferson Concrete Corp.

The Olympic Regional Development Authority in Lake Placid, New York needed a new bridge for skiers to cross over a road at the Belleayre Mountain Ski Center in Highmount, New York. They engaged the engineering firm of Cedarwood Engineering Services of Oneonta, New York to design a bridge that would provide for the convenience and safety of skiers to cross over the roadway while skiing. The project was subsequently put out to bid on October 11, 2017.

The project was awarded to Stevens Excavating of Otego, New York. The design called for the abutment to be precast pieces and the superstructure to be prestressed box beams. The abutment was installed using the Stone Strong retaining wall system as produced by LHV Precast of Kingston, New York. Jefferson Concrete Corp., of Watertown, New York, was hired to manufacture the adjacent box beams. The beams were placed in one day by Payne Crane of Bainbridge, New York. This project illustrates how the utilization of two precast manufacturers with varied product lines can collectively come together to bring a project to a successful completion under challenging time constraints. It is worthy to note that only 58 days had passed from bid date until placement of the prestressed box beams on December 8th, 2017.
PCANY Members Recognized for Plant Certification Awards

Three of our esteemed producer members were recognized by NPCA during the Keynote Luncheon held in February during the 2018 Precast Show at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver. The following members scored among the top 25 producers of more than 500 that participate in the NPCA Plant Certification Program. These producers include:

Coastal Pipeline Products Corp of Calverton, NY

Kistner Concrete Products, Inc. Lockport Plant, Lockport, NY

Oldcastle Precast, Inc., Middle Island, NY

Three additional PCANY members were recognized for their milestone anniversaries of continuous certification, including:

Binghamton Precast & Supply Corp, Binghamton, NY—25 years

A & R Concrete Products LLC, New Windsor, NY—15 years

Roman Stone Construction Co., Bay Shore, NY—15 years

We should note that all of our 15 full producer members are either NPCA and/or PCI certified. For additional information about these programs, please visit the following:

NPCA— www.precast.org/certification/

PCI—www.pci.org/PCI/Certification/

Check out all of our members in the PCANY Buyer’s Guide located on our website.

OSHA Silica Rule Goes Into Effect on June 23

Precast producers need to be aware that the new OSHA rule decreasing the Permissible Exposure Limit for silica takes effect on June 23, 2018. This rule requires that all plants need to have a compliance plan in place. NPCA and PCI have jointly developed an “Exposure Control Plan for Respirable Crystalline Silica”. A digital version of this manual is free for NPCA members and is available at the NPCA Shop at www.precast.org.
NMB Splice-Sleeve Approved by NYSDOT
Splice Sleeve North America, Inc. has announced that their Splice-Sleeve system now appears on the NYSDOT Approved List under the category “Reinforcing Steel” and description “Grouted Reinforcing Bar Splice Sleeves (709-15)” (Information)

McInnis Cement Joins PCANY
We are pleased to announce that McInnis Cement of Stamford, CT has joined PCANY as an Associate Member. For information contact Robert Madore at 802-236-2869 or Robert.madore@mcinnis.com. (Website)

PCANY Spring 2018 Meetings Scheduled
Our Spring 2018 meetings will be held Wednesday, May 9th in the AGC conference room, 10 Airline Drive, Albany 12205. Members will meet at 9:30am followed by our joint meeting with NYSDOT at 1:30pm