

The PCI Foundation appointed **Ray Clark** as its new Executive Director. Clark will work closely with the Board of Directors and Foundation supporters to propel the organization to new heights. He will work to strengthen connections between industry partners and educational institutions, providing transformative educational experiences for students nationwide.

Clark takes over in mid-September from **Marty McIntyre**, the outgoing Executive Director, who has served the organization for more than 11 years. McIntyre's efforts and commitment have been instrumental to the Foundation's stability and helping connect PCI grantees with resources that shaped the future of thousands of engineering, architecture, and construction management students.

Clark most recently served as the PCI Georgia/C Carolinas Chapter Executive Director, where he worked to increase awareness and use of precast concrete solutions. Prior to that, Clark was President at US Formliner, and has also sat on the PCI Foundation's Board of Trustees.

ACI member **Dan DeGraaf**, Michigan Concrete Association (MCA) Executive Director/CEO, announced his intention to retire at the end of 2023, a position he has held since 2006 with the Michigan Concrete Paving Association (MCPA) and continued through the 2009 merger of MCPA with MCA. DeGraaf has been in the construction industry for 50 years, serving the concrete association in Michigan for the last 23 years and has held many positions with concrete paving contractors throughout the United States in the 22 years prior to that.

In January 2024, ACI member **Steve Waalkes**, the current MCA Director of Engineering – West Michigan will become the MCA Executive Director/CEO. He has worked for the concrete industry in Michigan since 2006, starting with MCPA and continuing his role through the merger of MCPA and MCA in 2009. Waalkes is an expert in the design, specification, and construction of concrete pavements and other concrete-related products, and has assisted contractors, ready mixed suppliers, and other MCA members with troubleshooting and technical support regarding concrete issues. He has given presentations on concrete practices, technology, and research.

He received his BS in engineering from Calvin University, Grand Rapids, MI, USA, and his MS in civil engineering from The University of Texas at Austin, Austin, TX, USA. Waalkes is a licensed professional engineer in Illinois, and a member of the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE) and the Michigan Society of Professional Engineers (MSPE) Western Branch. He is a Past President of the Michigan Section of ASCE and ASCE Western Michigan Branch, and a past Board member of the ACI West Michigan Chapter.

## Honors & Awards



**Sutter**

ASTM Committee C09, Concrete and Concrete Aggregates, presented its 2022 Frank E. Richart Award to **Lawrence L. Sutter**, FACI, Professor Emeritus and Professor of research in materials science and engineering at Michigan Technological University, Houghton, MI, USA. This award recognizes meritorious contributions to research and standardization with concrete and aggregates. Sutter was recognized for his leadership in developing standards related to supplementary cementitious materials. In addition to his work at ASTM International, he has 40 years of experience in concrete materials characterization and testing, and concrete pavement durability.

A long-time ASTM International member, he was previously honored by the committee with four Awards of Appreciation (2013, 2016, and two in 2018) and the Award of Merit (2019).

Sutter is a member of the ACI Board of Direction and several other ACI committees. He is also a member of the Transportation Research Board.

ACI member **Robert Dalrymple**, North Coast Concrete, and **Ronald Simonetti**, retired from Cleveland Cement Contractors, Inc., received Lifetime Achievement Awards from the American Society of Concrete Contractors (ASCC). The Lifetime Achievement Award is ASCC's highest honor, acknowledging recipients for their body of work within the industry and their service to ASCC.

Dalrymple has been an ASCC member for over four decades. During that time, he chaired the Membership Committee and was instrumental in bringing in numerous new members. He served on the Board of Directors from 1998 to 2022. Dalrymple was a member of the first ASCC MIX (Management Information Exchange) contractor peer group that ran nearly two decades.

Cleveland Cement Contractors joined ASCC in the 1950s. Simonetti's service started when he became a member of the Board of Directors in 1967. In 1990, he was elected President and served through 1992. During this time, what was to be a 35-year partnership with CNA Insurance was formed, bringing significant revenue and knowledge to the association. "Simonetti was instrumental in creating an ASCC yearly 'convention,' which became the Annual Conference in 2002," said ASCC Past President Paul Albanelli. "It was his idea to hold a member event prior to the opening of the World of Concrete exhibits. This became the Kick Off Bash, which now welcomes over 400 people every year to network with peers."