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See more Conference photos on our Events page!

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Annual Conference & Trade Show Recap

The Pinnacle Events Complex in Grove City was an exceptional venue for this year's Conference and Trade Show. Exhibitors took advantage of the early booth set-up



Joe Tantarelli presents "Buried Alive: A Survivor's Story" at the OPCA Annual Conference & Trade Show March 17, 2022 Pinnacle Events Center, Grove City. See additional photos on Page 3 & the OPCA Website Events Page.

option Wednesday evening March 16th, and several gathered at the on-site bistro, Cimi's Café.

On Thursday, March 17th, the Ballroom proved to be a perfect space for the event. Large windows overlooking the golf course and surrounding green spaces allowed for beautiful views outside and welcome sunlight inside.

Joe Tantarelli, 36-year excavation industry veteran, presented an engaging Opening Session, "Buried Alive: A Survivor's Story." He recalled details

leading up to and including a catastrophic trench collapse that nearly took his life. He described extensive physical and emotional injuries, as well as the monumental impact on his family and coworkers. Further, Joe outlined key human factors that led to the collapse and contrasted the alternate steps that should have been followed. He emphasized those steps are also applicable for everyone, every day in all settings.

Five additional education sessions included Microbial Induced *(Continued on P.2)*

Meet OPCA's New Executive Director Team

On May 1, Valerie and Michaela Graham will begin serving as the new management team for the Ohio Precast Concrete Association. This mother-daughter team resides in Licking County and brings over 25 years of management experience to the association.



Valerie and Michaela Graham

Valerie graduated from The Ohio State University with a degree in Agricultural Communications and Animal Science. Working in the agricultural radio and television field, her responsibilities included tradeshow and sales. This combination of work, over a 15-year period, gave her the expertise to step into the management field.

Michaela Graham graduated from Ohio University with a degree in Business and Applied Management. Following her

graduation, she joined Valerie as they have built a strong management company. She also specializes in the social media field where she builds websites and makes social media posts.

Both Valerie and Michaela are greatly involved in the

family farming operation that consists of cow/calf and ewe/lamb operations.

To all of the members of the OPCA, Michaela and I look forward to working with you in the future. The new address for the Association will be 6870 Licking Valley Rd., Frazeyburg, OH 43822. If you ever have any questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to us via email: info@ohioprecast.org

We wish Toni the best of luck in the next chapter of her life. Valerie Graham

Conference Recap (from p. 1)

Corrosion of Concrete (MICC)--Latest Developments with Sam Lines, Engineering Manager for Concrete Sealants; Workforce Resources presented by Michell Ward, Central Ohio Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP); Carbon-Reducing Cement by Ron Thornton, PE, Precast Concrete Association of New York; Alternate Materials & Where to Find them with Ben Cota, GCP Applied Technologies and OPCA Education Task Group Member; and ODOT Update with Dan Miller, Office of Materials Management. Dan also introduced ODOT's new Concrete Engineer, Jordan Zamarly. Visit <https://www.ohioprecast.org/events.html> to see all six presentations available for download, as well as a slideshow review of scenes from the day.

The Annual Membership Meeting was held during the sponsored lunch session. Business items included review of Strategic Planning Session outcomes and new committees for which members are needed: 1.Regulatory & Professional and 2.Membership Growth, Retention & Engagement. In addition, NPCA's Precast Show will be held in Columbus next year. OPCA may participate with a reception. Timing of the 2023 Annual Conference was also mentioned. Decisions will be made at the Summer Board Meeting with the new directors. Lastly, Dean Wolosiansky was re-elected as Board President, Alex Lendrum was elected VP, and Dan Zerbe was later approved as the new Producer Trustee (Please see the next article). Mike Foust will continue as Immediate Past-President. *Many thanks to Ron Robinson for his service to the OPCA Board as Producer Trustee.*

OPCA Board Welcomes New VP and Trustee



Alex Lendrum, NCI
OPCA VP

Alex Lendrum is Business Operations Manager for Norwalk Concrete Industries. He began his career at NCI as a freshman in high school in facilities maintenance and worked in the shop and supporting field installations through high school and college. Alex graduated from John Carroll University in 2009 with a degree in Management. He spent 12 years in project and operations management with a cast in place company focusing mainly on industrial and high-rise construction. Upon returning to NCI in the fall of 2021, Alex assumed responsibilities in operations oversight, safety program management & implementation, sales & administrative support, and community outreach.



Dan Zerbe,
USA Precast
Producer Trustee

Dan's summer job in college turned into a life-long profession in the precast concrete industry. He set up manholes and catch basins, then worked in QC as a co-op student for an Ohio producer. He received his BS in Construction Management from the University of Akron in 2000 and hired on full-time, moving into the Sales and Project Management role. Dan also worked 8 years as an Estimator for an excavating contractor. In 2018, he joined USA Precast as a Sales Manager, helping with the organization's expansion, its customers, and team. He says his ability to interact with customers has been a highlight of his 20 years in the precast and construction industry.

New Members--Here We Grow Again! We welcome two new members this quarter.

Pretek Group joins OPCA as a Professional Member. Located in Bellbrook, Ohio, they provide engineering services for precast concrete products including culverts, bridges, sound walls, vaults, manholes, segmental box culverts, 3-sided box culverts, arch culverts, abutments & foundations, and retaining walls. Jeff Von Handorf is the main contact at 800-241-0925. His email address is jvonhandorf@pretekgroup.com. The company's web address is: <https://pretekgroup.com/>

CarbonCure Technologies joins OPCA as an Associate Member. Based in Dartmouth, Nova Scotia in Canada, they offer a solution for precast concrete producers to deliver more sustainable products while reducing cement costs. Morven Ashton is the main contact. She can be reached at 902-441-0059 and via email at mashton@carboncure.com. The company's web address is: <https://www.carboncure.com/>

Messages from the OPCA Board

Toni, We cannot thank you enough for your dedication to making our association stronger. From helping us promote precast concrete to keeping us organized as an association, your relational expertise was always shining! You will always be a part of the Ohio Precast family, and you're welcome to stop in and catch up anytime. OPCA is excited for you and wishes you well in your new endeavor.

Valerie and Michaela, Welcome to the Ohio Precast family! Your professionalism already has us impressed, and we look forward to your impact in advancing the Ohio precast concrete industry as part of the OPCA Team!

Thank you, OPCA!

I wish to express my heartfelt appreciation to all of you for sharing your knowledge and love of precast concrete with me over these last six years! When I drive past elements alongside a project, I will smile and think of this special time in my career. You all comprise a wonderful, innovative industry with hard-working, quality-minded, safety-conscious professionals who understand that competitors can be allies that rally around their cause in collective strength through a unified voice whenever necessary.

Best wishes to each of you! And to Valerie & Michaela, I wish you both great success! *Toni Thompson*

Scenes from the Annual Conference - March 17, 2022



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OUR PURPOSE

The Ohio Precast Concrete Association (OPCA) is a group of producer members and associated industries cooperating together as an association. The intent is to bring pertinent issues and information that impact the Precast Concrete Industry to the attention of government agencies which participate in the origination of these issues.

The OPCA is interested in assisting these agencies by providing expert advice and counsel in the development of regulations involving the industry and the general public.

The OPCA producer and associate members' products and services range from the construction of buildings and highways to the manufacture of precast concrete products for utilities, rainwater runoff management, and treatment of commercial and residential waste water. The OPCA member products and services affect the lives of nearly every Ohioan on a daily basis.

Some specific areas of interest pursued by the OPCA are as follows:

Monitoring sewage guidelines relating to the specific construction and operation of home waste water treatment products (septic tanks, aerators, etc.) by the Ohio Department of Health and the Ohio EPA.

The introduction of programs and policies relating to the testing of materials and products being used on Ohio Department of Transportation projects.

The development of quality control procedures and inspections services training by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

The Ohio Precast Concrete Association will be expanding its scope of interest as membership roles grow and diversify. Three committees are accepting new participants: Education Task Group, Regulatory & Professional, and Membership Growth, Retention & Engagement. Interested members should contact an OPCA Board Member or send an email message to info@ohioprecast.org

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