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### From the Executive Director: Introducing the "NEW" Newsletter

The purpose of this newsletter is to provide specialized information to the Ohio Precast Concrete Association Producer and Associate members. We hope to bring you up-to-date information on topics such as Ohio legislative activity to some national news of interest and a little bit of special interest in between. Please bear with us as we make our way through these initial waters as first time

publishers. This newsletter can be a great way to create credibility and build our organization's identity. We will be sending out hard copies for this first issue. It will also be available online for those who wish to read it from our website, ([www.ohioprecast.org](http://www.ohioprecast.org)) and to help keep costs down, future hardcopy issues will be mailed to those members who do

not have an email address. Others will receive their newsletter electronically.

Every issue we will be highlighting a member of the OPCA. The first member selected is the Spillman Company of Columbus.

Please, if you have a certain topic, news, or event that you would like to see published, please let a board member know or the Executive Director.

## Ohio Legislation RE: Septic Tank Rules & Regulation

If there was ever a time to contact your state senators in Columbus, it is now. Senate Bill 100 (SB100) was introduced by State Senator Tim Grindell and basically says that "a local board of health has sole authority to approve sewage systems for use within the health district that is governed by the board." Sec. 3718.041. The passage of this means that local health departments would decide which systems get the green light and how they

may be required to be tested. That could mean different requirements for **every** county. **However**, State Senator Tom Niehaus has introduced Senate Bill 110 (SB110), and is basically the suspended rules with some modifications. Those include changing vertical separation distance in low/moderate risk systems to 18 inches. In high risk soils, vertical separation would be set at 24-36 inches. SB110 will also establish standards for testing septic tanks to

ensure that all sewage disposal components manufactured after the effective date, and used in the state, are watertight and structurally sound.

Members of the OPCA have worked for years, trying to establish statewide minimum guidelines in regards to septic system manufacturing and testing. If SB100 passes, whatever standards county health departments establish, that's it. No recourse. Standards would also be subject to



## Ohio Legislation RE: Septic Cont.

change when local health departments change personnel. There is also a State House Bill 141 (HB141) which was introduced by Representative Dodd. It is very similar to SB 110, introduced by Senator Niehaus. This legislation is moving very quickly. We need our membership to contact Their State Senators, and tell them to vote in favor of Senate Bill

110. If you need more information on this legislation, please contact Bob Shank, (419) 625-9132.

The proposed Bills themselves can be found and read from the state of Ohio website under [www.ohio.gov/government/](http://www.ohio.gov/government/). State Senators and State Representatives listings and information can be found there too. If you need help locating you State Senator, please call Director Dianne

at (937) 538-0658. We will keep everyone informed as soon as we can get the information out. Stay tuned!

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*"Every day I get up and look through the Forbes list of the richest people in America. If I'm not there, I go to work!"*

*Robert Orben*

## Washington Watch: Specter Deals 'Card Check' Bill a Blow

With an announcement that he would oppose the controversial card check bill, Pennsylvania Sen. Arlen Specter ended weeks of speculation that he would provide the key vote that would make it easier for workers to form unions. The only Republican to support the Employee Free Choice Act two years ago, Specter's support was counted on by Democrats seeking a 60<sup>th</sup> vote to ensure passage of the "card check" legislation that is opposed by the NPCA and most other trade associations.

**NPCA has worked to defeat the EFCA because it takes away the right of an employee to vote a secret ballot in an election to ratify a union.** Employees would simply need to sign a

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card, and if more than half sign the card, the union would be ratified. This would likely lead to intimidation and other disruptive activities in the workplace. Bruce Hottle, former NPCA chairman of the Board and President of Eagle Concrete Products Co., of Somerset, PA, was instrumental in helping to swing Specter's vote, said Ty Gable, NPCA president. "Bruce was one of the key influence leaders in PA who helped change Senator Specter's mind." Gable said. "Bruce worked hard on behalf of the industry at the local level, and helped convince the senator that the card check bill is bad legislation." The Senate is expected to consider the measure later this spring. NPCA is

encouraging members to contact their U.S. Senators and encourage them to oppose the Employee Free Choice Act.

### EFCA UPDATE:

Senator Specter is now a Democrat; All of the Republicans and the following Democrats opposing the EFCA are Arlen Specter, D-PA and Ben Nelson, D-NE. Democrats opposing in present form are Blanche Lincoln, D-AR, Thomas Carper, D-DE, and Dianne Feinstein, D-CA. Thus the EFCA is unlikely to pass the 111<sup>th</sup> congress as it does not have the 60 votes needed in the Senate.

## Spotlight on: Spillman Company

For the last 60 years, Spillman Company has been a leader in the development of molds, plastic spacers, and magnetic products for the manufactured concrete products industry. They continue to introduce new and useful products to the precast, prestressed and concrete pipe industry. They manufacture an array of large, complex custom steel forms to meet the needs of their customers.

The company was founded in 1948 by Robert L. Spillman. They manufactured small forms and dry tamp machines for home products. In the early years, the company specialized in forms for splash blocks, parking curbs, stepping stones lintel machines and other dry cast machine products. In December of 1957, the company was purchased by William and Barbara Coons which they saw advertised in a three line classified ad under "Business Opportunities". During the late 50's additional products were

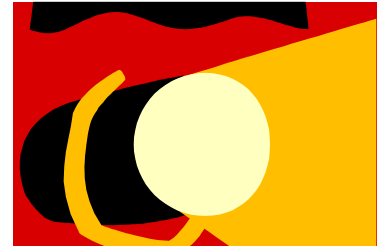
added and the first catalog was issued in 1958. Small precast forms and accessories were supplemented by burial vaults, steps, septic tanks and dry wells. As the demand for precasted products increased, Spillman began producing specialty forms for customer's exact specifications. During the 1960's, the company expanded twice to meet the demand for much larger products. The 70's brought about changes. Both William and Barbara passed away during this decade and Ted Coons joined the company full time in the spring of 1972. During the last 37 years, Ted has worked at Spillman in various capacities. Having served as President since 1977, he was elected Chairman of the Board and CEO in 2003. During the 70's decade, the development of new markets and products continued with Utility vaults, catch basins, and large drainage structures were added for the underground markets. In the decades that followed, the company has

seen tremendous growth for their products. Throughout Spillman's history, they have provided precasters and prestressers, a single source for a wide variety of their production requirements. Currently serving as President/Chief Operating Officer, is Thomas Coniglio, with Charles Allen being the Vice President. Bryan Cousino is the Engineering manager at Spillman. In the last 60 years, their size and growth have resulted from their close association and ties with the concrete industry. They continue to develop new products and solutions as the industry expands, looking forward to the future with great expectation.

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**Social Hour at the 2009 OPCA Conference**

## OPCA Annual Meeting

The OPCA Annual meeting was held March 8<sup>th</sup> and the 9<sup>th</sup> of this year at the Riverview Conference Center in Chillicothe. The two day conference began with registration and a little bit of socializing. The business meeting started the conference off with several reports being presented to those in attendance. Our first presentation for the conference was the subject of "Job Site Personal Protection" given by Pat O'Hern, Jr. of the Montpelier Glove and Safety Products Company of Montpelier, Indiana. After a social reception in the early evening and dinner on your own, the first day wrapped up. After an early morning continental breakfast, we jumped into the second

day with a speaker from the Ohio Department of Health, Ms. Amy Wood.

Our third installment was delivered by David Comiono from EMH, Inc. on the proper and safety side of "Lifting Equipment". The final speaker for the day was Michael Eley, CSP, and a Safety Technical Advisor for the Ohio BWC. All were informative and appreciated for their attendance. The final event for the day was the tour of the Kenworth Truck Factory. Everyone who went on the tour received a new truck! Only kidding but it was a great tour to take. Watching the trucks' progress in every department, as it rolled along, was fascinating to watch. We hope everyone enjoyed the conference as

we are in the process of preparing for next year's event. Location and hotel info will be posted on the website in the near future.

**Seen below are the speakers from the 2009 OPCA Conference**

**L to R: Amy Wood, ODH, Pat O'Hern, Jr., Montpelier Glove & Safety, David Comiono, EMH, Inc. and Michael Eley, CSP, Ohio BWC**



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## Website Insight

[www.ohioprecast.org](http://www.ohioprecast.org)

If you have not had the chance to check out our new website, please take a few minutes to familiarize yourself with it. It is truly a great way to find out information. Categories listed are Home, Consumer Information, Newsletter, (this newsletter will be posted!) Members (Current and up to date information posted), Calendar of Events (will post conference dates here), Links and Forum. Available under the Forum section is General Forum which includes Tech Talk, News and Events. Under the "Classified Forum", (Equipment) you may post

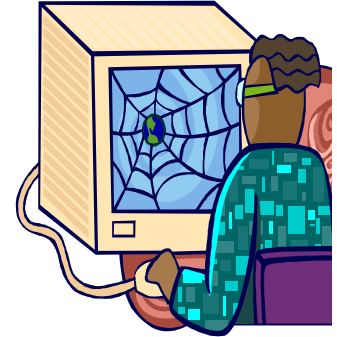
trucks, tractors, forklifts or any other heavy equipment for sale. There is also a section titled "Forming" which you may post for sale, any forms, pallets or any other materials related to forming. In addition from being posted on the web, this information will be open to other precasters from all other states.

The last classified section is titled "Other for Sale", which could be office equipment, computers or any other item that would not be categorized in the previous sections.

These postings may help you to sell equipment or

molds which you no longer need. Please let the office know if you have an item to list. We can post it for you at no charge. Also, take time to check out your information under "Members". We would like to keep records as current as possible. Again if there are any changes, please let the office know so that we may correct them promptly.

Thank You.



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 Ohio Electric Control  
 Polylok, Inc.  
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 Sika Corporation  
 Spillman Company  
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*"The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand."*

Vince Lombardi

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## OPCA Mission Statement

The purpose of the Ohio Precast Concrete Association shall be:

- 1) To promote and facilitate the acquisition and exchange of practical knowledge among its members;
- 2) To encourage the development of the art of manufacturing precast

concrete products;

- 3) To create a standard of excellence in manufacturing;
- 4) To promote the use of precast concrete products; and
- 5) To cooperate on behalf of the precast concrete industry with others

interested or involved in that industry or in related industries, directly or through their associations, in matters involving the business, technical and governmental affairs of the precast concrete industry.

## About Our Organization

The OPCA is a group of Producer Members and Associated Industries cooperating together as an association. The intent being to bring pertinent issues and information which impact the precast 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 has Producer and Associate Members whose products and services range from the construction of buildings and highways; servicing the funeral industry;

to the manufacture of precast concrete products for the treatment of commercial and residential waste water. OPCA member products and services affect the lives of nearly every Ohioan on a daily basis.

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