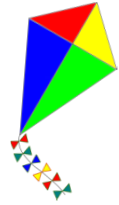




# eNewsletter



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## 2017 Conferences Successful *Recap of The Precast Show & Annual Conference*

**The Precast Show** took place in Ohio this year, at the Huntington Cleveland Convention Center March 2-4. The National Precast Concrete Association invited us to represent Ohio as the host-state affiliate. We were provided exhibit space and met many wonderful people representing the industry in various roles from across the U.S., as well as Canada, Great Britain, Ireland and



OPCA Booth at The Precast Show

China! Executive Director Toni Thompson and board members attended a crane operator certification update

meeting. They also had the opportunity to meet and network with other state and regional affiliate leaders at an Affiliates

Meeting, the first in many years. Thanks to some generous sponsors, we hosted a reception for these leaders, as well as our members who were attending The Precast Show. The event was well-attended and a lot of fun. We plan to stay in touch with the affiliates, sharing ideas for future

events, plus better ways to serve and communicate important information to our members.

See  
Conference  
Photos on  
Page 3, and  
[more online!](#)

**The OPCA Annual Conference** was held March 20-21, once again at the Crowne Plaza Hotel and Conference Center in Dublin, Ohio. The 5,000-square-foot ballroom is a perfect venue, allowing ample space for classroom seating, food, a reception, and a full array of vendor exhibits around the room's perimeter. Sessions offered this year covered topics relating to business management, growth and succession planning, as well as ASTM Standards, boom truck operator certification, ODOT and OSHA updates, walking & working surfaces, and supplementary cementitious materials. Visit the [www.ohioprecast.org/Events](http://www.ohioprecast.org/Events) page to see presentations available for download. The Links page has also been updated with crane info from NPCA.

As with last year, OPCA offered ODH-approved Sewage Treatment System

Contractor Continuing Education Units for some of the course sessions. Those attendees needing credits for state licensing were able to earn four hours over the two half-days.

The conference concluded with the Annual Meeting, featuring election of executive officers: VP Dean Wolosiansky (Lindsay Precast) was elected President, and Lou Richmond (Portage Septic Tank) moved from Producer Trustee to the Vice President position. In addition, Ron Robinson (Spoerr Precast) was elected to fill the vacant Producer Trustee position for the remainder of the term expiring in 2018. Tim Gahm (Norwalk Concrete Industries) is now Immediate Past President. Mike Foust (Quaker City Concrete Products) was thanked for his years of service to the board. Coincidentally, Mike won the 4K TV raffle!

We're on the web!  
[www.ohioprecast.org](http://www.ohioprecast.org)

## New Members—Here we Grow Again

The Ohio Precast Concrete Association welcomes four new members: Baughman Tile Company, Inc., Cavert Wire Company, Consolidated Treatment Systems, and MEVA Formwork Systems, Inc.

**Baughman Tile Company, Inc.**, located in Paulding, Ohio, was founded by John Baughman in 1883, and is in its fifth generation with Brad Baughman as President. By continually expanding and improving, Baughman Tile is capable of producing over 6 million feet of corrugated pipe every week, selling their product under the Poly-Drain®, Poly Smooth-Line®, Poly 3-Wall®, PolyCap® and PolyVac® tradenames. The company continues to strive for quality and versatility in the product line and is dedicated to creating solutions to meet the growing needs of their customers. Brad Schell is the local representative.

**Cavert Wire Company, Inc.**, based in Rural Hall, North Carolina has been successfully manufacturing wire in America for more than 100 years. The company is well known for superior product quality and extraordinary customer service. They maintain a large inventory of finished products which allows for 2-3 day delivery for the majority of the U.S. Seth Mote is the local sales representative out of Kokomo, Indiana.

**Consolidated Treatment Systems, Inc. (CTS)**, located in Franklin, OH, is the manufacturer of Enviro-Guard, Multi-Flo and Nayadic wastewater treatment units. The company also provides materials for drip irrigation systems. Recently, CTS ventured into engineered designs, most notably in the Florida Keys, where nutrient removal is a major issue. Jeff Coomer and Jeff Luthman are the customer contacts.

**MEVA Formwork Systems, Inc.**, located in Springfield, Ohio, is an international organization recognized for innovative concrete and formwork solutions for over 40 years. They provide full-service solutions including in-house engineering and manufacturing, and a wide product range that includes ALKUS; an all-plastic facing that can be nailed like plywood to maintain structural rigidity without the complications of swelling or shrinking. It is repairable using the same material, dramatically reducing or eliminating re-facing costs. Greg Carman and Scott Fisk are the contacts.

We welcome these new members to our Association, and we welcome back Haarup North America with Soren Pedersen as the sales contact.

## Safety Update - Crane Operator Certification

OSHA Standard 1926.1427 goes into effect November 10, 2017. At that time, a crane operator who leaves the plant to deliver or place materials (other than burial vaults) must be certified. The standard defines cranes as “power-operated equipment that, when used in construction, can hoist, lower, and horizontally move a suspended load.” (1926.1400) Cranes covered by the rule, when used in construction applications, include mobile cranes, boom trucks, articulating (knuckle boom) cranes, crawler cranes, tower cranes, floating cranes, cranes on barges, and locomotive cranes.

There are three accredited organizations that can certify crane operators. It is important to note that OSHA requires certification bodies to be ANSI and/or NCCA accredited: Crane Institute Certification (CIC)- [cicert.com](http://cicert.com) ; National Commission for the Certification of Crane Operators-[nccco.org](http://nccco.org); and National Center for Construction Education and Research- [nccer.org](http://nccer.org)

Mobile Crane Operator Certification training and testing has been offered by these organizations for years; however, the complexity of the load charts is not conducive to precast concrete industry “real world” applications. Thus, higher-than-average failure rates have been the result. NPCA stepped in to offer support

and seek a better alternative. CIC was the only accredited organization (thus far) that worked with NPCA to offer the new Under 21-ton Precast Delivery Crane Certification Exam. It includes load charts from cranes commonly used in the industry: QMC & USTC. It covers Boom Trucks under 21-tons and A-frame rail trucks. Knuckle boom cranes are NOT covered by this certification, as they have their own certification exam. It has been reported that precast operators have done very well with the existing test.

At the time of this printing, OPCA is working with the OSHA Institute Training Centers in Ohio, as well as CIC, to identify trainers who are certified to instruct the new Under 21-ton Precast Delivery Crane Course (Note: trainers who are already certified to instruct the Mobile Crane Operator Certification course MUST complete this new course to be certified to teach it). We anticipate this class and the testing, along with knuckle boom, will be available at the OSHA Training Center in Springboro, Ohio, this summer. We are hopeful that the Centers in Cincinnati, Columbus and Cleveland will also participate. In addition, precast producers can become training and testing sites. We will post information on our website, [www.ohioprecast.org](http://www.ohioprecast.org) as it becomes available. We will also send email News Blasts as they are warranted.

# The Precast Show



# Annual Conference



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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 being 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 whose products and services range from the construction of buildings and highways to the manufacture of precast concrete products for the 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 being pursued by the OPCA are as follows:

The introduction of new 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. The need for input, regarding issues and regulations which effect the large segment of the public which it serves, comes to the forefront.

# OPCA Member Companies

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Carey Precast Concrete  
E.C. Babbert, Inc.  
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Forterra Pipe and Precast  
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Lindsay Precast  
Mack Industries  
MW Concrete  
Norwalk Concrete Industries  
Portage Septic Tank  
Premier Precast Products  
Quaker City Concrete Products, LLC  
Scioto Valley Precast  
Sickels Septic Tanks, Inc.  
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Champion Pump Company  
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Consolidated Treatment Systems, Inc.  
EJ USA, Inc.  
EMH, Inc.  
Engineered Wire Products, Inc.  
Euclid Chemical  
EZG Manufacturing  
GCP Applied Technologies  
Gotham Staple Co., Inc.  
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Haarup North America, Inc.  
Hill and Griffith Company  
Infiltrator Systems, Inc.  
Irving Equipment , LLC

Jet, Inc.  
Lehigh Cement Co.  
M.A. Industries  
MEVA Formwork Systems, Inc.  
Mixer Systems, Inc.  
Ohio Electric Control, Inc.  
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Premiere Concrete Admixtures, LLC  
Press-Seal Corporation  
Sika Corporation  
Tuf-Tite, Inc.  
W.P. Hilts & Company

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