2020 Year-In-Review

2020 showed clearly our industry’s and Association’s resilience, can-do-attitude, versatility and drive to persevere during a very challenging time. Our industry moved forward as a United Community.

On Technical, we continued to engage a significant user of our materials – PennDOT – through our Aggregate Quality Improvement Committee, the Concrete Quality Improvement Committee and the Cement Quality Improvement Committee. We offered a platform for PennDOT personnel, including DMEs/DMMs, to address District, Regional and Statewide initiatives and connected those folks with our producers to find solutions. We actively participated in the Winter Schools and District Producer Meetings, and most importantly on industry-wide PennDOT initiatives - like eTicketing – by sharing our members’ expertise.

On Regulatory, our Environmental Community has delivered our industry’s position on:

- Chapter 77
- Engineering Manual
- Manganese Rulemaking

Those are just a highlight of the public and visible issues that our Association is engaged actively in, but there are many other environmental, safety and health issues that PACA advocated on behalf of our membership.

At the national level, PACA and EPA were signatories of a Memorandum of Understanding to form a working group between our members and EPA Region 3 staff to cement a common-sense regulatory approach for our concrete members.

Our Advocacy efforts delivered two bills during the just concluded 2019/2020 legislative session. Those bills were:

- HB 869 – Power Take Off Partial Refund of State Gas Tax to Power a RMC truck
- HB 2276 – The Reliable Acceptance Testing of Concrete Act

A significant success was the classification of the aggregates, ready mixed concrete and cement industries as life-sustaining during the spring lockdowns. We were able to keep our industry working and providing critical and essential construction materials at a challenging time for our Commonwealth and our nation.

In 2020, we launched our legislative caucus focused on understanding and defending our issues and interests in the PA Senate and the PA House. The members of PACA’s Aggregate, Concrete and Cement Working Group (ACC) are our industry champions.
The PACA PAC made tremendous progress and reached a historic high in contributions. Our engagement resulted in 29 wins out of the 30 state races we supported in the November elections.

One of the most exciting Member Services developments in 2020 was the creation and launch of the PACA Emerging Leaders Academy (PELA) starting with the 2021 Inaugural Class. PELA is the vehicle to develop our up-and-coming professionals to lead our industry for the years to come.

Concrete Promotion supplied the resources and support to our members. PACA’s SpecifyConcrete website is one of the best online concrete promotion resources and we are fully aligned with NRMCA’s Build with Strength and PaveAhead campaigns.

The Certification Program delivered quality ACI and NRMCA education and training…the better educated the contractor, testing lab, inspector, specifier or owner is…the greater chance we have to defend and expand our markets.

PACA’s strength has been and will forever be our workforce….hard working, problem solving, capable, professional men and women who love what they do --- Building and Connecting Pennsylvania’s Communities!