Join PACA at the 44th Annual Meeting & Honors Program

Every year, PACA's Annual Meeting gives us a chance to step away from daily operations and focus on the bigger picture: our industry, our association, and the leaders moving both forward. It is one of PACA's best events of the year.

The 44th Annual Meeting & Honors Program will take place Nov. 15-17, 2026, at The Hotel Hershey. Producers, suppliers, business partners, emerging leaders, and industry experts from across Pennsylvania will come together for education, networking, and recognition of excellence.

Kicking Off with Connections

The meeting begins Sunday with registration, exhibitor setup, and a Welcome Reception. PACA's strength comes from the relationships among our members, and this relaxed opening gives everyone time to reconnect and welcome new faces.

Economic Insight and Practical Education

Monday's keynote speaker will be Anirban Basu, chairman and CEO of Sage Policy Group and one of the construction industry's most respected economists. His outlook will help members understand the forces shaping our markets, investment decisions, labor, inflation, and the broader business environment.

The program will also include general sessions and concurrent tracks focused on operational case studies, regulatory developments, and practical challenges facing the aggregate, cement, and concrete industries. Networking breaks and lunch sessions will provide time to meet with exhibitors and learn about new technologies, products, and services.

Networking and Industry Camaraderie

The Annual Meeting has always balanced strong educational programming with opportunities to build relationships and enjoy time together.

Monday evening's Chairman's Reception leads into Casino and Karaoke Night, a PACA favorite that brings everyone together in a relaxed setting. This is a must-see!

PACA is a business association, but it is also a community of people who share common goals, common challenges, and pride in the work we do.

Safety, Leadership, and Improvement

Tuesday's keynote will feature David Sarkus, The Safety Coach, presenting “Leading From Your Heart: Everyone's a Safety Coach.” He will focus on practical leadership, communication, employee engagement, and building a stronger safety culture.

Safety remains one of our industry's highest priorities, and sessions like this reinforce the responsibility we share to protect our people and improve our workplaces.

Celebrating Accomplishments and Leaders

The General Membership Meeting will include the State of the Association report, election results, and remarks from PACA leadership on future priorities. The Honors Program will recognize the people and companies whose contributions have advanced our industry and strengthened PACA.

- PACA Hall of Fame inductions
- Excellence in Concrete Awards
- Chairman's Award
- Additional industry recognitions and honors

These awards celebrate the leadership, innovation, service, and dedication found throughout our membership. There will be a lot of role models up on that stage.

Celebrating Emerging Leaders

Attendees will also hear the PELA Class of 2026 Capstone Project Presentation and celebrate the graduation of the newest PACA Emerging Leaders Academy class. Developing the next generation remains central to PACA's mission and to the future of our member companies.

Why You Should Attend

The Annual Meeting is where our industry comes together to learn, celebrate, develop leaders, and strengthen the relationships that make PACA effective. This year's program includes nationally recognized speakers, economic and regulatory insight, operational education, exhibitor engagement, awards, and PELA leadership development.

I encourage every PACA member to join us at The Hotel Hershey in November. Your participation makes our association stronger and helps PACA remain the unified voice of Pennsylvania's aggregate, concrete, and cement industries. I look forward to seeing you there.

PACA Strengthens Member Advocacy with VoterVoice and Curate

Advocacy has always been one of PACA's most important responsibilities. Transportation funding, environmental regulations, workforce challenges, permitting, tax policy, and local land use decisions all affect our members. Our success depends on making sure Pennsylvania's aggregate and concrete industry is heard.

Those issues can emerge quickly at the federal, state, and local levels. To identify them earlier and make member participation easier, PACA is implementing two advocacy platforms: VoterVoice and Curate.

Together, these tools will help PACA spot developing issues, communicate faster, and give members a simple way to speak up when it matters. It is amazing technology, and it will make us more effective.

Why This Matters

PACA's advocacy works best when informed members are engaged. Legislators consistently tell us that hearing directly from employers, employees, and local business leaders has a lasting impact. VoterVoice will help us take action, while Curate will help us see issues coming.

These are established platforms used by trade associations, chambers of commerce, and government affairs professionals across the country. They will give PACA better information and make it easier for members to use their voices.

What Is VoterVoice?

VoterVoice is a grassroots advocacy platform that helps organizations connect members directly with lawmakers and regulators. It allows PACA to explain an issue, launch an action campaign, identify the right elected officials, and measure member engagement.

Simply put, VoterVoice makes advocacy easy. When PACA needs members to weigh in, we can send an alert and a direct link to an action center. Members can review the issue and contact the appropriate policymakers in just a few clicks. We all have something to say, and this makes it easier to say it.

How VoterVoice Will Work

- PACA sends an alert explaining the issue and its impact.
- Members receive a link to PACA's advocacy action center.
- The system identifies the appropriate elected officials based on the member's address.
- Members review PACA's position and supporting information.
- With a few clicks, members send a message and can share the campaign with colleagues and employees.

The process takes only a few minutes, but the impact can be significant. Messages from people who live and work in a legislator's district often carry more weight than lobbying efforts alone.

Members can expect timely action alerts, easier access to campaigns, legislative updates, issue briefings, and more opportunities to participate in PACA's priorities.

What Is Curate?

While VoterVoice helps PACA take action, Curate helps us stay ahead of emerging issues. Curate monitors local government agendas, meeting minutes, ordinances, policy discussions, and other activity across thousands of jurisdictions. Its technology helps identify developing issues before they become significant challenges.

That early warning matters to an industry affected by land use, zoning, environmental regulation, transportation policy, energy, and infrastructure planning. The earlier we know about a proposal, the better chance we have to understand it, communicate with members, and help shape the outcome.

What Curate Will Monitor

- Local government agendas and meeting minutes.
- Municipal ordinances and policy proposals.
- Regulatory developments and local government actions.
- Emerging issues affecting businesses and infrastructure development.

Members can expect earlier notification, better intelligence on local government activity, more proactive issue management, and timely alerts about opportunities and challenges affecting the industry.

Building on Industry Best Practices

Leading associations have shown what is possible when technology supports strong grassroots engagement. Associated Builders & Contractors uses VoterVoice-powered tools to mobilize members, and NSSGA has built an effective advocacy program around legislative outreach and active participation.

PACA's goal is straightforward: give members the information, tools, and opportunities needed to engage effectively on the issues affecting their businesses and our industry's future.

A Stronger Voice for the Industry

The aggregate and concrete industries literally build Pennsylvania. Our members supply the materials for roads, bridges, schools, hospitals, homes, utilities, and economic development. When policymakers address infrastructure, the environment, energy, transportation, and workforce issues, our industry needs to be informed and involved.

VoterVoice and Curate are important investments in PACA's advocacy capabilities and in the success of our members. They will help us identify issues sooner, communicate more effectively, and mobilize industry voices when it matters most.

I encourage every member to use these resources, participate in advocacy campaigns, and stay connected to PACA's government affairs work. Together, we can keep Pennsylvania's aggregate and concrete industry strong, informed, and influential.

Learn More

- VoterVoice: https://info.votervoice.net/
- Curate: https://www.curatesolutions.com/
- NSSGA Advocacy: https://www.nssga.org/industry-priorities/advocacy