

A message from Garland

I started my career in testing of deep foundations as part of my graduate schoolwork in May 1971, and in 1978 was promoted to president of Pile Dynamics, Inc. (PDI). During that time, there have been many significant technological advances, and hence many revisions to the Pile Driving Analyzer® equipment and CAPWAP® methods developed by PDI. Along the way, PDI has added several other testing products to assist in the evaluation of deep foundations, and these include most notably the Pile Integrity Tester for low strain evaluations of concrete shafts, the Cross-Hole Analyzer (CHAMP), the Pile Installation Recorder for monitoring installation of augered piles and, most recently, the exciting Thermal Integrity Profiler to investigate the entire cross section of drilled shafts (bored piles), augered piles, micropiles, jet grouting and soil nails.

After 36 years in my capacity as president, I have decided it is time to pass the torch on to the next generation of leadership. For several years in advance of this transition, I have sequentially delegated more tasks to George Piscsalko, who has always performed well in these assignments and, in fact, has been effectively running the entire operation for the last couple years. Therefore, effective July 1, 2014, George is now officially the president of PDI.

I still remain as an active principal partner in the company and, therefore, for the foreseeable future, the plan is for me to continue assisting in product development and customer support. Helping customers with their unusual projects or difficult tasks is something I have always enjoyed. So I hope to still be in regular communication with you as your needs may arise.