



Record-Breaking Attendance in Tampa!

Scenes from the ICRI 2003 Fall Convention

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The weather was beautiful, the golf was great, and the energy and enthusiasm of the attendees seemed to be at an all-time high. So was the attendance, as ICRI recorded its highest numbers ever, with over 270 ICRI members showing their support for the organization and the industry by attending the 2003 ICRI Fall Convention, held October 23 and 24 at the Tampa Marriott Waterside in Tampa, Florida.

The high enthusiasm and great attendance also spilled over into ICRI Committee Meetings and Technical Sessions. Many of the Technical Committees made strong progress on the documents they are working on, and the Technical Session was so well attended that we had to twice increase the usual number of chairs in the room!

And though attendees kept busy at these ICRI activities, there was also room for some fun. The convention kicked off with a golf outing at the beautiful Lake Jovita Golf and Country Club, sponsored by the Florida West Coast Chapter, who also served as able hosts for the convention. After a fine (or not so fine, depending on your score!) day on the links, people jumped on Tampa's Historic Streetcars right outside the hotel for a ride to the famous Ybor City for the Florida West Coast Chapter Welcome at Ybor City's Barley Hoppers International Alehouse and Grill. The chapter provided delicious food and drink and gave attendees a chance to do some sightseeing in this historic district.

The theme for the fall convention was "High-Rise Repair," which made for some very interesting presentations at the Technical Sessions. Eleven speakers gave talks on this subject during three technical sessions spanning Thursday and Friday. All of the technical sessions drew high praise for the quality and content of the presentations.

During the General Session on Thursday, ICRI President Allen Roth gave attendees a quick update on the state of ICRI and various projects in development. He then introduced Florida West Coast Chapter President Bud Earley, who welcomed everyone to the convention and gave



(Above) Members ready to board Tampa's Historic Streetcars right outside the hotel for a ride to the famous Ybor City for the Florida West Coast Chapter Welcome at Ybor City's Barley Hoppers International Alehouse and Grill.



Attendees enjoy the Florida West Coast Chapter Welcome.



ICRI members working hard at one of the many committee meetings held during the convention.



Many attendees filled the room at Thursday's Technical Session.



Pepe Garcia and Teddy Theryo give a special presentation at Thursday's General Session.

(Right) Networking is one of the great benefits of attending an ICRI Convention, as evidenced by this impromptu meeting in the exhibit and luncheon area.



Attendees enjoying the view at Thursday's Welcoming Reception.



Beautiful weather, good food, and great company provided for a wonderful evening at the Welcoming Reception.

a well-deserved thanks to those chapter members whose hard work helped make this such a successful meeting. Earley then introduced special guests Pepe Garcia, P.E., District Structures & Facilities Engineer, FDOT District 7, Tampa, Florida, and Teddy Theryo, P.E., Assistant Vice President, Parsons Brinckerhoff, Tampa, Florida. These gentlemen gave a very interesting presentation on "The Tendons Corrosion Investigation and Repair of Sunshine Skyway Bridge High Level Approach Columns," concerning a repair to one of the most famous bridges in the United States.

The weather in Tampa was beautiful throughout the convention, which allowed us to have our Welcoming Reception outdoors. As seen in the photos, the picturesque setting made for a lovely evening, and the warm temperatures were especially welcome to our attendees from northern climates.

And on Friday afternoon, the weather continued to cooperate (although that bright sunshine was hot!) as ICRI's Florida West Coast Chapter arranged and participated in a special product demonstration. It is always interesting to actually see how equipment and products work after listening to discussions about them, and convention attendees enjoyed this interesting and enlightening afternoon in the sun.



Attendees gather around the live demos.



Florida West Coast Chapter Director Rob Wilson (far left) and other employees of Wilson & Kehoe Corporation after doing their part in Friday's demos.

The convention was capped off on Friday evening by the 2003 ICRI Outstanding Project Awards Banquet. The Banquet honors winners of the ICRI Project Awards and gives attendees an opportunity to hear about these challenging projects firsthand. The ICRI Project Awards program, heading into its 12th year, is one of ICRI's activities that is truly international. This year, there were 10 Honorable Mention Awards, 5 Awards of Excellence, and the Project of the Year; 4 of these were either submitted by firms or involved projects from outside the United States. We have always had international members from these award-winning projects attend the convention and Awards Banquet, and this year was no exception, with attendees on hand from Venezuela, Colombia, and Canada. This gives everyone an opportunity to network and hear about projects and practices from around the world. Hearing about all of these award-winning projects made for a full evening, but Awards Committee Chair and emcee Kevin Michols kept things lively and fast-paced. A special thanks to those ICRI award winners from outside North America who traveled great distances to be at the banquet.



Kevin Michols emcees the ICRI Project Awards Banquet.

As you can see, ICRI Conventions are full of interesting activities and many lively networking opportunities. We hope to see you all at the 2004 Spring Convention to be held in ICRI's backyard, Chicago, Illinois, April 1-2, 2004 (see page 7 for brochure).

(Below) William "Bud" Earley (Florida West Coast Chapter President) proudly shows off the Euclid Chemical Company's award plaque for Honorable Mention in the Low Rise Structure Category.



Winners of ICRI's Project of the Year, Larry Church (left), Walker Parking Consultants, and Joseph Bornstein (right), Chicago Park District.



Project Award Winners from South America (left to right): Carlos Hernandez, Master Builders Technology; Osvaldo Luiz de Oliveira Barros, SECOENGE—Servicos de Engenharia; Ari de Paula Machado, Paula Machado Engenharia e Projectos; and Rodolfo Scannone and Jose Luis Beauperthey, B.R.S. Ingenieros C.A.

ICRI's Board of Directors meets at every ICRI convention. The Board is responsible for all governance issues and, as with most companies and organizations, growth sometimes requires some introspection; often, changes to policy are necessary to ensure a positive future.

ICRI is no exception. The Board has often spent too much time governing and administrating ICRI with not enough energy dedicated to strategic planning and forward, creative thinking. For energetic growth of ICRI, the Board needed to change the Institute's governance structure and strengthen the committees.

The current ICRI administration consists of a seven-person Executive Committee and 24 Directors. To eliminate the administrative burden and strengthen our industry and ICRI, the Board felt the number of Directors and committees needed to be reduced. Over a 3-year period, the number of Directors will be reduced from 24 to 15. The intent is for all current Directors to complete their 3-year terms. Starting in 2004, we will add only five new Directors per year. The 15 Directors will be elected from nine geographical regions and six at-large positions. The chapters will be instrumental in the nominating process, thus strengthening ICRI's position with them and allowing them more input into the governing structure. (See Bylaws changes below for specifics.)

The Board firmly believes these changes will result in positive, forward thinking for the Institute. The Board of Directors meetings will now result in an exchange of ideas, creative thinking, and ultimately development of action plans to implement our strategic plan. The following are the ICRI Bylaws changes that were voted on and approved by the Board on October 25, 2003.

ICRI Bylaws changes as of October 25, 2003

ARTICLE V—OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

Section 1. The elective officers of this Institute shall be a President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer. These officers shall be elected by ballot as described in Section 2, Article XI, of the Bylaws and shall serve a term of one (1) year or until their successors are elected. The Secretary and Treasurer may be re-elected at the discretion of the membership. The President and Vice President shall not be eligible for re-election to the same office for a period of one (1) year.

Section 2. The Board shall consist of fifteen (15) Directors. Of the 15 directors serving at any given time, nine (9) would be chosen by Chapter regions, and six (6) at-large by recommendation of the Nominating Committee. The regions would be grouped as follows:

A. Region 1: Florida, The Islands, South America, Puerto Rico

B. Region 2: Georgia, Alabama, North Carolina, South Carolina, S. Virginia, Mississippi, Louisiana

C. Region 3: N. Virginia, Maryland, E. Pennsylvania, Delaware, S. New Jersey

D. Region 4: N. New Jersey, E. New York, Connecticut, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Maine, Eastern Canada

E. Region 5: Iowa, Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Missouri, Kansas

F. Region 6: W. New York, W. Pennsylvania, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Europe

G. Region 7: Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska

H. Region 8: Washington, Oregon, W. Canada, N. California, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, Alaska

I. Region 9: S. California, Nevada, Utah, Arizona, New Mexico, Mexico, Hawaii, Asia

All fifteen (15) Elected Directors, whether from the regular membership, or the Chapter Regions, shall be elected for a term of office of three (3) years or until their successors are elected. An Elected Director may not serve as such for more than two (2) consecutive terms.

ARTICLE IX—COMMITTEES

Section 1. The President, subject to the approval of the Board of Directors, shall annually appoint such standing, special, or subcommittees as may be required by the Bylaws or as he or she may find necessary.

Section 2. The Nominating Committee shall consist of eight (8) voting members, six (6) of whom shall

be elected by mail ballot of the membership. Two (2) of the six (6) will be elected each year to serve a three-year term. The committee shall be chaired by the most recent Past President of the Institute, who shall remain a member of the committee for an additional year.

Of the fifteen (15) Directors serving at any given time, nine (9) would be directly nominated by regions, and six (6) at-large by recommendation of the Nominating Committee. These six (6) at-large members may also come from nominations by regions, at the discretion of the Nominating Committee.

One (1) Director per each region will be chosen on a three-year cycle. Starting with the 2005 election, the cycles will be 2, 5, and 8; in 2006, 3, 6, and 9; in 2007, 1, 4, and 7, and each will be rotated on a three-year cycle.

Each Chapter within a region may nominate candidates for the Board. If any of these candidates meets the minimum criteria for nomination, each third year the region is guaranteed one candidate on the ballot. If more than one candidate per region meets or exceeds the criteria in a nomination cycle, it is up to the discretion of the nominating committee to choose the regional representative to appear on the ballot.

The nominated individual would have to agree to all of the current conditions for serving on the Board. They would be required to attend all Board meetings, per ICRI Bylaws. Also, it is recommended, but not required, that the chapters consider those members that have attended at least one ICRI convention prior to their nomination.

In selecting candidates for the at-large positions on the Board of Directors, the Nominating Committee shall make every reasonable effort to ensure that equal representation, both by geographical region and by work discipline, is maintained. The Nominating Committee shall nominate a candidate for each position of elected officers, for the Board of Directors (including those from the Chapter Regions), and for the Nominating Committee, and shall notify the membership in writing that nominations are open not less than sixty (60) days prior to the election date, with notification appearing in the July/August issue of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*.

Nominations from the regions or Chapters will be accepted no later than September 30. Any member nominated by petition of two and one-half

percent (2-1/2%) of the voting membership shall be placed on the ballot. The ballot shall indicate those nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee and those recommended by petition. The Nominating Committee shall conduct an election by mail ballot, to be completed on January 1, in which each voting member will have one vote to cast for each officer and directorship position to be elected. The candidate receiving the highest number of votes for each office shall be declared elected. The results of the election shall be announced no later than the next annual membership meeting. The Board of Directors may, as it deems necessary, prescribe rules to govern elections.

Section 3. The following mandatory standing committees shall be appointed by the President of the Institute, of such size as he or she deems appropriate:

Administrative Committees:

Education, Chapters, Fellows, Finance, Meetings and Conventions, Marketing (combination of Awards, Membership, and Industry Outreach), Publications, and Technical Activities.

Technical Committees:

Coatings and Waterproofing, Corrosion, Evaluation, Grouting, Repair Materials and Methods, Strengthening and Stabilization, and Surface Preparation.

It is desirable to have the Committee Chair of all standing Administrative Committees to be a member of the Board of Direction; however, at the Executive Committee's discretion, they may be from the membership at large. The President is responsible for appointing all Administrative Committee Chairs and the Chair of the Technical Activities Committee.

The Treasurer of the Institute shall act as Chair of the Finance Committee, and the Chairs of the other committees shall be selected from the members of the Board of Directors, except that the Chair of the Technical Activities Committee may be selected from the membership at large. Each committee shall elect a Vice-Chair and a Secretary. Each committee shall monitor the activities of the Institute in its respective field and propose changes and new programs to the Board of Directors for approval. Committees shall operate in accordance with ICRI's Policy Manual.