

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

IT HAS BEEN "AN INTERESTING YEAR" AND EXPECTATIONS FOR THE FUTURE



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The 2009 year has absolutely flown by, with so many events occurring or not occurring, depending on your perspective. How many of you have said those words "an interesting year" or heard them many times from others? The statement probably will not go out of use anytime soon.

Financially, we have all participated in events not seen for decades. Hopefully, our association members have been able to positively adjust to their circumstances and now look forward to a new year with some newfound enthusiasm. If your enthusiasm is lacking, reach out within the association and keep fighting. I always think that situations will improve with time and effort.

ICRI, as an organization, has remained solid through this year. Our membership has heard the call for support and provided that support unequivocally. Financial and membership results have maintained our position as a leader in the restoration industry. Internally, the Board of Directors, Executive Committee, and CAM (ICRI's management company) have adjusted to meet the challenges facing the organization and its membership. Many of the initiatives you have heard about are coming to fruition and will be available for the membership to use in supporting their own efforts in the restoration industry.

The Board and the Executive Committee have revised and updated all of the By-Laws to bring the organization in line with changes made during the past few years. I would ask all ICRI members to continue to monitor this organization's efforts and offer any suggestions for improvement to Board members for consideration. The Institute's Policy Manual has also been updated to reflect all of ICRI's current policies, including documentation of all past changes, and provide a standard of operation for Board members and our management company to adhere to.

We as a restoration industry organization have grown substantially due to the tireless efforts of the hundreds of volunteers who improve restoration industry standards and who experience an overwhelming satisfaction in participating in ICRI. I personally have experienced a very gratifying year and sincerely appreciate the support received from this organization's membership, Board, and management company.

To those on the Executive Committee, I thank you for your support and your tireless efforts over the past few years. As some may know, the time involved in the oversight of this organization is all voluntary. It is worthwhile and rewarding to be involved with members of this association, especially when our goals are common; and I encourage all who can to participate to their fullest potential. I look forward to 2010 and to providing support to Chuck Knight, ICRI's incoming President. I wish the very best of luck to all in the coming year and in the future.