

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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I heard lots of good things about ICRI and its chapters during the recent ICRI 2013 Fall Convention in Chicago, IL. It was a great location for a convention and the overall impression was excellent. If you missed the Inter-Chapter Luncheon and Forum presentation, where there was a focus on leadership, just drop a note to Dale Regnier at ICRI headquarters and ask for a copy. It is definitely something you can go through with your current and future leaders to help everyone get focused.

Election season has come and gone with the holidays, so I hope you were able to hold your chapter elections. Your 2014 slate of officers and directors should be complete by now, so be sure to turn it in so communications continue to go to the right person.

With the end of the year also comes the time for all Chapter Leaders to buckle down and get to work on the Chapter Awards forms for the 2013 calendar year. The forms are due on February 14, 2014, and the awards will be presented during the Recognition Luncheon at the ICRI 2014 Spring Convention in Reno, NV, on Thursday, March 20.

As you know, filling out the paperwork for the Chapter Awards program is an excellent way to both look back and plan ahead. Use this opportunity to take a look at where you might need improvement, what new ideas you might want to try, and whether or not you should add a fundraising night or an outdoor activity that the entire family can enjoy. And don't forget to pat yourself on the back for ideas that worked well for you! Please don't take this process lightly and get your forms in on time. From what I have been hearing from you, getting those points and competing with other chapters in your region has become a fun part of our Chapter meetings.

Some of you may know that the ICRI 2013 Fall Convention in Chicago marked my last meeting as the Chair of the ICRI Chapters Committee. This is a dynamic and exciting committee and I have really enjoyed serving you for the past few years. I can't give enough thanks to Dale Regnier for all the hard work he does behind the scenes keeping chapters on their game and making sure deadlines are met. I am leaving you in very good hands with Mark LeMay and would also like to thank him for helping the last couple of years.

Sincerely,
Keith Harrison