

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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Summer is traditionally the busiest time of year for concrete repair professionals. Many chapters suspend regular meetings until fall, although some use the summer to plan golf outings and other social events.

Now is the perfect time to get together and plan for your fall meetings and events. And if you are at a loss for topics and speakers, there is no better resource than the magazine you are holding. Are you looking for an idea for a speaker or a subject to increase meeting attendance? Look no further than your *Concrete Repair Bulletin*. Each issue is packed with the details of the meetings and events that have been successful for chapters around the country. You would be hard-pressed not to find a good idea or speaker by simply reading about the success of other chapters. You can find a professional in your area to present an interesting topic or simply use the phone to reach out to another chapter and ask about their speaker. Many ICRI members and speakers are more than willing to work with you to present their topic at your meeting. All you need to do is ask. Also, if you just had a fantastic meeting with great attendance and an interesting speaker, why not share it with your fellow leaders by sending in a recap with a few photos?

On the topic of making plans for fall, the next Chapter Roundtable will be held in Chicago, IL, in early October and the ICRI 2013 Fall Convention will also be in Chicago from November 13-15. Not only can you expertly

network with other professionals in your field but you can also meet and share with other chapter leaders. Chapters can send a delegate to every ICRI convention. The details regarding delegate responsibility can be found in the Chapters Resource section on the ICRI website.

Have you visited the ICRI website recently or reminded your members about the tools and features available there? Promote the website and get members to use—it's a great way to keep them up to date on all things ICRI. The newest tool you will find on the website is the collection of PowerPoint presentations—one for each ICRI technical guideline. Use these presentations to augment a topic during a technical presentation or simply run through a few of them at each meeting to ensure all your members are aware of the technical guidance available to them.

Remember, if you are interested in a chapter visit, be sure to make that request sooner rather than later!

