

# CHAPTER NEWS

## CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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I am almost afraid to ask, but is summer finally here? With the thickened blood of my New England roots severely lacking after 34 years in Texas, I am ready for some good old-fashioned Texas heat! Ah, yes, working up a good sweat on a sweltering sunny afternoon, pretending to have this game of golf all figured out—that's what I'm talking about! Looking in the rear-view mirror, the

helter-skelter spring season has wound down, and it time to enjoy those lazy, hazy, crazy days of summer!

But that does not mean we have to drop all things ICRI during these laid-back days. What better time to get a few things in order in preparation for the fall golf tournament season, like updating your activities on the ICRI website! Trust me, this is not a task requiring the expertise of a rocket scientist—I am living proof of that. Just grab your laptop or tablet and your favorite cold beverage, and head to that comfy seat in the shade. If you do not know your chapter's log-in information, just contact Dale "The Answer Man" Regnier ([dale.regnier@icri.org](mailto:dale.regnier@icri.org) or 847-827-0830). Plug in all those important upcoming events such as membership meetings, technical presentations, demonstrations, board meetings, golf tournaments, sporting clay events, parties, and so on. Put them all on there! Many ICRI members travel and the website is the first place they look if they want to sign up to attend your activity or event. The meeting and event template on the ICRI website is very user-friendly. You can also upload your newsletters, photos of recent events, or flashy flyers for upcoming events. This small task is a wonderful way to engage a new Board member or maybe even that up-and-comer in your Chapter.

Now, the website is also a great place to add your list of past presenters and meeting topics. After the ICRI 2014 Spring Convention in Reno, NV, ICRI developed a spreadsheet template where each Chapter can list the speakers and topics they have had at their recent meetings. This tool can be a tremendous resource for neighboring chapters when looking for speakers for their upcoming meetings. The request for resources to assist in topic and presenter selection comes up repeatedly at the Regional Chapter Roundtable meetings, and virtually every Chapter Committee meeting at all ICRI conventions. The template has been sent to all Chapter Leaders and has been placed on the ICRI website under the Chapter Resources section of the website. Once again, this is a record-keeping task that could be assigned to a new member looking to get involved in your chapter.

Finally, the ICRI 2014 Fall Convention scheduled for November 12-14 at the InterContinental Hotel in Kansas City, MO, will be here before you know it. Start thinking about getting one of your leaders designated as your Chapter Delegate for the convention. Delegates get FREE convention registration and have the arduous task of attending the convention and reporting back to the chapter. This is simply another way of staying in touch with what is happening nationally, as well as a great way to meet other delegates and review at least 12 unique presentations you can probably get for your chapter. We want to see ALL chapters represented at the Chapters Committee meeting in KC!

Enjoy your summer, and please contact me if I can ever be of assistance to you ([mlemay@jqeng.com](mailto:mlemay@jqeng.com) or 817-505-4304). I hope to see you in November (if not before)!