

# CHAPTER NEWS

## CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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**S**ummer is upon us. For most of us, this means very heavy workloads for the next few months.

Chapter activities seem to lessen during these months, but we all should do our best to stay connected with our members and other chapters. Staying connected has gotten a bit easier, too. Pat Morrissey from the Connecticut Chapter was nice enough to set up a group through the online professional network LinkedIn to facilitate chapter communications. Many current, former, and upcoming leaders have found it very useful. To become part of the group, go to LinkedIn, search under "Groups," search under ICRI, locate the "Roundtable ICRI Group," and request to join.

As we are all getting busy with our concrete repair projects, let's not forget about one of ICRI's most useful tools: the ICRI Web site. The BEST way to find an ICRI member close by or close to your newest project is to use the online ICRI Membership Directory. While the printed version is still one of our most popular resources, the online version is updated every night, so the latest information on new members is readily available with just a few clicks.

Looking for a Technical Guideline? There is no better place to look than the online bookstore. There, you'll find all our Technical Guidelines and many helpful resources. In case you were not aware, PDF copies are now available for ALL ICRI Technical Guidelines, which allows you to immediately download these to your computer. An upcoming resource on the ICRI Web site is a new searchable terminology index for presentations and articles that will become a great tool for all of us.

As I have mentioned before, the Chapter Roundtables have become a great success. Our next Roundtable meeting will

be for the Midwest Area Chapter, held in Chicago, IL, this fall. If you are a chapter leader in this area, you will not want to miss this great discussion group.

If you have ever thought of getting involved locally with your chapter, now is a great time to contact your local leadership. Chapters are always looking for new energy to serve on the board and the fall meeting season is always a busy one. There are technical presentations, demonstrations, golf outings, and a variety of other gatherings across the country. Why not volunteer now to help make any one of these a huge success in your area?

I hope to see you all this October in Cincinnati, OH, for the ICRI 2011 Fall Convention. The Inter-Chapter Luncheon and Forum topic will be the "Overview of ICRI Technical Guidelines" that we have all heard so much about. It will be a great resource for the chapters and the industry.

