

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BUSY SUMMER AT ICRI



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Well, as we say down South, “spring has sprung, summer is here, and it’s hot as...Haiti.” As I write this message, the local temperature has already exceeded 97°F (36°C). It’s probably the only time of the year we would trade weather with those “Northuners.”

While spring and summer hopefully means increased business opportunities for the majority of our 2000+ (*shush!!*) ICRI members, it always steps up the ever-pressing schedule of activities for the Executive Committee. Our summer planning session is scheduled for July 20-21 in Chicago, IL, with an extremely full agenda.

The general membership may or may not be aware of the numerous organizational issues and ongoing activities that require the attention and review by the ICRI Executive Committee. There are eight members of the Executive Committee (President, President-Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Past President, Technical Activities Committee [TAC] Chair, and Executive/Technical Director); however, only six may vote. The TAC Chair and ICRI’s Executive/Technical Director are both members, but do not have voting authority. With the assistance of Kelly Page and her hardworking staff, the Executive Committee will spend 2 full days reviewing and addressing issues including updating guidelines, committee activities, education, marketing, certification programs, by-laws, and Policy Manual updates. There are literally dozens of activities past, present, and future that require review by our committee. Many of these items that are and have been successfully reviewed are then passed on to the Board of Directors for discussion and approval.

We, as the Executive Committee, serve you, the constituents of ICRI; therefore, we encourage you to attend conventions, participate on administrative and/or technical committees, and join a local chapter. As a side note, as a member of ICRI, you are welcome to attend the Board of Directors meetings, which are held on the Saturday following each fall and spring convention (there are typically a couple of agenda items that

are closed to all non-Board members—you will be asked to leave when those are discussed). If you want to have a voice in how your organization is run, then join a committee, come to a convention, and let us benefit from your knowledge and experience within the industry.

Of course, one of the most exciting events being planned is our 25th Anniversary Celebration in 2013. With special thanks to Bud Earley (Ad hoc Committee Chair), David Karins, and Kelly Page, we can proudly announce that the ICRI 2013 Spring Convention will be held at the TradeWinds Island Resorts at St. Pete Beach, FL. This location was chosen not only because it meets our criteria for meeting space and rooms, but it is also an outstanding family-oriented resort with numerous youth activities, restaurants, swimming pools, and beaches. To see for yourself, please go online to www.tradewindsresort.com.

Start planning for the 25th anniversary celebration year now. The fall convention of our anniversary year will be held in Chicago, IL, the birthplace of the Blues and, more importantly, ICRI! Almost 25 years ago, in Naperville, IL (a suburb outside of Chicago), ICRI held its inaugural meeting.

As a reminder, our upcoming 2011 Fall Convention is in Cincinnati, OH. In keeping with our level of expertise, we will have an outstanding group of speakers lined up, coupled with incomparable face time and invaluable networking opportunities with many of your industry associates.

A very significant high note of 2011 is that as of the end of April, ICRI can confirm over 2000 members! What an awesome achievement for CAM and for all of our members who present us as the premier concrete repair organization! In economic “down times” we have been able to prevail and grow our membership. Congratulations to all!

As I close out this message, I would like to send out ICRI’s heartfelt thoughts and prayers to all of those individuals who have been affected by the storms and tornadoes in the heartland of the U.S. and to those who were inundated by the latest earthquakes and tsunamis around the world. May God bless and see over you. The active hurricane season is just upon us, so please make sure you that all of you have your safety plans in place.