

ICRI 17th Annual Membership Meeting: New Officers, New Fellows



Immediate Past-President Bob Johnson highlights ICRI special events from 2004



ICRI President Robert Pusheck (left) recognizes the contributions of Past-President Johnson (right) with a commemorative plaque

Approximately 150 ICRI members and guests recently helped the organization celebrate its 17th anniversary at the Annual Membership Meeting, held at the Treasure Island Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 17, 2005. The meeting, as usual, coincided with World of Concrete. The meeting began with a festive reception, where many old friends had the opportunity to catch up, including Honorary ICRI Members Milt and Sally Collins. Following the delicious dinner, Kelly Page, Executive Director of ICRI, welcomed the attendees and thanked the members for their strong support in 2004. She then recognized ICRI's Supporting Members, (see full list on page 3) and mentioned the importance and appreciation of their continuing support.

Page then introduced ICRI's newest Fellows, Dick Bonin and Kevin Michols. This was

followed by Immediate Past-President Bob Johnson, who gave the attendees a look at the activities of ICRI throughout the past year, including the news that ICRI is at its highest membership levels ever! (For a complete report, see the Annual Report, page 21). Johnson also gave a report on the 2004 Nominating Committee procedures, which included the new Regional Representative System for the first time. He then introduced the new officers and Board members. He concluded with the traditional passing of the gavel from Past-President Johnson to Robert Pusheck, current President of ICRI.

After a short speech from Pusheck, looking ahead to the coming year, including his initiative on education, the evening concluded with a presentation of door prizes. Several people went home with great ICRI wearables, and everyone went home with memories of a very special evening!



ICRI's new Fellows, Dick Bonin (left) and Kevin Michols (right)



ICRI's booth at World of Concrete 2005, Las Vegas, Nevada

New Officers for 2005

President



Robert Pusheck
C.A. Lindman, Inc.
Jessup, MD

President-Elect



Dennis Pinelle
Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc.
Arlington, MA

Vice President



Marty Sobelman
Atlas Restoration, Inc.
Wheeling, IL

Secretary



Monica Rourke
Dry Works, Inc.
Bristol, CT

Treasurer



Chuck Knight
Sto Corp.
Atlanta, GA

Past President



Robert Johnson
The Sherwin-Williams Company
Tampa, FL

New Board Members for 2005

Board Members for the three-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2007



Don Ford
Lesco Restorations, Inc.
Charleston, SC



Margaret Mitnick
Facility Engineering Associates
Fairfax, VA



Mark Nelson
Nelson Testing Laboratories
Schaumburg, IL



Chris Olson
ChemCo Systems, Inc.
Redwood City, CA



Tom Quinn
DYWIDAG Systems International, Inc.
Tucker, GA

2005 Fellows



Dick Bonin

Dick Bonin is the Business Development Representative for The Western Group, parent company of Western Waterproofing Company, Brisk Restoration, Harry S. Peterson, and Western Restoration Co. He joined Western in 1976 as the Branch Manager at Western Waterproofing in San Francisco, California, for 6 years and Branch Manager at Western Waterproofing in Houston, Texas, for 5 years. Since then he has spent 17 years in the Corporate Marketing Department specializing in masonry and post-tension repair. Bonin is presently working with repair methods using composite fiber materials, post-tension repair, masonry repair, concrete repair, and cathodic protection. He received a BS degree in building construction from Northeast Louisiana University, Monroe, Louisiana. Bonin is a member of ICRI, ASTM International, the Post-Tensioning Institute (PTI), NACE International, and the Association for Preservation Technology. He also is cochair of the ICRI subcommittee for the Repair of Unbonded Post-Tensioned Structures.



Kevin A. Michols

Kevin A. Michols is Vice President at CTLGroup, a specialty engineering consulting and testing firm in Skokie, Illinois. He directs the technical and business activities of CTLGroup's structural and architectural engineering practice and actively participates in structural evaluation and repair projects. Michols received a BS and an MS from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Urbana, Illinois, and holds professional registrations in nine states. He has 24 years of experience in structural performance evaluation, failure investigation, rehabilitation/retrofit design, and troubleshooting construction-related problems. His areas of expertise include structural condition assessment, structural integrity evaluation, nondestructive testing, strengthening, and durability enhancement. In addition to directing complex and challenging concrete repair projects, Michols has provided consistent service to the profession through technical committee work, presentations, publications, and administrative leadership in ICRI, the American Concrete Institute (ACI), the American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE), and the Structural Engineers Association of Illinois (SEAI).

2005 Chapter Awards

Chapter of the Year

Florida West Coast

Term President: Bud Earley
Submitted by: David Karins and Bud Earley

Awards for Outstanding Achievement

Baltimore-Washington

Term President: Michael Tabassi
Submitted by: Michael Tabassi, Scott Harrison, and Michael O'Malley

Carolinas

Term President: Mike Morse
Submitted by: Russ Botos

Chicago Tri-States

Term President: Lee Sizemore
Submitted by: Torrey Thompson and Gary Hayes

Delaware Valley

Term President: Tracy Marcotte
Submitted by: John Broome and Charlene Johnson

Georgia

Term President: Paul Derby
Submitted by: Sam Morris

Houston

Term President: Mark Holland
Submitted by: Ray Drexler and Greg Reisz

New England

Term President: Ralph Noblin
Submitted by: Ralph Noblin and Paul Millette

Northern California

Term President: Ron Bishop
Submitted by: Chris Olson, Bran Kamin, and Jim Markovich

Rocky Mountain

Term President: Randy Diner
Submitted by: John Lund

San Diego

Term President: Adriano Bortolin
Submitted by: Larry Parkhurst

Excellent Chapter Awards

Connecticut

Term President: Dave Carlson
Submitted by: Peter Barlow

Pittsburgh

Term President: Evan Rowles
Submitted by: Rachel Stiffler

Southeastern Florida

Term President: Rick Slider
Submitted by: Dave Wurst and Scott White

Virginia

Term President: Pete Lipphardt
Submitted by: Vince Beyer

2005 Annual Report

The International Concrete Repair Institute had a banner year in 2004. We held an important industry-wide meeting, published several documents, made some critical governance changes, and continued to grow in both membership and financial health. Here are some of the highlights of 2004:

Awards

The ICRI Awards for Outstanding Repair Projects again proved to be a success in 2004. We had 32 high-quality entries—the most the program has had to date. The Awards Banquet was held at the 2004 ICRI Fall Convention in San Francisco, where participants from across the country and from all categories of membership had representatives to accept their awards. The projects chosen to receive recognition were all highlighted in the November/December 2004 issue of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*, so be sure to pick up a copy of this issue and see the outstanding quality of all the projects. The rules for the 2005 Project Awards for 2005 will have some minor changes but will keep with the schedule set last year. Entries are due on May 2, 2005. Please contact us at (847) 827-0830, or visit our website, www.icri.org, for the complete rules and highlights of the last several years of award winning projects.

Board and Executive Committee

The Board and Executive Committee had a very busy year, overseeing some long-range planning and instituting changes to the governance structure of ICRI. First, the Board was responsible for ICRI's hosting of "Vision 2020," an industry-wide strategic planning session for the entire concrete repair industry that immediately preceded our 2004 Spring Convention. The document that came out of this meeting can be viewed on ICRI's website. The Executive Committee finalized a 5-year Strategic Plan for the Institute, which was approved and adopted by the Board at the 2004 Fall Convention. The reduction of the number of Board Directors continues, and 2004 marks the first year that the chapters were much more involved in the Board nomination process, resulting in three new Directors from three chapter regions. The Board also finalized a review process for Creative Association Management (CAM), ICRI's management company. The Board and the Executive Committee continue with new projects, including the formation of a Board Ad Hoc Committee to look at ICRI website issues and needs. You will hear more about these projects in the next few months.

Chapters

In 2004, the Chapters Committee saw the following accomplishments:

- The Chapter Leadership Forum continued to be a success, and forum presentations can now be found on ICRI's website. The theme of the Forum for the 2005 Spring Convention was "Planning Educational Seminars."
- Work continued with people in several areas where there is interest in starting new chapters, including Puerto Rico and Kansas City.
- The Chapter Awards program continued to be refined. Congratulations to all of the 2004 Outstanding and Excellent Chapters, especially our Chapter of the Year, the Florida West Coast Chapter.
- ICRI welcomed a new Chapter Relations Coordinator, Carlos Tabora, who continued to work closely with the chapters to make sure their rosters were up to date, their web pages were working smoothly, and helped with any other issues for which they were looking for assistance.

Fellows

In 1998, the Board of Directors established the special membership classification of Fellows of the International Concrete Repair Institute to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the concrete repair industry. At the 2004 Fall Convention, two outstanding individuals were submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval. They are listed on page 20, and were recognized at the Annual Membership Meeting in January. The committee thanks these association members and chapters who submitted nominations and reminds members that nomination forms are available from ICRI Headquarters.

Marketing

2004 was the inaugural year for the Marketing Committee. Its mission is to increase industry presence, membership, and revenue by communicating the value of ICRI, including increasing ICRI's visibility both within the concrete repair industry and beyond. This committee has responsibility over many functions, including all trade show activity, membership issues, international marketing, and awards. For 2005, in addition to our booth at World of Concrete, the committee voted to have a booth at ConExpo-Con/Agg, in March, and at the American Institute of Architects Convention in May. The Marketing Committee also played a large role in the 2004 Fall Convention, organizing a special

event for the General Session—a showing of a documentary about the undefeated heavyweight boxing champion of the world, Rocky Marciano, which covered Rocky's career knockout punches with commentaries supplied by movie stars, world famous athletes, and adored politicians. The Marketing Committee also organized a special raffle for this event, giving away a pair of boxing gloves personally autographed by Muhammad Ali, with the proceeds to benefit future marketing efforts. Marketing will continue to be an important focus for ICRI in 2005, as we have many new and worthwhile products and services for the industry, and we need to get the word out!

Meetings and Conventions

The Meetings and Conventions Committee has been busy working on location, themes, and other activities for future conventions. They made some changes to the structure of conventions in 2004, including moving the Awards Banquet to Thursday evening of the Fall Convention. They also developed a special sponsor program for convention events, and held two "Visit the Exhibits" breakfasts, which enhanced visibility for our important convention exhibitors. The success of these programs at the 2004 Fall Convention will lead us to repeat them in the spring.

The 2005 Spring Convention took place March 3-4 in Boston, Massachusetts, with "Corrosion" as the theme. A special ICRI one-day seminar, "Moisture Testing and Mitigation," immediately preceded this convention. Look for a full review in an upcoming issue of the *CRB*. In the fall, our convention will again precede ACI's, this time in New Orleans, Louisiana. It will be held November 2-4, with a theme of "Industrial Repairs." ICRI members and staff are hard at work with plans for these conventions, which are not to be missed!

Publications

The Publications Committee oversees the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*, and all other ICRI publications. It develops themes for the issues, oversees the Marketing Planner, and plans to slightly redesign the magazine in 2005. The magazine has continued to grow in content and size, and we would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the advertisers who came out strong in support of ICRI and the *Bulletin* in 2004. The Publications

Committee has also been hard at work helping to develop article sources for the *Bulletin*. We are always on the lookout for articles, and ICRI staff would be happy to work with any of you who are interested.

Technical Activities

The Technical Activities Committee, under the direction of Chair Rick Edelson, again made major strides in 2004, with the publication of three great new guidelines, with a fourth being printed soon. The first is the "Guide for Design, Installation, and Maintenance of Protective Polymer Flooring Systems for Concrete," a joint publication with SSPC and NACE. This was followed by the long-anticipated, "Guide to Using In-Situ Tensile Pull-Off Tests to Evaluate Bond of Concrete Surface Materials." Finally, the "Guide for the Preparation of Concrete Surfaces for Repair Using Hydrodemolition Methods" was published this fall. And the "Guide for Selecting Grouts to Control Leakage in Concrete Structures" will be published shortly.

Many of our technical committees have other documents under development, with a couple close to completion. TAC has also assigned a subcommittee to review and update the TAC Manual, a task that should be completed this spring. Last year marked the first year of ICRI Past-President Jim McDonald's term as TAC Secretary, which greatly improved the flow of work from our technical committees. ICRI is confident that TAC will have even more great information available in 2005.

Membership

Finally, ICRI can happily report that membership numbers continue to rise. At the beginning of January 2005, we had 1720 members, including 20 Supporting Members—our highest numbers for both categories. Our renewal rates continue to improve, meaning current members are seeing the benefits of continuing ICRI membership. This success is due in large part to our current members, and the wonderful marketing they do for us. Every time one of our members discusses ICRI and its benefits to someone they know, we have gained a potential new member. So, ICRI would like to give a hearty thanks to all of the members who so strongly support the association and its mission. 2004 would not have been the successful year it was without you!