

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2014—THE YEAR OF POSSIBILITIES



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When a few individuals first came together to discuss the creation of a new organization, no one thought that 25 years later it would be the leading, robust entity in the repair industry. Those few individuals had a vision with an attitude to never abandon the power of possibilities. Over the years, others joined the organization and helped carry out the founders' vision with passion, hard work, and envisioning more possibilities.

I believe the definition of success is the realization of a worthy idea. Based on this, ICRI is an outcome of a worthy idea and is therefore a success. A success of this magnitude cannot and does not happen without the knowledge, contribution, and support of our members—from the general membership to those serving in leadership roles. I would like to thank all of our ICRI members, committee members, chairpersons, Board members, officers, and CAM and its staff for building what we have today. I would especially like to thank our 25th President, Bud Earley, for carrying the flag during his tenure and for making our 25th anniversary a memorable celebration and a difficult one to beat.

As per our Past Presidents, I assume responsibility as ICRI President with the priority to make a difference in our organization, both short- and long-term. Our members are our resources and strength and we will ensure that their efforts, knowledge, and experience are being used to the fullest. For this reason, I would like to call 2014 the “Year of Possibilities.” From officers, the Board of Directors, chairpersons, and our management company, we will be open to all new suggestions and ideas. We will listen without judgment, research the pros and cons, and report an unbiased result for all to consider. The word “cannot” or “have been tried” will not be used in any circumstance until a complete due diligence is performed, the result is communicated and discussed with the Executive and Board members, and a decision is made. We will systematically start every suggestion as being a possible and doable task.

I am honored that you have trusted me with being your President. I want to assure you that you will always have my full attention any time you need it. Please come by and talk to me during our conferences, and feel free to call or e-mail me.

We have enjoyed a great 25 years. I am looking forward to another 25 years of continued growth, friendship, cooperation and, most of all, possibilities.