

CHAPTER NEWS

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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The New Year has really started off with a bang! ICRI has already hosted another successful Kick-Off Party at World of Concrete (WOC) in Las Vegas, NV; collected Chapter Award forms from many of its Chapters (including your Chapter?); and, by the time you read this, will have held another Regional Roundtable meeting, this time in Phoenix, AZ. And there is no letup!

March will find us in the “Big Apple” for the ICRI 2015 Spring Convention—a not-to-be-missed event!! Here’s hoping that your Chapter has designated a Delegate to represent you at the convention. **Please make sure to have your Delegate fill out the special Delegate Registration Form that was sent directly to your Chapter.** If you need a copy, please contact Dale Regnier (dale.regnier@icri.org). I look forward to seeing you in New York!

A few more reminders:

- Keep your Chapter’s portion of the ICRI website up-to-date with upcoming meetings, chapter newsletters, a calendar of events, and so on. The meeting info on the website is template-based and easy to fill out. Meeting flyers, newsletters, and more can be uploaded with just a few clicks. This is a simple task that can be assigned to one of your new Board members. If you need your login information, just contact Dale.
- Every month, Dale forwards each Chapter a copy of their membership roster. Do you have a membership/retention

person or committee contacting expired and soon-to-be-expired members? Yes, it’s great to attract new members, but it is equally important to retain your current members!

- Does your Chapter have an Operations Guide that outlines responsibilities for Board members? Dividing up the work helps to keep all your Board members involved and prevents burn-out. Organizing Committees is another great way to divide up the work (and keep your Board Meetings shorter!). Past Presidents of chapters have the potential to make good Committee Chairpersons (and keeps them involved after they leave office)!
 - With so many volunteer opportunities to choose from, people will tend to migrate towards the organizations that are enjoyable to participate in. Since joining the organization and the North Texas Chapter in 2006, I have found ICRI to be a tremendous gathering of like-minded professionals, who take the Institute’s mission to heart. Do your chapter meetings provide a benefit to your members? Are your Chapter’s activities fun to attend? Do you look forward to attending chapter meetings and activities? Are your Board members friendly and welcoming? Remember that ICRI’s Code of Ethics requires respect and honest dealings from **all** members—traits that will foster a healthy and productive chapter!
- Many thanks for your involvement in your local Chapter—you are the lifeblood of our organization! If I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me (mlemay@jqeng.com or 817-505-4304).