

CHAPTER NEWS

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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Well, spring is finally upon us. It brings the warm weather needed to kick off a new season of concrete repair—that is, for those of us who experience cold winters. For those lucky few who don't experience winter, we really don't want to hear about it.

The ICRI 2011 Spring Convention held in Houston, TX, was a great success. For those of you who were not able to attend the Inter-Chapter Luncheon, you missed a great discussion and presentation by Dale Regnier on the ICRI Web site and Chapter Resources section. Lots of suggestions were made to make the section even more useful for chapter leaders, so keep an eye out for the latest and greatest.

I would like to extend a huge thank-you to Mark LeMay of the North Texas Chapter for accepting the position of Co-Chair for the Chapters Committee.

Our topic for the Inter-Chapter Luncheon at the 2011 Fall Convention will be the brand-new "Overview of ICRI Technical Guidelines" PowerPoint presentation put together by Jim McDonald (ICRI's Technical Activities Committee Secretary) and presented by his co-author, Rick Edelson of Tadjer Cohen Edelson & Associates. Please plan to join us and learn more about this new program designed to highlight all the ICRI technical guidelines.

I would like to take a moment to remind each ICRI chapter to keep your information up to date on the national Web site. It is typically the first point of contact for anyone interested in your chapter and its activities.

The Chapters Committee was productive in Houston. The committee voted to accept the changes recommended by Mark LeMay's Awards Form Subcommittee. When the forms are available later this year for you to fill out with your 2011 activities, you will find the following changes:

1. "Sponsored Member" has been removed;
2. A new question and award points have been added for chapters that have increased their membership 2 years in a row; and
3. Previous recommendations from the new Delegate Program have been added.

It was also suggested and approved by the entire committee to add an award for Outstanding Chapter Program. This will be a separate and optional written item that will be reviewed.

The Chapter Roundtables continue to be well received and very successful. The next Roundtable will be held in November for the Midwest Region and will include the Great Plains, Iowa/Illinois, Chicago, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Michigan, Indiana, Northern Ohio, and Greater Cincinnati Chapters.

Good luck to the Chico State students as they continue to try to form the first Student Chapter.

As always, your input is always welcome, so please do not hesitate to voice your opinions, concerns, or suggestions.