

# CHAPTER NEWS

## CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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I'd like to start this off by giving a special thanks to the attendees of the most recent Chapter Roundtable event held in Tampa, FL, for the Southeast-area chapters. Everyone brought new and exciting ideas to the table, and they are sure to be used by all the represented chapters to strengthen and bolster their actions and activities.

The Tampa event was the fourth Chapter Roundtable event, and each one has been a great success. With that said, the Chapters Committee has officially recommended to the Executive Committee that the association continue the Roundtable events and plan to go back to the Northeast area in November 2012. The Chapter Roundtable Program will visit each chapter every other year.

Please don't forget to use the Chapter Resources page on the ICRI Web site. It is a great tool for all chapter leaders, with entries on a variety of topics directly related to chapters. You can review the details of the Chapter Delegate Program or download a copy of the Safety Guideline presentation created by ICRI's Safety Committee. Review the due dates for Chapter News items for each upcoming issue of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin (CRB)* or study a copy of the ICRI By-Laws. A big issue for many chapters is finding a topic for their next meeting; we've got you covered. Check out the Chapter Meetings Topic

Lists—you'll find a list of chapter presentations as reported in the latest issues of the *CRB*. Dig a little deeper and you can find topics from 2010 to 2008 or as far back as 2004. This exhaustive list will certainly help you come up with an idea for a future presentation or event in your area. There are a number of excellent resources available to you on the Chapter Resources page of the ICRI Web site. Check them out today.

We have had continued success with chapters submitting their Annual Reports and Awards Forms for 2011. Great thanks to Mark LeMay for reaching out to those chapters in need of help and all those that he recruited to assist with the process. The number of chapters participating rose to 23. The Chapters Committee and ICRI's leaders are happy to applaud the efforts of all the chapter leaders to complete those forms. Congratulations to the Chicago Chapter for winning Chapter of the Year and the Southwest Florida Chapter for being Most Improved for 2011.

Speaking of chapters, we are happy to welcome the Florida First Coast Chapter. We are also looking forward to the efforts of those in South Central Texas and Ontario, Canada, producing possibly two more ICRI chapters in the near future. If you know anyone in Jacksonville, FL; Austin, TX; or Toronto, ON, Canada; or if your company may have offices near any of these locations, please encourage them to support these efforts by joining or volunteering.