

CHAPTER NEWS

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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Hello to all! I hope everyone had a great summer. It certainly was a busy one all around the country. Fall is here and chapters are getting back into the swing of hosting their local meetings and events. The ICRI 2012 Fall Convention will be held in Rancho Mirage, CA, at the beginning of November; and the topic of the Inter-Chapter Luncheon

and Forum will be “Fundraising and Social Activities.” If you do not send a representative from your chapter, if you are looking for some ideas, or if you want to know what other chapters are doing, check with Dale Regnier, Manager, ICRI Marketing and Chapters, as some great ideas will be discussed.

You may or may not be aware that there are a large number of ICRI members who travel. More and more, members are contacting ICRI or simply looking on the website to see if there is a local meeting being held while they are in a particular area. To help out these intrepid road warriors, be sure you do what you can to keep everyone informed of your upcoming chapter activities. Make sure someone is responsible for posting to your chapter page on the ICRI website. That is the **first** place ICRI members will go to see if there is a meeting coming up in an area they will be visiting. Also, be sure to keep your own web page up to date—there’s no sense in spending the money to host your own independent web page if you are not going to keep your meeting notices and information up to date and current. And, finally, why not ensure you reach the widest audience possible? Get your meetings listed in the *Concrete Repair*

Bulletin. The Chapter Meetings & Events section is there for you to provide a snapshot of upcoming events and is an excellent way to promote your chapter and your members.

Chapter leaders, it will soon be time to complete your ICRI 2012 Chapter Awards Forms and Annual Report. The forms will be sent to each chapter’s 2012 President in early December. The forms and the program itself were designed to help each chapter assess and review the activities of the past year. Use the questions and your answers to evaluate the areas where you excelled and determine where you could improve for the coming year. Yes, the program gives out awards for participating in the program but, more importantly, the program is designed to allow chapter leaders to look closely at what they have done to make planning for the coming year that much easier.

Speaking of planning for the coming year—please be sure you have plans in place to hold your chapter elections for officers and directors for 2013. Your official list is due January 15, 2013.

We are continuing around the country with the Chapter Roundtables, so please be aware of the schedule and look for the reminders so you can plan to send participants. We would like to keep the positive momentum built from the first round because it was so well-received.

Celebrations honoring ICRI’s 25th Anniversary start with the ICRI 2013 Kick-Off Party, to be held in conjunction with World of Concrete in Las Vegas, NV. Mark your calendars for February 4, 2013, and plan to join us.