

## CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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**T**he third round of Regional Roundtable Meetings kicked off in rousing fashion in Philadelphia, PA, the City of Brotherly Love, on October 1-2! Eleven chapter leaders from seven chapters shared their successes and struggles, their strengths and weaknesses, as well as their hopes during a day and a half of intense discussions on all things related to chapters. It did not matter

if the chapter has 40 members or it has 160 members; the participants found that many of the issues and concerns are very similar no matter the size. Brian, Tammy, Andy, Dave, Matt, Connie, Kirk, Dan Paul, Evan, and Jean actively participated in all of the discussions, and hopefully came away with valuable information to take back to their local chapters. Thanks to Dale Regnier, Kelly Page, and ICRI President Michael Tabassi for their valuable input! All chapters are **STRONGLY** encouraged to take advantage of the opportunity to participate when this event is scheduled in your area. The next Regional Roundtable meeting will be held in February 2015, and will include the following Chapters: Arizona, British Columbia, Houston, North Texas, Northern California, Pacific Northwest, Rocky Mountain, South Central Texas, and Southern California. Plan ahead!

By the time you read this, the 2014 ICRI Fall Convention will have come and gone. We sincerely hope your chapter was represented at this important event. To fulfill one of the Chapter Delegate requirements, please remind your delegate to submit a written Convention Report to your chapter, and forward a copy to Dale Regnier at ICRI ([dale.regnier@icri.org](mailto:dale.regnier@icri.org)).

As the end of the year approaches, it is time to make some preparations for the New Year. Hopefully, your chapter has a

Nominating Committee and they have identified potential new Board members and asked them if they would be interested in serving the chapter. Regardless of structure, all chapters should hold an election for new Officers and Directors for 2015 by the end of 2014. Once completed, a list of the new Officers and Directors should be forwarded to Dale Regnier no later than January 15, 2015.

Sometime in December, Dale will be alerting you that the 2014 Chapter Award Forms are available on the ICRI website. Each chapter should fill out the forms or, at a minimum, the one-page Chapter Annual Report Form, to maintain their status as an active ICRI Chapter. The Award Form is an important tool that can be used to measure the health of your chapter. Chances are, if you are scoring at least 100 points when answering the questions on the form, then your chapter is on the right track! Is there room for improvement? Quite possibly! Look at your chapter's scores for each section, and how they compare to the total points available for each section. It may not take much additional effort to improve your scores in certain categories. Use these potential areas of improvement to help you set your goals for the coming year! If you don't at least read through the Chapter Awards form, find out how you score—you won't know how easy it is to improve those scores and improve your chapter.

If you need assistance filling out the forms, please do not hesitate to contact me at [mlemay@jqeng.com](mailto:mlemay@jqeng.com) or (817) 505-4304 (direct office line). My goal as the Chair of the ICRI Chapters Committee is to find a way to get to 100% participation in this program. The result can only be stronger, larger, more active, and more engaged chapters and chapter leaders.

### ICRI CHAPTER ROUNDTABLE

Philadelphia, PA, October 1 and 2, 2014

The most recent Chapter Roundtable event took place in Philadelphia, PA, so that chapters in the northeastern portion of the country could send representatives. This meeting marks the beginning of the third time we will be taking this around the country to include all ICRI chapters. The chapters involved included: Baltimore-Washington, Connecticut, Delaware Valley, Metro New York, New England, Pittsburgh, and Quebec Province. Pictured here on the final day of the meeting are (seated left to right): Andy Garver, Jean François Rondeau, Michael Tabassi, Dave Marofsky, Jacques Bertand, and Dale Regnier. Also pictured (left to right standing): Kelly Page, Tammy Gaherty, Kirk Stauffer, Paul Millette, Mark LeMay, Brian McCabe, Connie Mugno,

Evan Rowles, and Dan Clark. The program is designed to strengthen chapters by providing interaction with other local chapters, ICRI Board members, and ICRI staff.

