

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

INSPIRATION



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Sitting in the lobby of the Hilton Fort Worth, greeting the nearly 340 registered attendees during the ICRI 2015 Fall Convention in Fort Worth, TX, I have found my inspiration for this President's Message... literally—Inspiration.

Thanks to the hard work of our local chapters, committee members, and Board of Directors, ICRI has an energy growing that is simply inspiring to be a part of. I've had no less than a dozen people approach me expressing their delight and enthusiasm for the growing excitement throughout the organization.

Three of our last four conventions have had over 300 attendees; and our chapters are engaging hundreds more in local activities. The energy surrounding ICRI is contagious and creating this juggernaut.

I'd like to use this opportunity to highlight the next exciting program ICRI will be launching. At lunch on Thursday, the Strategic Implementation Chair, Chris Lippmann, and the Chair of the Certification Committee, Monica Rourke, announced the progress of our Professional Development Strategic Priority. As you are aware, ICRI has partnered with the American Concrete Institute (ACI) to produce the "Guide to the Code for Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Concrete Buildings—A Companion to ACI 562-13." In alignment with our Strategic Plan to be the go-to organization for education and professional development, our Certification Committee created the Concrete Surface Repair Testing Technician program, our first online education tool. Our program is identified specifically in the latest version of the ACI 562 Repair Code, "Code Requirements for Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Concrete Buildings and Commentary,"



further enhancing the credibility of our organization and validating the value of the committee members' hard work. The program will launch in January and will be available at World of Concrete for those who wish to partake in person.

Thursday night we celebrated with the ICRI annual Project Awards. This event highlights some of the outstanding efforts and accomplishments of our members. The ingenuity, intellect, and passion demonstrated in these projects are in itself inspiring. Congratulations to our colleagues, peers, and friends who have won these prestigious awards! Please enjoy this issue and I hope you are inspired to submit a project for consideration next year.

In closing, I would like to invite any of you who have not attended an ICRI national convention to please join us in Puerto Rico next spring...and be inspired!