

CHAPTER NEWS

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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The surest sign that the fall season is upon us is the buzzing of staff and volunteers busy preparing for the ICRI 2012 Fall Convention. We hope as you plan to close out another busy summer construction season, you will also plan to join us in Rancho Mirage, CA, in November. The convention is your chance to network with ICRI members on a national level, find out what they are doing, and bring that information back to your chapter to help with specific issues you are facing.

And let's face it—each chapter has different issues when it comes to “Fundraising and Social Activities,” which is the theme of this year's fall convention Inter-Chapter Luncheon and Forum. The forum is your chance to learn from your peers and share your successes and obstacles. No ICRI chapter is exactly the same; therefore, no one idea is any better than any other. What you can learn is how to adapt what you learn here to something your chapter can do, and do well.

ICRI's chapters are strong and growing thanks to the selflessness of chapter volunteers and leaders who take on the tasks necessary for success. That is most effectively demonstrated by the activities of emerging chapters. Things are moving quickly and smoothly toward a Chapter Charter for the South Central Texas Chapter, and they plan to have everything ready for presentation at the fall convention. The newest chapters—Florida First Coast in the Jacksonville, FL, area and the Gulf South Chapter in the Birmingham, AL, area—are making great strides, so be sure to encourage your colleagues to join them. Also doing great things during their rebuilding is the Southern California Chapter. A great turnout for their most recent golf outing is proving to be a positive step in their efforts to rebuild one of ICRI's most dynamic chapters. If you or someone from your company would like to be a part of these exciting chapters, please contact Dale Regnier at the ICRI headquarters office.

Each chapter's success and the success of chapter leaders are an important part of what makes attendance at the ICRI 2012 Fall Convention so worthwhile. Networking and education, meetings, and social activities all give attendees meaningful opportunities to absorb information that can be shared with their fellow leaders and the chapter membership.

As you may know, ICRI gives one complimentary registration to each chapter to make it easier for their official chapter delegate to attend a convention. I encourage each chapter to take advantage of this opportunity and send at least one representative to the convention and the Inter-Chapter Luncheon and Forum. The requirements are certainly doable, and the effort is worthwhile. The convention is a valuable tool that can offer an immediate impact. You are valued volunteers. We appreciate the time you put into your chapter and want to do our part to assist in your efforts.

I look forward to seeing you in Rancho Mirage in early November.

CHAPTER DELEGATES ATTENDING THE ICRI 2012 FALL CONVENTION:

The Inter-Chapter Luncheon and Forum will take place on Friday, November 9, from 12:00–1:30 p.m. The theme for this meeting is “Fundraising and Social Activities.” See you there!