

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ICRI FORGING AHEAD



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We recently completed our summer Executive Committee meetings. We spent 2 days going over ICRI business. The bottom line is that we are in good shape. The finances are on track to what we budgeted, including the new cost of the Technical Director. The Executive Committee got to meet Mark Hughes, ICRI's new Technical Director, and look at the priorities for the position. We also reviewed and are in the process of updating ICRI's Vision and Mission to better reflect our purpose and who we are. In addition, we are updating some of our policies and procedures to reflect recent changes and experiences we have had in our organization. All in all, they were very productive meetings.

One of the things we took extra time to do immediately before the summer meeting was to use Myers-Briggs Personality Typology to get to know each other better. Our group included the members of the Executive Committee and the CAM staff located in Rosemont, outside of Chicago, IL. Myers-Briggs is a well-established method that describes people's preferences for interacting with others, gathering information, making decisions, and organizing their lives. It helps us understand our patterns and gives insight into why other people do things the way they do. In short, it helps us understand that others are not doing things the way they do just to annoy us. And this understanding makes it easier for us to work more effectively together.

For the ICRI 2012 Fall Convention, we are on our way to Rancho Mirage, near Palm Springs, CA. The committees are hard at work on many projects, and we look forward to seeing

the results in November. I am looking forward to the convention not only because it is a great golf destination but also because it is so nice to see the work we are doing to fulfill our mission "to be a leading resource for education and information to improve the quality of repair, restoration, and protection of concrete and other structures." One of the initiatives that can now take flight is the creation of the notes for the ACI 562 "Code Requirements for Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Concrete Buildings." Now that ACI 562 has been published for public comment, ICRI Committee 150, ICRI Notes on ACI 562 Code Requirements, is able to get down to business and start writing. This is a considerable project being spearheaded by committee Chair Rick Edelson and will take the effort of a large group. Your contribution to this effort will be greatly appreciated. If you can contribute, please contact Rick, a member of the Board of Directors, or CAM staff and we will get you on the team.

Another initiative I want to bring to your attention is our effort to get Technical Guideline No. 120.1-2009, "Guidelines and Recommendations for Safety in the Concrete Repair Industry," created by ICRI Committee 120, Environmental Health and Safety, into the hands of those out in the field in our industry. We made the decision to distribute copies to a large number of the contractors on our ICRI mailing list, both to let them experience the Guideline and to give us feedback. To date, we have received several orders from companies that are going to distribute it to their staff for use on site. The manual has been reprinted to be attractive to companies and bulk pricing is available for large orders. So, please take a look at the Safety Guideline and see how it will work for you.