

## ICRI Needs Your Help!

**H**ello everyone. I know, I know! You're saying to yourselves, "Why am I reading an article from Rick Edelson again?"

OK, here's the deal. Robert Thaxton, our new leader, has asked me to be the Chairman of the Technical Activities Committee (for those of you who like acronyms, TAC for short). As most of you who know me understand, I couldn't say no. So now that I am the chairman—and again, I can never say no—Robert has asked me to create a column from TAC for the *Concrete Repair Bulletin* (again, for those of you who like acronyms, the *CRB*). So now you know, and here you have it—TAC Talk in the *CRB* by RE.

The inner workings at ICRI have not changed. Yes, we have a new management company; yes, we have more members; and yes, we still have a great turnout at our meetings and conventions. But no, we still do not have enough volunteers. ICRI NEEDS YOUR HELP.

We desperately need help in the technical activities task groups, committees, and subcommittees. This is where the Guidelines are produced. Remember, the ICRI Guidelines are written and produced by members of our industry. The goal is



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to have those members who are the most knowledgeable and who have the most experience create the standards and help the rest of us learn and perform our repairs by the best standards possible.

I have been asked by several of you how you can help TAC. TAC does need help with subcommittees for the review of Guidelines before the Guidelines are distributed to the general membership. For those of you who have volunteered, I will contact

you when the time comes. However, the most need is in the actual committees that create the Guidelines. So, I urge all of you, participate and volunteer in the committees.

By my next article, I will have a complete organization chart of all technical activities task groups, committees, and subcommittees. I am asking each of the chairmen of those committees to produce a schedule of their activities and a list of members. Please feel free to contact the chairmen to volunteer your time.

OK. That wasn't painful, was it? I said what I meant and I meant what I said. So, look for TAC Talk in the next *CRB* by RE. See you in Charleston, hopefully at one of our technical committee meetings!

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# Strengthening and Stabilization Committee Update

By Michael Brainerd  
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**S**ince its inaugural meeting in March 2000 in San Diego, the ICRI Strengthening and Stabilization Committee has grown to a membership of 13 and has been working on several assignments in keeping with the committee's mission statement — *To develop and report information on materials and methods for the strengthening and stabilization of concrete and masonry structures.*

Currently, the committee is in the final stages of preparing a special publication on strengthening and stabilization. The special publication will be a compilation of existing articles on the following topics:

- External bonded reinforcement;
- External post-tensioning;
- Section enlargement;
- Supplemental framing; and
- Stabilization.

The bound compilation, which will include an

introduction and a general overview written by the committee, will be offered for sale by ICRI.

With the special publication effort winding down, the committee is planning to sponsor a session on strengthening and stabilization at the ICRI Convention in Phoenix in fall 2002. Scott Greenhaus is the session chairman. The topics to be covered include those described previously for the special publication.

Looking even further ahead, the committee is in the early stages of forming a strengthening guideline task group. Will Gold is the task group chairman. Watch for additional information regarding this task group in future editions of the *Bulletin*.

If anyone is interested in joining this committee or getting more details on its activities, please contact Kelly Page, ICRI Executive/Technical Director, at 847-827-0830; or e-mail [kelly.page@icri.org](mailto:kelly.page@icri.org).