

ICRI 16th Annual Membership Meeting: New Officers, New Fellows



ICRI members enjoy dinner at the Rosen Plaza Hotel



ICRI Executive Director Kelly Page welcomes Annual Meeting attendees



ICRI members Rick Edelson (left) and Alfred Kessi (right) network at the Annual Meeting

Around 180 ICRI members and guests recently helped the organization celebrate its 16th anniversary at the 2004 Annual Membership Meeting, held at the Rosen Plaza Hotel in Orlando, Florida. The meeting, as usual, coincided with the 2004 World of Concrete. The

Membership Meeting, held on February 16, 2004, began with a festive reception, where many old friends had the opportunity to catch up. Following the delicious dinner, Kelly Page, Executive Director of ICRI, welcomed the attendees and thanked the members for their strong

support in 2003. She then recognized ICRI's Supporting Members (see full list on page 2) and mentioned the importance of their continuing support, and how much that support is appreciated. She was followed by Tom Ouska, Chair of the Chapter Committee, who announced the award-winning chapters for 2003 (see page 20), and presented Chapter banners to ICRI's newest chapters, the Greek (Hellenic) Chapter, the Minnesota Chapter, and the Virginia Chapter.

Dennis Pinelle, Chair of the Fellows Committee, then came to the podium to recognize the three new Fellows: Jeffrey Carlson, Timothy Gillespie, and Robert Johnson. The festivities proceeded with a report from 2003 Nominating Committee Chair Robert Thaxton, who introduced the new officers and Board members. This was followed by Immediate Past President Allen Roth, who gave the attendees a look at the activities of ICRI throughout the past year, including the news that ICRI is at its highest membership levels ever! (For a complete report, see the Annual Report, page 21). Roth concluded with the traditional passing of the gavel to incoming President Robert Johnson.

After a short speech from Johnson, looking ahead to the coming year, the evening concluded with a presentation of door prizes. Several people went home with great ICRI wearables, and everyone went home with great memories of a very special evening!



Florida West Coast Chapter representative Mark DeStefano (left) and New England Chapter representative Ray Andrews (right) proudly display their Chapter Awards with Chapter Committee Chair Tom Ouska (middle)



Carolinas Chapter representative Don Ford (left) and Chapter Committee Chair Tom Ouska (right) with the chapter's Excellent Chapter Award

Members of the new Virginia Chapter, Neil Savitch (left) and Scott Harrison (right), flank Chapter Committee Chair Tom Ouska as they display their new chapter banner



New Officers for 2004

President



Robert Johnson
The Sherwin-Williams Company
Tampa, FL

President-Elect



Rob Pusheck
C.A. Lindman, Inc.
Jessup, MD

Vice President



Dennis Pinelle
Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc.
Arlington, MA

Secretary



Monica Rourke
Dry Works, Inc.
Bristol, CT

Treasurer



Marty Sobelman
Atlas Restoration, Inc.
Wheeling, IL

Past President



Allen Roth
Joseph B. Callaghan, Inc.
Philadelphia, PA

New Board Members for 2004

Board Members for the three-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2006



Garth Fallis
Vector Construction Group
Winnipeg, MB, Canada



Katherine Klosowski
DeNeef Construction
Chemicals (US), Inc.
Castle Rock, CO



Michael O'Malley
Concrete Protection
& Restoration, Inc.
Baltimore, MD



Rachel Stiffler
Advanced Polymer Technology
Harmony, PA

no
photo
available

Stephan Trepanier
Halsall Associates, LTD.
Toronto, ON, Canada

2004 Fellows



Jeffrey Carlson

Jeffrey Carlson is the Executive Vice President for The Consulting Engineers Group, Inc., Mt. Prospect, Illinois, and has been involved in concrete restoration with them for the past 13 years. He received his BS and MS in civil engineering from the Illinois Institute of Technology in Chicago, Illinois, and is licensed as a PE and SE in 13 states. Carlson is a member of the ICRI Board of Directors, is Chair of the Publications Committee, and serves on several others. He is also a Past President of the Chicago Tri-States chapter and currently serves as Chair of the Chapter's Scholarship Committee. In addition, Carlson is a member of several other organizations, including ACI, PCI, and ASCE.



Timothy Gillespie

Timothy Gillespie is a senior manager, Repair and Protection, for Sika Corporation, where his duties include development and evaluation of new products, and overall responsibility for product performance, particularly as it relates to repair mortars and corrosion protection. Gillespie received a BS in civil engineering from Lehigh University in 1985. Prior to joining Sika in 1996, he worked for Turner Construction Company in New York City for 11 years. Gillespie's ICRI activities include the Corrosion Committee, the Corrosion Inhibitor Task Group (Chair), the Technical Data Sheet Protocol, and C.R.E.E.P. (Concrete Repair Engineering Experimental Program). He is a member of ACI Committees 364, Rehabilitation; 546, Repair of Concrete; and E 706, Repair Application Procedures.



Robert Johnson

Robert Johnson, current President of ICRI, is the Director for ControlTech Marketing for the Industrial & Marine Coatings organization of the Paint Stores Group of the Sherwin-Williams Company. Johnson joined S-W in 2000 with the General Polymers acquisition. He has been active in ICRI for many years and is immediate Past Chair of the Coating and Waterproofing Committee. Johnson is also active in many other professional organizations, including SSPC and SWRI.

2004 Chapter Awards

Chapter of the Year

Baltimore/Washington, DC

Term President: Margaret Mitnick
Submitted by: Michael Tabassi, Scott Harrison, Margaret Mitnick, Dave Rodler, and Michael O'Malley

Awards for Outstanding Achievement

Carolinas

Term President: Gary Cox
Submitted by: Russ Botos

Chicago Tri-States

Term President: Torrey Thompson
Submitted by: Torrey Thompson, Lee Sizemore, and Gary Hayes

Connecticut

Term President: Peter Barlow
Submitted by: Peter Barlow

Delaware Valley

Term President: Rick Brinser
Submitted by: Charlene Johnson and John Broome

Florida West Coast

Term President: Mark de Stefano
Submitted by: Bud Earley

Georgia

Term President: Paul Derby
Submitted by: Sam Morris

New England

Term President: Hamid Vossoughi
Submitted by: Hamid Vossoughi and Paul Millette

North Texas

Term President: Jesse Points
Submitted by: Bill Light and Michelle Parsley

Northern California

Term President: Ron Bishop
Submitted by: Chris Olson and Brad Kamin

Rocky Mountain

Term President: Randal Beard
Submitted by: Christopher Morgan and Randy Diner

Excellent Chapter Awards

Los Angeles/Orange County

Term President: Nils Fox
Submitted by: John Goss

Pittsburgh

Term President: Evan Rowles
Submitted by: Rachel Stiffler

Western New York

Term President: Rick Marzullo
Submitted by: Craig Wilson

2004 Annual Report

2003 was a very good year for ICRI! Membership is increasing, meeting participation is increasing, and we published a couple of very important documents. Here are some of the highlights of 2003:

Awards

The 2003 ICRI Awards for Outstanding Repair Projects continued the success of this awards program, as far as the quality level of the projects and the number of participants. This is one of our truly international activities, with 26 entries from six different countries this year. The awards banquet was held at the ICRI 2003 Fall Convention in Tampa, where participants from Canada, Colombia, Venezuela, Brazil, and the United States all had representatives there to pick up their awards. The projects chosen to receive recognition were all highlighted in the November/December 2003 issue of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*, which showcases the diversity of the entrants. The awards for 2004 will have some minor changes in the rules but will keep on the schedule set last year. Entries are due on May 3, 2004. Please contact ICRI at (847) 827-0830, or see our website, www.icri.org, for the complete rules and highlights of last year's award-winning projects.

Board and Executive Committee

The Board and Executive Committee instituted some great changes at the 2003 Fall Convention. Our Board meetings have been improving, becoming less about administering and more about strategic planning for the Institute. To further enhance the structure of the Board, we will be reducing its size from the current 24 Directors to 15 Directors over the next 3 years. Also, we are getting the chapters much more involved in the Board nomination process, which will enhance the relationship between the chapters and the Board. Finally, we have reduced the number of administrative committees with a merge, resulting in the new Marketing Committee. A full explanation of these changes can be found in the January/February issue of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*. The Board is also hard at work updating ICRI's Strategic Plan, along with an operating plan for the Institute. Look for new programs to come out of this process in the very near future!

Chapters

The Chapter Committee saw the following accomplishments take place in 2003:

- ICRI added 3 new chapters, including our first overseas chapter. The new chapters are the Greek (Hellenic) Chapter, the Minnesota Chapter, and the Virginia Chapter. This brings us to a total of 29 chapters worldwide!
- We continue to work with people in several areas where there is interest in starting new chapters, including Puerto Rico.
- The Chapter Leadership Forum continues to be a success, especially in its new format. The forums are now subject specific, instead of each chapter discussing their activities. The theme of the forum for the Spring 2004 Convention is "Chapter Nominations to the ICRI Board."
- We continue to refine the Chapter Awards program. Congratulations to all of the 2003 Outstanding and Excellent Chapters, especially our Chapter of the Year, the Baltimore/Washington, DC, Chapter.
- Chris Jorgensen, our Chapter Relations Coordinator, continues to work closely with the chapters to make sure their rosters are up to date, their web pages are working smoothly, and any other issue for which they are looking for assistance.

Fellows

In 1998, the Board of Directors established the special membership classification of Fellows of the International Concrete Repair Institute to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the concrete repair industry. Candidates for Fellows can be nominated by any five association members, a chapter, or by the Fellows Committee. At the 2003 Fall Convention, the current Fellows Committee met and reviewed the nominations submitted. Three outstanding individuals were submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval. They are listed on page 20, and were recognized at the 2004 Annual Membership Meeting. The committee thanks these association members and chapters who submitted nominations and reminds members that nomination forms are available from ICRI headquarters.

Industry Outreach

The Industry Outreach Committee had a busy year. Its mission is to plan events and programs to increase ICRI's visibility both within the concrete repair industry and further beyond. This committee is responsible for all trade show activity. In addition

to ICRI's World of Concrete (WOC) booth, we will be traveling to several other industry events to best determine other shows to exhibit at in the future. As part of the strategic governance changes the Board voted for in October, this committee will be combined with Membership and Awards, and the combined committee will be called the Marketing Committee. Marketing will be a large focus for ICRI in 2004, as we feel we have many worthwhile products and services for the industry, and now we want to get the word out!

Meetings and Conventions

The Meetings and Conventions Committee has been busy working on location, themes, and other activities for future conventions. They also conducted a survey at the Spring 2003 Convention in Vancouver, BC, Canada, to make sure ICRI was on the right track with its conventions; the results showed that most of the members are pleased with the choices of cities and hotels.

This became evident at our 2003 Fall Convention, held at the Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel in Tampa, Florida. The convention, hosted by the Florida West Coast Chapter, had the highest attendance ever—more than 270 people! This raises the bar for our next convention, the 2004 Spring Convention, April 1-2, in Chicago, Illinois, with Façade Repair as the theme. The Vision 2020 Workshop will immediately precede this convention. In the fall, we will again be preceding ACI and holding our 2004 Fall Convention in San Francisco, California, October 21-22. The theme for this convention is Structural Enhancements. Both the Chicago Tri-States Chapter and the Northern California Chapters are hard at work with their hosting plans and assure us that these conventions are not to be missed!

Publications

The Publications Committee has oversight for the *Concrete Repair Bulletin* and all other ICRI publications. The magazine has been back on schedule for over a year now, and we continue to grow in both content and size. We would also like to take this opportunity to thank all of the advertisers who came out strong in support of ICRI and the *Bulletin* this year, even in these shaky economic times. We are still in somewhat of a bind concerning articles for the *Bulletin*. Most publications of this sort have an article backlog for slow times. We do not have that luxury yet, but

with the Publications Committee's help, that situation is improving. We are always on the lookout for articles and would be happy to work with any of you who are interested.

Technical Activities

The Technical Activities Committee, under Chair Rick Edelson, made some major strides in 2003, with the publication of two great documents. The first is the second edition of the *Concrete Repair Manual*, our joint publication with ACI and other groups. This came out in time for WOC 2003 and has been a great success for us. Second, we have a compilation document put together by the Strengthening and Stabilization Committee, a compendium of articles on this subject from many sources, unavailable in a group like this anywhere else. In 2004, ICRI has already published the "Guide for Design, Installation, and Maintenance of Protective Polymer Flooring Systems for Concrete," a joint publication with SSPC and NACE.

Many of our Technical Committees have other documents under development, with a couple close to publication. We anticipate that our "Guide to Using In-Situ Tensile Pull-Off Tests to Evaluate Bond of Concrete Surface Materials" will be published by the 2004 Spring Convention, and the Control of Water Leakage and Hydrodemolition documents are almost complete. We are also very pleased to announce that ICRI Past President Jim McDonald has agreed to serve as TAC Secretary, which will greatly improve the flow of our Technical Committees.

Membership

Finally, ICRI can happily report that our membership numbers appear to be on the rise, which was not true for many associations during the economic uncertainties of 2003. As of the beginning of February, we had 1682 members, including 18 supporting members—our highest numbers for both categories. Our numbers going up in the current economic climate is quite impressive, and it is due in large part to our current members and the wonderful marketing they do for us. Every time one of our members discusses ICRI and its benefits to someone they know, we have gained a potential new member. So ICRI would like to give a hearty thanks to all of the members who so strongly support the association and its mission. We would not have had the successful year we did without you!