

# ICRI's Committees: A Benefit of Membership

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**I**t seems that every convention brings questions about our committees. Some of the most frequent are: "What do they do?", "What will be required of me?", "How do I join?", and "Can anyone attend the committee meetings?"

Let me begin to answer some of these by first explaining ICRI's Committee structure. We have both Board (Administrative) and Technical Committees. The Board Committees report directly to ICRI's Board of Directors, while the Technical Committees report to the Technical Activities Committee (a Board Committee), who then makes one consolidated report to the Board.

All of our committees, with the exception of the Executive Committee, the Fellows Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Technical Activities Committee are open to all members of ICRI. You can attend any committee meeting, even if you are not a member of the committee. As a matter of fact, this is encouraged, because sometimes it takes attending a particular meeting to decide if you want to apply for membership in that committee.

To actually join a committee, whether it is a Board or Technical Committee, you need to fill out a Committee Application. These are available from ICRI Headquarters or from the committee chairmen. They are always readily available at the registration area at ICRI Conventions.

As to what will be required of a committee member, which varies greatly based on the committee, following is a list of ICRI's Committees

and a brief statement of their missions. As I mentioned in my editorial comment in the last issue of the Bulletin, our committees are where the work of ICRI takes place, and without active participation in the meetings, we as an organization will not move forward. I would encourage all of those attending one of our conventions to attend a committee meeting.

## **Board (Administrative) Committees**

### **Executive Committee:**

Ken Currence, Chairman

This committee is chaired by ICRI's President, and is made up of the President, Past President, President-Elect, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Executive Director (who has no voting privileges). This committee can act for the Board of Directors in any matters requiring attention between regular Board meetings.

### **Awards Committee:**

Kevin Michols, Chairman

The Awards Committee was established to oversee ICRI's Outstanding Concrete Repair Project Awards and any other future awards given on an international level. They review the rules regularly, and the Chairman selects the judges for the Project Awards.

### **Certification Committee:**

Bob Terpening, Chairman

The Certification Committee is one of ICRI's newer Board Committees. It was established to oversee and administer any certification programs that ICRI develops. Currently, they are working on establishing a certification for epoxy injection technicians.

### **Chapter Committee:**

John Goss, Jr., Chairman

The Chapter Committee's mission is to promote the establishment of new chapters and support the activities of existing chapters so they can grow and flourish. They are a key component in maintaining the communication system between the chapters themselves and ICRI headquarters. They also oversee the ICRI Chapter Awards Program.



### **Education Committee:**

Chuck Knight, Chairman

The Education Committee was established to broaden ICRI educational programs so that they have a greater influence on all segments of the concrete repair community. They oversee interaction with educational institutions and programs, and are responsible for ICRI's Speaker's Bureau List. Currently, they are developing the parameters for an international ICRI Scholarship Program.

### **Fellows Committee:**

Wayne Benitz, Chairman

The Fellows Committee administers the ICRI Fellows program. They review nominations for Fellows and make recommendations to the Board of Directors for ICRI's Fellows each year.

### **Finance Committee:**

Rob Pusheck, Chairman

The Finance Committee is chaired by ICRI's Treasurer, and oversees the budget and finances of ICRI. They gather all budgets submitted by individual committees, and make recommendations to the Board on specific committee budgets. They also work with ICRI staff to develop the yearly ICRI budget.

### **Industry Outreach Committee:**

Allen Slater, Chairman

This committee is the newest Board Committee, established to oversee ICRI's activities concerning marketing of the organization, trade show participation, web activities, and any other activity that involves ICRI trying to reach beyond our membership. They develop ICRI's budget for participating in industry trade shows, and are currently discussing ways to use ICRI's website more effectively.

### **International Committee:**

Bert Kriekemans, Chairman

The International Committee oversees all truly international activities of ICRI. This includes items such as participation in international conferences and developing a plan for ICRI to one day host our own International Symposium.

### **Meetings and Conventions Committee:**

Monica Rourke, Chairman

The Meetings and Conventions Committee works with staff on the parameters of ICRI's Meeting and Conventions. They establish items such as the convention themes and forum topics, and are currently working on developing Convention guidelines, especially with chapter participation in mind.

### **Membership Committee:**

Marty Sobelman, Chairman

The mission of the Membership Committee is quite simple: to broaden and enlarge the ICRI membership base. Their activities, however, can be quite complex. This committee gets involved in reviewing membership statistics, developing membership retention goals and programs, and making sure we are continuing to provide value for ICRI members. They also make recommendations to the Board concerning membership dues.

### **Nominating Committee:**

Eric Edelson, Chairman

The immediate Past President of ICRI always chairs this committee, and its members are elected by the whole ICRI membership. The Nominating Committee reviews the nominations for the Board of Directors and Executive Committee and develops a slate of candidates for ICRI's yearly elections.



### **Publications Committee:**

Jeff Carlson, Chairman

The Publications Committee was established to oversee all publications developed by ICRI. They are involved in reviewing articles and content for the Concrete Repair Bulletin, and are responsible for developing the themes for the CRB Editorial Calendar. They are also involved in overseeing the management of all ICRI publications sold through our Publications Catalog. Currently, they are working on revising the CRB Editorial Review Guidelines and process.

### **Technical Activities Committee:**

Robert Gaul, Chairman

The Technical Activities Committee oversees the activities of all of ICRI's Technical Committees and Task Groups. They developed the review process for the ICRI Guidelines, and are responsible for its administration. They are also responsible for recommendations concerning the formation of new Technical Committees and any other ICRI activities where technical content is an issue.

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All of the above committees will be meeting at ICRI's Fall Convention on October 25 and 26, 2001, in Dallas, Texas. Many of our Administrative Committees would like to have better attendance, and the whole organization benefits from having more people involved in the decision-making process that occurs at these meetings. If you are planning to attend the Dallas Convention, you are all invited to attend any of the above committee meetings that may interest you. These committees exist to do the planning and the work necessary for ICRI to grow stronger and move boldly into the future. Come and be a part of that!

## **Technical Committees**

### **Coatings and Waterproofing**

Robert Johnson, Chairman

### **Coatings and Waterproofing Subcommittee:**

#### **Protective Coatings Task Group**

### **Corrosion**

Dennis Pinelle, Chairman

### **Corrosion Subcommittees:**

#### **Corrosion Inhibitors**

Katherine Kłowsowski, Chairman

#### **Cathodic Protection**

Dennis Pinelle, Chairman

### **Evaluation**

Larry Olson, Chairman

### **Grouting**

Non-active

### **Repair Materials and Methods**

William "Bud" Earley, Chairman

### **Strengthening and Stabilization**

Michael Brainerd, Chairman

### **Surface Preparation**

Richard Toman, Chairman

### **Surface Preparation Subcommittee:**

Hydrodemolition

## **Task Groups**

### **Case Studies of Concrete Repairs**

Peter Emmons, Chairman

### **Evaluation of Unbonded Post-Tensioned Structures**

Scott Greenhaus, Chairman