

# ICRI 15th Annual Membership Meeting: New Officers, New Fellows



*A crowd of almost 200 gathers for ICRI's 15th Annual Membership Meeting on Monday, February 3, at the Monte Carlo Hotel in Las Vegas*



*Jed Daniel, a Past President of the Carolinas Chapter (left), collects the chapter's "Chapter of the Year" patch for their chapter banner from former Chapter Committee Chairman John Goss, Jr. (right)*



*Frank Wabiszewski, Wisconsin Chapter President (left), and John Goss, Jr., former Chapter Committee Chairman (right), with the Wisconsin Chapter's new banner. They officially became ICRI's 26th Chapter at the 2002 Fall Convention*

**A**lmost 200 ICRI members recently helped the organization celebrate its 15th anniversary at the Annual Membership Meeting, held at the Monte Carlo Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada. The meeting, held on February 3, 2003, began with a wonderful reception and dinner (followed by an out-of-this-world chocolate dessert!), where many old friends had the opportunity to catch up. After dinner, Past President Robert Thaxton welcomed the attendees and then introduced Kelly Page, Executive Director of ICRI, who recognized ICRI's Supporting Members and thanked them for their continuing support. She was followed by John Goss, Jr., former Chairman of the Chapter Committee, who announced the award-winning chapters for 2002 (see top of page 23) and presented a chapter banner to ICRI's 26th and newest chapter, the Wisconsin Chapter.

Thaxton then returned to the podium to recognize ICRI's five new Fellows: Bruce Collins, Chuck Pfahl, Monica Rourke, Steve Royer, and Marty Sobelman. Thaxton then gave the attendees a look at the activities of ICRI throughout the past year. (For a complete report, see the 2003 Annual Report, page 21).

The festivities proceeded with a report from 2002 Nominating Committee Chairman Ken Currence, who introduced the new officers and Board members. This was followed by the traditional passing of the gavel from Past President Robert Thaxton to Allen Roth, current President of ICRI.

After a short speech from Roth, 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!



*ICRI's new Fellows for 2003. (Left to right) Marty Sobelman, Steve Royer, Monica Rourke, Bruce Collins, and Chuck Pfahl proudly display their Fellows plaques*



*Past President Robert Thaxton (left) receives his plaque and a big "thank you" from current president Allen Roth (right)*

# New Officers for 2003

## President



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

## President-Elect



**Robert Johnson**  
General Polymers  
Tampa, FL

## Vice President



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

## Secretary



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

## Treasurer



**Marty Sobelman**  
Atlas Restoration, Inc.  
Lake Zurich, IL

## Past President



**Robert Thaxton**  
Carolina Restoration & Waterproofing  
Creedmoor, NC

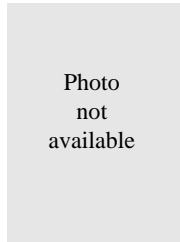
# New Board Members for 2003

## Board Members for the term expiring Dec. 31, 2004

### Board Members for the three-year term expiring Dec. 31, 2005



**David Akers**  
California Cement  
Promotion Council  
San Diego, CA



**Ray Andrews**  
Silpro  
Corporation  
Ayer, MA



**Randy Beard**  
Walker Parking  
Cons./Engineers Inc.  
Greenwood Village, CO



**William "Bud" Earley**  
The Euclid  
Chemical Co.  
Odessa, FL



**Mark Postma**  
Carl Walker, Inc.  
Kalamazoo, MI

## Board Members for the term expiring Dec. 31, 2003



**Kevin Michols**  
Construction Tech.  
Laboratories, Inc.  
Skokie, IL



**Tom Ouska**  
Structural Preservation  
Systems, Inc.  
Baltimore, MD



**Ken Solomon**  
Aquron  
Corporation  
Rockwall, TX



**Hamid Vossoughi**  
Ropelink, Ltd.  
Farmingham, MA



**Dave Tweedie**  
Blue's Roofing Company  
San Jose, CA

# 2003 Fellows



## Bruce Collins

Bruce Collins is Vice President of Business Development at Restruction Corporation, Sedalia, Colorado. Collins has been active in ICRI for many years and is currently serving on the Board of Directors, Education and Membership Committees, and the Technical Activities Committee. He has had two articles published in the *Concrete Repair Bulletin* and one in *Parking Magazine*. He is also a member of ACI and a speaker for their Concrete Repair Basics and Concrete Repair Workshop Seminars.



## Chuck Pfahl

Chuck Pfahl is the President and CEO of Exterior Services of Ohio, a contracting company in Cleveland, Ohio. As a Charter Member, Pfahl has played an active role in ICRI since its formation. He has served on the Board of Directors, and was President of ICRI in 1991. He was a founding member of the Northeast Ohio Chapter of ICRI, and is currently serving as its Vice President. Pfahl has been involved in the concrete repair industry for over 22 years and is also a member of ACI, the American Shotcrete Association, and the Monolithic Dome Association.



## Monica Rourke

Monica Rourke is the Director of Technical Services and Project Engineer for BBZ USA, Inc., a German-based concrete waterproofing and chemical grout manufacturing company. Rourke, a member of ICRI since 1992, is serving her second term on the Board of Directors and was recently appointed Chairperson of the Industry Outreach Committee. She also served two terms as President of the ICRI Connecticut Chapter and is presently on the Board of Directors for that chapter. Rourke is also a member of ACI, AWWA, AUA, and the Transportation Research Board's committee on Tunnel and Infrastructure and subcommittee on Tunnel Rehabilitation. She has authored several papers for industry presentation. Rourke was inducted into *Who's Who of International Professionals* in 1997.



## Steve Royer

Steve Royer is the Senior Vice President of Houck Services, Inc., a concrete and masonry repair and restoration contractor in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. Royer was a Charter Member of ICRI and, after serving on the Board of Directors since ICRI's inception, was elected President of the organization in 1992. He also served as Chairman of the Ad Hoc Bylaws committee from 1988-1989, which developed the set of rules that governs all ICRI activities. Royer is also a member of ICRI's Delaware Valley Chapter, ACI, the Construction Specifications Institute, and the Sealant, Waterproofing, and Restoration Institute.



## Marty Sobelman

Marty Sobelman is President of Atlas Restoration, LLC, a specialty foundation repair and industrial flooring contractor located in Wheeling, Illinois; he is also a partner in Mixonsite, LLC. He has been a member of ICRI for many years and was recently elected Treasurer of the organization. He has also served on the Board of Directors for several years and served as the Chairman of the Membership Committee. Sobelman is also a Past President of the Chicago Tri-States Chapter of ICRI and continues to be active in that chapter. He is also a member of ACI and serves on Committee 546, Repair of Concrete.

# 2003 Annual Report

It is difficult to believe that we are almost through our second year as the management for ICRI. Though the transition went as smooth as possible, with everything that was going on, the first few months were a blur, especially as we were publishing a *Concrete Repair Bulletin* about every five weeks to get the publication back on track.

With the transition complete and the magazine back on schedule, we have had some time to breathe and concentrate on other projects. Here are some of the highlights:

## Awards

The 2002 ICRI Awards for Outstanding Repair Projects was one of our most successful awards programs, as far as the quality level of the projects and the number of participants. This is also one of our truly international activities, as we had 25 entries from five different countries. The Awards Banquet at the Fall Convention in Phoenix honoring the winners also had an international flavor, as participants from all five countries who entered—Canada, India, Poland, Thailand, and the United States—all had representatives there to pick up their awards. The banquet was one of our largest, with approximately 140 people attending. The projects chosen to receive recognition were all highlighted in the November/December 2002 issue of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*, which was also one of the largest issues we have produced. The awards for 2003 will have some minor changes in the rules and will keep on the schedule set last year. Entries are due on May 1, 2003. Please contact us at (847) 827-0830 or see our website, [www.icri.org](http://www.icri.org), for the complete rules and highlights of last year's award-winning projects.

## Certification

After much discussion and debate, ICRI has decided to table development plans of a certification program for now. Launching a certification program is a tremendous undertaking, in both dollars and labor. With ICRI's finances just getting back on track, and the overall economy slowing down, the Board did not feel that launching a project of this magnitude would be a good risk right now. We do hope to visit this topic again in the near future. Finally, the Board of Directors would like to thank Chairman Robert Terpening and the entire Certification Committee for all of their hard work over the years.

## Chapters

The Chapter Committee in the year 2002 has seen the following accomplishments take place:

- ICRI has added its 26th chapter, the Wisconsin Chapter;

- ICRI has its first overseas chapter in development. The Greek Chapter is close to meeting the requirements for formation, and members there are very enthusiastic about officially becoming a chapter soon, hopefully before we meet again at this event next year;
- We continue to work with people in several cities where there is interest in starting new chapters;
- 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 its activities. This was tried for the first time at the Fall Convention in Dallas, with the subject being "Chapter Newsletters." The feedback received indicated that people got a lot out of this format, so we will continue this at the Spring 2003 Convention, with the theme, "Chapter Finances";
- We continue to refine the Chapter Awards program. Congratulations to all of the 2002 Outstanding and Excellent Chapters, and a special hoorah to our Chapter of the Year, the Carolinas Chapter;
- Chris Jorgensen, our Chapter Relations Coordinator, continues to work closely with the chapters to make sure their rosters are up to date and to address any other chapter issues or concerns; and
- All of the chapters are now complying with the established date of January 1 for installation of their new officers. This now puts ICRI International elections and all chapter elections on the same schedule, with officer transitions taking place at the same time.

## 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. In the past, the Fellows Committee included anyone who had been awarded that honor. As the number of Fellows increased, it was decided a change needed to take place. This year, the Fellows Committee worked hard to develop a plan to rotate all current and future fellows as members of the Fellows Committee.

Also, at the 2002 Fall Convention, the current Fellows Committee met and reviewed the nominations submitted. Five outstanding individuals were submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval. They are listed on page 20 of this issue and were recognized at the annual membership meeting. The committee thanks the association members and chapters who submitted nominations and reminds members that nomination forms are available from ICRI Headquarters.

## Industry Outreach

The Industry Outreach Committee is ICRI's newest Administrative Committee, formed in 2000. Its mission is to plan events and programs to increase ICRI's visibility both within the concrete repair industry and beyond. This committee had several projects come to fruition this year, including the Hyperlinks available to companies from the ICRI website. It also voted to purchase ICRI wearables, which were available for sale at our WOC booth. The committee is also responsible for all trade show activity, and, in addition to the booth at the WOC, ICRI will be exhibiting at the Construction Specifications Institute show again, to be held this year in Chicago in April. The CSI audience was very interested in our products at the show last year, so we will continue to market our new publications to them. Finally, this committee is always on the lookout for new ideas to take ICRI's message to broader audiences, so if you have any ideas along those lines, we encourage you to participate in or, at the very least, contact the committee.

## Meetings and Conventions

The Meetings and Conventions Committee had a great meeting at the Fall Convention in Phoenix, where rules were established for holding live product demonstrations at ICRI conventions. These demos are always well-received but require a lot of work in the planning stage, so having some guidelines on how to proceed will help for the future.

The next ICRI Conventions are the Spring Convention, March 27-28, in Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada, with Waterproofing as the theme of the convention. This convention will immediately precede ACI's Spring Convention. In the fall, ICRI will be splitting from ACI and holding the Fall Convention in Tampa, Florida, October 23-24. The theme for this convention is High-Rise Concrete Repair. The Florida West Coast Chapter will be the host for this convention, and its members are very excited about this opportunity. They have many activities in the works, including a golf outing and live product demonstrations. This is a convention our members will not want to miss.

## Publications

The Publications Committee has oversight for the *Concrete Repair Bulletin*. This year, the committee is happy to report that the magazine is back on schedule, and the technical content continues to improve. It 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.

ICRI is 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 made some major strides in 2002, the most significant of which was the publication and adoption of the Technical Committee Manual. There was often confusion in the past concerning guideline development, balloting procedures, etc. This manual clearly spells out the rules for a Technical Committee's workings and its relationship with ICRI's TAC.

Many of our Technical Committees have documents under development, and ICRI is pleased to announce that two new publications have recently been published and are for sale (see page 43). First, we have the second edition of the *Concrete Repair Manual*, our joint publication with ACI and other groups. 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. There are at least two more documents close to being complete, so look for more new ICRI Guidelines to come out this year.

## International

ICRI continued to spread its wings internationally in 2002. As mentioned earlier, ICRI has had wide international participation in its awards program and appears to be on its way to developing its first overseas chapter. The association also co-sponsors several international activities every year as a means of reaching new audiences.

## Membership

Finally, ICRI's membership numbers appear to be on the rise again. They had dipped slightly the last couple of years, but are now at approximately 1550 members as of December 31, 2002. For the numbers to go up in the current economic climate is quite impressive, and it is due in large part to the current members and the wonderful marketing they do. Every time a member discusses ICRI and its benefits to someone they know, a potential new member is gained. 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!

# 2003 Chapter Awards

## Chapter of the Year

### Carolinas

Term President: Jed Daniel

Submitted by: Russ Botos

## Awards for Outstanding Achievement

### Baltimore/Washington, D.C.

Term President: Tom Ouska

Submitted by: Margaret Mitnick, Scott Harrison,  
and Michael O'Malley

### Chicago Tri-States

Term President: Joe Amrein

Submitted by: Torrey Thompson, Lee Sizemore,  
Garry Hayes, and Jim Corbett

### Delaware Valley

Term President: Rick Brinser

Submitted by: John Broome and Charlene Johnson

### Georgia

Term President: Ralf Leistikow

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### Los Angeles/Orange County

Term President: John Goss, Jr.

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### New England

Term President: Michael McBride

Submitted by: Hamid Vossoughi and  
Paul Millette

## Excellent Chapter Awards

### Connecticut

Term President: Joe Porcaro

Submitted by: Peter Barlow

# 2003 Administrative Committee Chairs

**Awards** ————— Kevin Michols

**Chapters** ————— Tom Ouska

**Education** ————— Chuck Knight

**Fellows** ————— Dennis Pinelle

**Finance** ————— Marty Sobelman

**Industry Outreach** ————— Monica Rourke

**International** ————— Katherine Klosowski

**Meetings & Conventions** ————— Tim Everett

**Membership** ————— Bruce Collins

**Nominating** ————— Robert Thaxton

**Publications** ————— Jeff Carlson

**Technical Activities** ————— Rick Edelson