

CHAPTER NEWS

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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Wow! What a great spring convention! What a great 25th Anniversary Party! If you were there, you know what I'm talking about. If you weren't, then you missed a convention that will be talked about for a long time to come. Thanks to CAM, Bud Earley, and all the locals for such a successful convention.

Thanks to Dale Regnier for a very successful Inter-Chapter Luncheon, where he presented a summary of the Marketing Committee's latest project—a new essential tool for chapters. The committee created a series of PowerPoint presentations—one for each current ICRI Technical Guideline. If the chapter is hosting a speaker who addresses a topic covered in one or more of the ICRI Technical Guidelines, the hope is that the leaders will show the corresponding PowerPoint presentation to remind attendees that ICRI has a publication on the topic that is available to them through ICRI or the chapter. We hope all local chapters will take advantage of these presentations at their functions as a way to promote the existence and use of ICRI Technical Guidelines.

Congratulations to the Baltimore-Washington Chapter for achieving Chapter of the Year once again. Great job! There were also a total of 15 Excellent Chapters and four Outstanding Chapters. We had great participation again this year for the

Chapter Awards Program, and we hope that each chapter finds the process helpful. We encourage you to check with your chapter's leaders to make sure they are planning their activities in 2013 with the Chapter Awards Program in mind.

The Chapter Roundtable Program continues to be a success. We are in our second round of sessions now; the next one is in Chicago, IL, on October 2 and 3. Please do not pass up an opportunity to attend one of these very informative events.

This summer, ICRI will work to have the ICRI tabletop display updated and revamped, and it will be available for chapters to use at their local functions very soon. Check with Dale at ICRI headquarters if your chapter needs to use the display at an upcoming event.

The Chapters Committee set two goals at the recent ICRI spring convention. The first goal is to develop a mentor program for new chapter leaders to assist them during the process of getting a new chapter up and running. The second goal is to develop a series of templates to help chapters create their own policy manual. ICRI has one for the committee to work from, and the committee feels this is another positive step for developing strong chapters. We welcome any ideas and input anyone may have on either of these goals. They will be discussed further at the fall convention in Chicago.

Hope to see you all in Chicago, and please do not hesitate to send me your ideas for and concerns about the chapters!