

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

2014—THE YEAR OF POSSIBILITIES



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Our spring convention in Reno, NV, was another success, with 235 attendees and 43 exhibitors. It was characterized by much fun, camaraderie, networking opportunities, and an exchange of knowledge. From a bowling competition where everyone received prizes to a visit at one of the most celebrated automobile museums in the country, this convention was a great

event. Please plan to attend the ICRI 2014 Fall Convention, November 12-14, in Kansas City, MO, where we will no doubt enjoy another opportunity to come together.

During our Recognition Luncheon and General Session, ICRI proudly recognized Pat Winkler as a new Fellow and Peter Craig with the Distinguished Service Award for his selfless contributions to ICRI. I would like to congratulate both of these valuable members of ICRI for their accomplishments and well-deserved awards.

I would also like to welcome a new member of our Executive Board, Ralph Jones, in addition to five new members to our Board of Directors: Jim Andrews, Scott Harrison, John McDougall, Ed McLean, and Lee Sizemore.

In regard to our Technical Sessions, this convention hosted 12 speakers concentrating on infrastructure repairs, and a special session on the ACI 562 Repair Code, including an introduction and general requirements, evaluation and analysis, design of structural repairs, durability considerations, and a question-and-answer forum.

The ICRI Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Certification program is progressing steadily, and we are working diligently to get our Surface Repair Certification ready within the next 2 years. Along the same lines, ICRI is planning to initiate dialogue with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI) to obtain accreditation, as well as with the Society for Protective Coatings (SSPC) to produce joint guidelines and publications.

To improve the structure of our award events, we have made the following noteworthy changes. Moving forward, our

Project Awards program events will take place in auditorium-style seating and without a dinner component; the Project of the Year winner will be announced at this event from a pool of three finalists.

Starting January 1, 2015, ICRI will offer the majority of its PDF-format Guidelines free of charge to all its members. This is another member benefit through which we can collect and disseminate the knowledge and experience of our expert members, at zero charge for your use.

It is with great pleasure to announce that we have added a new chapter to ICRI: the British Columbia (BC) Chapter. We welcome this new chapter from Vancouver and look forward to having a future convention there.

We are also proud to announce that ICRI has provided scholarships to six students. Four of them have received \$1000 each and the other two received \$500 each. Please visit our website early next year to download an application for a scholarship if you would like to be considered as a recipient in 2015.

Finally, our newly formed Strategic Planning Committee met for the first time at this convention. They are conducting research regarding how to expand our organization, identify our values, serve the industry, and make the name ICRI synonymous with repairs worldwide. They will provide their recommendations in their initial report by the fall convention in Kansas City.

ICRI was formed in 1988, and 13 years later, the organization grew to 1400 members and \$650,000 in revenue per year. From 2001 to 2014, another 13 years elapsed and we continued to grow to 2100 members and over \$1.5 million in revenue per year. Your membership dues, support, and fees help the organization run the day-to-day operations, but our human assets will take us to the next level. Your collective knowledge, intellect, and experience will propel ICRI to an even stronger organization in the next 13 years. Therefore I ask you to become more involved and share your expertise at local and national levels. Let's continue the theme for 2014—The Year of Possibilities.