

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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I CRI is celebrating 25 years! Wow, what an achievement! It is an achievement for the organization and for the countless volunteers who have given their time and energy to the goals and mission of this group. I would like to personally thank all those individuals who have worked so hard these past years to make this organization such a great success. Now our challenge is to see if we can make this group even better over the next 25 years. With the excitement I already see within the chapters, I have no doubt that, years from now, I will be proud to say I was a part of an organization that has done so much for the concrete repair industry.

We recently completed another Chapter Roundtable in the Midwest Regions and they continue to be a great asset for chapters and chapter leaders. They happen every 2 years, so you have plenty of time to plan and prepare for the next one. Why not include "Participate in the Roundtable event" in your Policy Manual? Select representatives and discuss potential reimbursement. If your Roundtable is in the fall, then set August as your month to select attendees. If your Roundtable is set for spring, then select December for that decision. Regardless, if you make the Roundtable a priority for your chapter, the leaders will attend.

Chapter leaders, please remember that Chapter Awards forms and the Chapter Annual Reports will be ready for you in November and are due by February 15, 2014. Start gathering your information now, and get those reports in early. The Chapter Awards Program is designed to help you structure a successful chapter. All the elements you need to be a success are addressed in the questions asked on the awards forms. Not happy with your answer this year? Set a goal to improve that topic for next year, and you will find the answers you want. Plus, by setting goals, you get MORE points. Good luck to you all, and please let Dale Regnier or me know if there is anything we can do to assist you during the process.

As we near the end of 2013, it is also important to remember that it's time to be preparing your new slate of leaders for 2014. Elections should be held at the chapter level by the end of the year so all chapter members may cast their votes. Your chapter members **MUST** be a part of your election process, so be sure to offer a ballot to each of your members.

As always, please report the results of your elections to Dale by January 15, 2014, so the website can be updated. Also, don't forget to send Dale all your chapter news in a timely manner so that your news is reported in the *CRB*. We all want to see the fun things you have going on!

Keep your chapters strong and active, and I hope to see you all very soon.