

CHAPTER NEWS

CHAPTERS COMMITTEE CHAIR'S LETTER



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It's convention time—one of my favorite times of the year! And the 2015 ICRI Fall Convention is special because it is coming to my hometown October 14-16, 2015. For many, Fort Worth, TX, is the little sister of “Big D,” but trust me, “Cowtown” has a LOT going for it. With its beginnings centered on the cattle industry, Fort Worth has grown to be the 16th largest city in the United States with over 800,000 residents. From the Stockyards Historic District to world-class museums such as the Kimbell, Fort Worth lives up to its moniker of “Cowboys and Culture.” The North Texas Chapter has several great events planned, including your choice of a golf outing or a tour of AT&T Stadium on Wednesday afternoon, and a boot-scootin’ all Texas Chapters Party on Friday evening at the world’s largest honky tonk—Billy Bob’s Texas, located in the Stockyards Historic District. Remember, each Chapter is **STRONGLY** encouraged to designate and send a Chapter Delegate to the Convention. **Chapter Delegates MUST register for the Convention using the Delegate Registration Form forwarded to Chapter Leaders by Dale Regnier.** Delegates do not have to pay a convention registration fee, but must attend the Inter-Chapters Luncheon and Forum on Friday AND the Chapters Committee meeting on Friday afternoon. In addition, Chapter Delegates need to attend at least one Technical Session, one Administrative or Technical committee meeting and, after the convention, provide a written report to their chapter, with a copy to Dale. (These requirements can be found on the Chapter Resources page of the ICRI website.) I hope EVERY ICRI chapter will be a part of this convention!

One other very important chapter event coming up before the fall convention is the Midwest Regional Roundtable meeting scheduled for September 29-30, 2015, in Chicago, IL. **This meeting will be for the following Chapters: Minnesota, Wisconsin, Indiana, Chicago, Iowa/Illinois, Great Plains, Michigan, Northern Ohio, and Greater Cincinnati.** Because there is not enough time at the spring and fall conventions to

discuss important chapter matters, chapters are asked to designate two Chapter Officers to attend these biannual meetings to learn about all things chapter-related. The preference is to have attendees who have not attended a previous Roundtable event. The meetings will begin at 1:00 p.m. on September 29, 2015, and finish up by 4:00 p.m. on September 30. There is no charge to attendees for the meetings, and chapters are encouraged to reimburse attendees for their travel expenses and the one-night hotel expense. Previous attendees have raved about the value of this information-laden program. There is so much to learn about ICRI and the other chapters around you. Meeting other leaders and discussing what has worked, what has not worked, and what ways you can cooperate prove to be vital to those that take the time to attend. Plan now, and make sure to send in your Roundtable forms to Dale!

A few more quick reminders:

- Designate a member to keep your chapter website up-to-date with upcoming meetings and events;
- Designate a member to send in calendar events to Dale Regnier to include in the Chapter Meetings and Events portion of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin (CRB)*;
- Forward articles and photos of your Chapter meetings and events to Dale for inclusion in the *CRB*; and
- Feel free to contact me at any time with questions—mlemay@jqeng.com or (817) 505-4304.

I look forward to seeing Midwest Chapter leaders in Chicago September 29-30 and I hope to see **MANY MORE OF YOU** in Fort Worth in October!

