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As I begin the work as your 2016 Chicago Chapter President, I first want to acknowledge the efforts of my predecessor, Steve Genovese, and the many volunteers in our past who have donated time and hard work to advance the chapter into its current position. This will be our 24th year, and as I consider the state of our chapter, our organization, and our industry, I am excited for the opportunities and challenges that we will experience throughout the year.

This will be my 10th year of membership in ICRI. I was invited to join by a co-worker and was recommended for the board of directors by a project partner in 2008. Without those two individuals making an effort to get me involved, it’s hard for me to imagine having many of the professional and personal relationships that I value today. To those same relationships, I most confidently attribute much of the success I have enjoyed in my career. For me, membership in ICRI is more than a credential, or a dinner meeting, or a golf outing. It is an opportunity to participate in the advancement of our industry and to build relationships with others who share in many of the same goals and challenges.

Each January our chapter board sets goals and objectives for the coming year. For 2016, my highest priority is to encourage you, as valued members, to take one more step in your involvement. Whether it’s joining a committee, providing your unique knowledge and experience to our technical seminars or simply volunteering to help out at a single chapter event, please take a slightly larger role in our chapter this year and experience the true benefits of membership in a great organization.

I also encourage you to consider your vision of our chapter and how you feel our current platform may be improved or advanced to better benefit our membership and attract others to join in our activities. Please do not hesitate to contact me or others in the chapter to discuss more involvement or to provide ideas to further our goals.

For those of you who will attend the World of Concrete this month, please stop by the ICRI booth and introduce yourself to the management team. There are many exciting changes that are focused on growing the ICRI community that these folks will be working hard to bring to our organization. Also, the Spring National Convention will be held in San Juan, Puerto Rico from March 16-18. What a way to spend St. Patty’s Day!

I hope to see you later this month at our first Dinner Meeting of 2016, our Project Awards Presentation. Come join us for some great food and discussion at the Westwood Tavern on February 16!

Thanks for your membership and for your work within our industry!

Sincerely,

Sean Meracle
President - ICRI Chicago Chapter
The 2016 Chicago Chapter Officers and Directors are already hard at work under the leadership of our new President, Steve Genovese.

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A New Era in Management for ICRI

Recently, the ICRI National Board of Directors elected to change management companies to EWALD Consulting Group of St. Paul, MN. This exciting change brings fresh perspective and extended resources to the organization. Many of the operational functions of ICRI will continue as before, however a few visible changes will effect the local chapters and general membership.

The ICRI National Website, www.icri.org, has been reformatted to be more user friendly and expandable as the organization continues to evolve. We ask that you check out the new platform to experience a more interactive interface.

Also, Dale Regnier, ICRI perrenial leader, has taken a position with the new management company and will continue to provide excellent service and support to our organization. Congratulations to Dale in his new position and to ICRI for retaining such a valuable asset!
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The ICRI Chicago Chapter Scholarship Program’s goal is to assist local under-graduates who have decided to study Engineering, Architecture, Construction Management, Concrete Industry Management, or a related field. Many qualified applicants participated in the submittal process this year and we are proud to announce that three $1,000.00 scholarships were awarded.

The ICRI Chicago Chapter Board of Directors would like to officially congratulate all recipients! We would also like to thank Steve Genovese and Lee Sizemore who have put forth a tireless effort in the selection process and look forward to the 2016’s Scholarship Program.

SCHOLARSHIP AwardeES

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University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Raymond Colbert
University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign

Andrew Sinko
University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
Committee Expansion Focused on the Future of our Industry

The Chicago Chapter Board has expanded our Scholarship Committee to include outreach programs focused on further inclusion of students and educational programs into ICRI. The newly formed “Student Outreach” committee is chaired by Steve Genovese.

Please reach out to Steve with any ideas or to participate in this unique and refocused committee!

NOVEMBER DINNER MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Those who attended our November Dinner Meeting and Technical Seminar were treated to a detailed exploration into parking garage repairs and excellent food prepared by The Parthenon Restaurant in Chicago’s Greek Town neighborhood. Chicago Chapter Board Member Christopher Kottra, Senior Engineer at Building Technology Consultants provided an in depth account of two project case studies, highlighting challenges and innovative methods for meeting the facility needs. Join us for future meetings as your Chicago Chapter continues to provide educational presentations relevant to the concrete repair industry.
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2015 HOLIDAY SOCIAL & CHARITY FUNDRAISER HIGHLIGHTS

The ICRI Chicago Chapter held its annual Holiday Social and Charity Fundraiser at the Fox & Hound in Schaumburg on Thursday, December 10th. This annual event is FREE to all chapter members with the donation of one non-perishable item. In addition to the annual Texas Hold’em tournament, a number of new games were available for the attendees to win prizes, such as the 50/50 raffle, billiards skills competition, darts challenge, shuffleboard contest, table tennis challenge and ‘late night’ Euchre tournament.

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