A Message from the ICRI President

While the year’s end nears completion, I reflect back and am always surprised of how fast the year can expire during our busy life schedule. I ask myself every year, like most of us do, “Have I made the most of it?” The ICRI Great Plains chapter has had a number of impressive events this year that have included a number of technical events, a spectacular golf outing, and yet still have our Christmas party to come, as we continue to strive to be recognized by ICRI National as an “Outstanding Chapter”.

The Great Plains chapter is always looking to increase our membership roster and cater to our members’ needs. Our membership comprises of Contractors, Material Suppliers, Engineers, Architects, Building Owners and Managers, and others. This chapter is dedicated to providing technical information via seminars, publications, and networking in order to improve our construction industry.

I would like to give a big thank you to all of our sponsors. They provide the bulk of funding for our chapter which pays for our Technical Events, Social Outings, $5,000 in student scholarships, and chapter delegates for regional and national events.

As the year ends we are always looking for new board members and directors to serve on our executive committee board. If you are interested or know of anyone that would want to serve, please contact me. We thank you for another great year. [Steve.D.Huffman@gmail.com].

Sincerely,
Steve Huffman

ICRI Upcoming Events

February 1st, 2016
ICRI 2016 Kick-Off Party
Nine Fine Irish 6:00-9:00pm
New York Hotel

February 2nd - 5th, 2016
World of Concrete
Las Vegas, NV

February 12th, 2016
St. Louis Technical Seminar

March 16th - 18th, 2016
ICRI 2016 Spring Convention
The Condado Plaza Hilton
San Juan, Puerto Rico

Schedule of Events

ICRI Presentation
Post Tension Construction:
History, Materials, Methods, Inspections and Repair.

ICRI Project Awards
Country Club Christian Church
Great Plains Chapter Meeting

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Technical Jon Connealy
On the morning of Thursday, October 8, 2015, the Great Plains Chapter held our meeting at the Logan Contractors and Supply office in Olathe, Kansas. Thanks to Jon Connealy, Technical Committee Chair for arranging the accommodations for the chapter.

Jon also put together the Technical Meeting program, “Post Tension Construction: History, Materials, Methods, Inspections and Repair.” There were three esteemed guest speakers. Dick Bonin, retired from Western Specialty Contractors, presented on the repairs to both unbounded post tension strands and to button head systems. Rich McGuire of Structural Engineering Associates detailed the assessment processes and repairs to the unbounded post tension strands at the University of Missouri Health Center Parking Garage Repairs project. Matt Hansen of Euclid Chemical Company rounded out the program with his presentation regarding materials, methods, and quality control of post tension cable grouts.

Thank you to all three presenters for their time to travel and to present their interesting and valuable information.

Breakfast and lunch were provided to the attendees along with a facility tour of Midwest Rebar Fabrication. The whole event was a fun success. It provided us all with opportunities to see other industry professionals, peers, and friends. Please refer to our calendar of upcoming events and meetings for both the Great Plains Chapter and the ICRI National.

Presenters

Dick Bonin
Western Specialty Contracting
Dick spent 35 years with Western Specialty Contracting, formerly Western Waterproofing. He managed the San Francisco office for 6 years and the Houston office for 5 years before he moved to St. Louis to specialize in Masonry Restoration and Post Tension Repair. Dick contributed to several ICRI Technical Guidelines and papers, served on the National Board, and is an ICRI Fellow. Dick retired 5 years ago, and is currently specializing in travelling the Great United States of America in his RV.

Rich McGuire
Structural Engineering Associates
Rich is a senior project manager with Structural Engineering Associates, Inc., Mr. McGuire brings almost 35 years of experience to projects of varying scope from condition assessments to large-scale restoration projects. He is part of SEA’s Restoration and Field Services Group, working with various structures including parking garages, existing and historical buildings, tunnels, and government facilities. Rich graduated with a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Washington University in St. Louis, and an M.S. in Engineering Management from the University of Missouri-Roulla.

Matthew Hansen
Euclid Chemical Company
Matthew R. Hansen is a graduate of the University of Toledo, Ohio. He has more than 30 years of successful experience in sales, marketing, and technical services within the concrete industry. He has been employed by the Euclid Chemical Company for over 18 years, and currently holds the position of National Business Development Manager. Matthew is a member of the American Concrete Institute committees ACI 362 Parking Structures, ACI 546 Repair of Concrete, ACI 563 Specifications for Repair of Structural Concrete in Buildings, and the International Concrete Repair Institute committee 110 Guide Specifications.
C&M Restoration has received two national awards for the Country Club Christian Church Restoration Project:

**ICRI National Award of Excellence**
Award in the Masonry Category for the Exterior Restoration of the Country Club Christian Church. C&M was presented with this award on Thursday, October 15th at the ICRI Fall Convention in Fort Worth, TX.

**BAC Craft Award**
Bricklayers and Allied Craftsmen Award for Best Restoration Project. The Project was awarded to C&M in Baltimore, Maryland on Tuesday, September the 15th.

**Great Plains Chapter Membership Meeting**

On Thursday, November 12th Goedecke hosted a Membership meeting for Great Plains Chapter in St. Louis. Ed McLean, Region 5 representative, spoke on the benefits offered by ICRI National. Jamie Gaumnitz of Western Specialty Contractors and incoming Chapter President, spoke on the benefits of the Great Plains Chapter and upcoming plans for 2016.

The Membership Meeting had 30 attendees. Five new members signed up that day. Thank you all that attended the meeting!