Over 200 people descended on the Omni Royal Orleans Hotel, in the heart of the French Quarter in New Orleans, Louisiana, for ICRI’s 14th Annual Membership Meeting. The meeting, held on January 8th, 2002, was made even more special than usual by a heartfelt tribute to Milt and Sally Collins on the occasion of their retirement. Milt and Sally ran ICRI for 13 years, from its inception in 1988 until their retirement in June 2001, and ICRI would not be the success it is today if not for these two people.

The evening started with a wonderful reception and dinner, where many old friends had the opportunity to catch up with Milt and Sally. After dinner, Kelly Page, Executive Director of ICRI, opened the presentations by individually recognizing the Supporting Members of ICRI. She was followed by John Goss, Jr., Chairman of the Chapter Committee, who announced the award-winning chapters for 2000 (see box, page 25).

Wayne Benitz, Chairman of the Fellows Committee, then recognized our six new Fellows: John T. Goss, Jr.; Scott Greenhaus; Bert Kriekemans; Rob Pusheck; Allen Roth; and Rick Toman. The festivities proceeded with the traditional passing of the gavel from Past-President Ken Currence, who also introduced the new officers and Board members, to Robert Thaxton, the current President of ICRI.

The evening concluded with a special slide-show tribute to Milt and Sally Collins, emceed by Rick Edelson. Jim Warner and Peter Craig spoke about some of their special memories of working with Milt and Sally, and then Rick presented the Collinses with matching gold watches and a check that came from the proceeds of the special commemorative program for the evening. He also announced that Milt and Sally Collins were named Honorary Life Members of ICRI, an announcement that met with thunderous applause and a standing ovation from the crowd.

New ICRI Fellows: (left to right) Rick Toman, Allen Roth, Scott Greenhaus, Bert Kriekemans, John T. Goss, Jr., and Rob Pusheck

Milt and Sally Collins receive gifts in appreciation of their years of service and are named Honorary Life Members of ICRI

A standing ovation for Milt and Sally
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ICRI Fellows

John T. Goss, Jr.
John T. Goss, Jr., is the President of Goss Construction Co., Covina, California, a second-generation general engineering contractor specializing in concrete repair and restoration. John has been involved in the repair and restoration of concrete structures for over 22 years. He is currently President of the Los Angeles/Orange County, California Chapter of ICRI, and is Chairman of ICRI’s Chapters Committee. John also serves on ICRI’s Certification Committee.

Robert G. Puscheck
Robert G. Puscheck is the current Treasurer of ICRI. He has been a member of ICRI since 1990, and is a founder and former President of the Metropolitan Washington D.C. Chapter. He has been President of C.A. Lindman, Inc., a specialty contracting firm with 260 employees and offices in Laurel, Maryland, and Pompano Beach, Florida, since 1993. Mr. Puscheck has been involved in high-rise concrete projects including state highway bridge projects, industrial silos, and high-rise façade and balcony projects since 1984.

Scott M. Greenhaus
Scott M. Greenhaus is President of VStructural LLC (VSL) and Senior Vice President of Structural Preservation Systems, Inc. (SPS). He has 20 years of experience in the structural repair, strengthening, and protection of existing structures, and comprehensive repair analysis. Scott has a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering and an MBA, both from the University of Maryland. He has been involved in all facets of repair including high-rise exterior restoration, parking structure and civil structure repair, as well as geotechnical ground modification and improvement. He is currently on the Board of Directors of ICRI, and serves as Chairman of the Evaluation of Unbonded Post-Tensioned Structures Task Group. He is also a member of ASCE and ACI, and serves on the Board of the Post-Tensioning Institute.

Allen Roth
Allen Roth is a Professional Engineer in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. He is currently Vice-President of Joseph B. Callaghan, Inc., a consulting engineering firm specializing in concrete repair and failures analysis. Allen is a current member and Past-President of the Delaware Valley Chapter of ICRI, and a Past Chairman of ICRI’s Membership Committee. He was recently elected as ICRI’s President-Elect for 2002.

Richard Toman
Richard Toman is the Vice-President and Chief Operating Officer of Polymer Technology, (a Division of Park Mark, Inc.), in St. Louis, Missouri. With a B.S. in both Finance and Marketing, Rick has been involved in specialty coatings for traffic safety and concrete protection for almost 24 years. He has been involved with ICRI for over 10 years. Rick chaired the task group that developed the ICRI Technical Guideline, “Selecting and Specifying Concrete Surface Preparation for Sealers, Coatings, and Polymer Overlays,” and currently chairs the ICRI standing committee on surface preparation.

Bert Kriekemans
Bert Kriekemans is the President of DeNeef Construction Chemicals Inc. (US) in Waller, Texas. Bert, a resident of Belgium, has a degree in Chemical Engineering from KIH in Hasselt, Belgium. He has lectured at several international conferences, and, in addition to being on ICRI’s Board of Directors, currently serves as the Chairman of the International Committee. Bert is also a member of ACI, CSI, and the International Tunnelling Association.
As most of you know, this has been a year of big changes for ICRI. Milt and Sally Collins, without whom ICRI would not exist today, retired, and Association Concepts took over management as of June 1, 2001. ICRI Headquarters moved to Des Plaines, Illinois, a suburb just outside of Chicago, and a whole new staff was brought on board. Though transitions are never easy, we are forging ahead with enthusiasm, and can only hope to follow in the footsteps and match the success of our predecessors.

And, as if there have not been enough changes these last few months, I would like to mention one more. Association Concepts was originally set up in Michigan, and the name was only searched there. When we went to set up in Illinois, it was discovered there was already a company with that name. So, from this point forward, Association Concepts has become Creative Association Management, or CAM (you know how we association people love our acronyms!).

Following are brief descriptions of some of the activities that various ICRI Committees have undertaken, or are planning.

Awards
The 2001 ICRI Awards for Outstanding Repair Projects were a great success. The Awards Banquet at the Fall Convention in Dallas honoring the winners was very well attended, with almost 100 people participating. The projects chosen to receive recognition were all highlighted in the November/December 2001 issue of the Concrete Repair Bulletin. The Awards for 2002 will have some minor changes in the rules, but a major change in the schedule. They will now be due on May 1, 2002, instead of in August, as they had been in years past. This change will make the judging and notification processes much less rushed and provide ample time for the winners to make travel plans to attend the Fall Convention and the Awards Banquet to receive their awards in person.

Certification
The Certification Committee held regular meetings at both the Fall and Spring Conventions. Progress has been made on the 200+ test questions for the exam for certification of epoxy injection technicians. The committee spent quite a bit of time at the Fall Convention discussing the delivery system of this program, and the reality of what it would take to launch this new certification. They realized they had more questions than answers and decided to run a market survey. This should help determine the potential for this program and other possible future ICRI certifications, and help determine the next step in the process. The Committee hopes to have the survey out by late spring of 2002.

Chapters
The Chapter Committee in the year 2001 saw the following accomplishments take place:
• With the new ICRI staff, chapters have a staff member dedicated to them again, with Chris Jorgensen, Marketing and Chapter Relations Coordinator;
• The Wisconsin Chapter is getting off the ground, and hopes to be an official ICRI chapter by the next ICRI Board of Directors meeting;
• We have received notifications of interest in starting new chapters in several cities in the United States, as well as a couple of international inquiries;
• The Chapter Leadership Forum continues to be a success, especially in its new format. The Forums will now be subject-specific, instead of each chapter discussing its activities. This was tried for the first time at the Fall Convention in Dallas with the subject of “Chapter Newsletters.” The feedback received indicates that people got a lot out of this format, so we will continue this at the Spring 2002 Convention, with the theme “Chapter Web Sites”; and
• We continue to refine the Chapter Awards program. Congratulations to all of the 2001 Outstanding and Excellent Chapters.

Fellows
In 1998, the Board of Directors established the special membership classification of Fellows of the International Concrete Repair Institute to recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to the concrete repair industry. Candidates for Fellows can be nominated by any five association members, a chapter, or by the Fellows Committee.

At the 2001 Fall Convention, the 18 current ICRI Fellows were invited to meet as a committee to review the nominations submitted and to identify other potential candidates. Six outstanding
individuals were submitted to the Board of Directors for their approval. They are listed in this program and will be recognized at this annual membership meeting. The committee thanks these association members and chapters who submitted nominations and reminds members that nomination forms are available from ICRI Headquarters.

Industry Outreach
The Industry Outreach Committee is ICRI’s newest Administrative Committee, formed in 2000. Its mission is to plan events and programs to increase ICRI’s visibility both within the concrete repair industry and beyond. To this end, they have voted to have ICRI booths at two upcoming trade shows, the ConExpo-Con/Agg show in Las Vegas in March 2002, and the Construction Specifications Institute show in June, and again in Las Vegas. The CSI audience is one we have not marketed to very strongly in the past, but the committee feels that specifiers are prime customers for ICRI Guidelines. We are looking forward to our participation in these two shows!

International
ICRI continued to spread its wings internationally in 2001. In addition to starting our first International Chapter in Quebec, ICRI members participated in several international conferences, including the International Congress on Polymers in Concrete (ICPIC) in Hawaii in May, where we were also a cosponsor. The next edition of the Concrete Repair Manual will also be truly international, with much of the material coming from the UK.

Interest in chapters is growing internationally, and it is quite possible that the first ICRI chapter outside of North America will become a reality before next year’s annual membership meeting.

Meetings and Conventions
The Meetings and Conventions Committee had some quick decisions to make regarding the upcoming 2002 Spring Convention. We decided to break off from preceding the ACI Convention, and go on our own to Charleston, South Carolina. The dates are March 7 and 8, and the theme is “Historic Renovation and Restoration.” The Carolinas Chapter has also been involved in the planning and is holding a special event on Friday night of the Convention.

The Committee had originally planned to split from ACI in the spring and stay with them in the fall, but ACI’s upcoming dates did not accommodate this setup very well. So, we will be heading to Phoenix along with ACI in the fall, where we will have our first ICRI Golf Tournament, and we will also be with them in the spring of 2003, in Vancouver, B.C., Canada. We will split from them for the Fall 2003 Convention, and are busy scouting locations and hotels right now.

Publications
Publication Committee members remain very active, and have helped obtain authors for articles related to the various themes of each issue of the Concrete Repair Bulletin. The committee has also been called upon to review all articles during the last year while we were fast-track publishing the magazine to get it back on schedule. I am very happy to report that it is back on track!

We can now implement a stronger review process for potential articles for the Concrete Repair Bulletin. The reviewers will be subject-specific, and will hopefully come from some of our ICRI Technical Committees involved in those subject areas. The new review process will be in place for the March/April 2002 issue.

Technical Activities
2001 saw a significant increase in the participation of ICRI members in technical activities as our technical committees, each representing a major segment of the concrete repair industry, geared up and became active. Most of the existing task groups have completed work on the drafts of their guideline documents, and the Technical Activities Committee is actively reviewing them prior to their release. Several are expected to be published during 2002.

The past year also brought increased joint participation with ACI, and work on the next edition of the Concrete Repair Manual is well under way. Publication of the next edition is slated for late 2002.
Chapter Awards

Chapter of the Year
Baltimore/Washington D.C.
Term President: Michael O’Malley
Submitted by: Tom Ouska, Doug White, and Michael O’Malley

Awards for Outstanding Achievement
Chicago Tri-States
Term President: Todd Spindler
Submitted by: Jeff Carlson, Todd Spindler, Joe Amrein, Jim Corbett, Lenny Weiss, and Bill Mahler

Delaware Valley
Term President: Tim Everett
Submitted by: John Broome and Charlene Johnson

Florida West Coast
Term President: David G. Karins
Submitted by: David Karins and Mark DeStefano

Georgia
Term President: Ralf Leistikow
Submitted by: Ralf Leistikow

L.A./Orange County
Term President: Baron Dugger
Submitted by: John T. Goss, Jr.

Northern California
Term President: Rene Luft
Submitted by: Chris Olson

Excellent Chapter Awards
Carolinas
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Submitted by: T. Glenn Zeblo

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