

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHAT BRINGS US TOGETHER?



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I was recently reflecting on what makes ICRI a unique organization, and the reasons I've been driven to become involved over the years. Through ICRI, I have found friends across the United States who share the same passion that I do for this field. Together, we discuss challenges that may arise in different projects and brainstorm potential solutions that consider a broad range of elements such as materials, procedures, and design. I believe ICRI is a place where I can share my knowledge and experiences with others while simultaneously helping to improve the industry.

The organization is also a platform that provides opportunities for colleagues to meet several times a year and exchange ideas, learn, and enjoy each other's company. I enjoy the fact that ICRI's network spans across the East and West Coast; if I am in need of a contractor, for example, all I have to do is pick up the phone and contact one of my ICRI colleagues. The reason that I have chosen to be part of ICRI is because of its enriching environment and the sense of belonging that it provides to its members. Ultimately, it is a place where I can pass along accrued knowledge from the field that I am passionate about.

Our summer executive meetings concluded on a high note, and I am glad to inform you that your Executive Board is hard

at work to plan, implement, and improve our organization. I would like to thank our Membership Committee for providing their great recommendations to the Executive Committee. Their recommendations have been forwarded to our Strategic Vision and Plan Ad Hoc Task Group for consideration and implementation. This task group met prior to our Executive meeting for 2 grueling days and they will provide their final report to the Board shortly before the fall convention.

The next couple of months will see ICRI hosting numerous events. Concrete Slab Moisture Testing Technician certification programs will take place October 1-2 in the Baltimore, MD, area; October 20-21 in Miami Beach, FL; and January 21-22 and February 4-5 in Las Vegas, NV. Also, our fall convention will be hosted in Kansas City, MO, November 12-14 and will feature a fantastic lineup of 12 speakers. Thirty-nine entries have been submitted for the 2014 ICRI Project Awards and the winner will be announced on Thursday, November 13.

We look forward to seeing you in Kansas City. This will be another ripe opportunity to renew friendships, make new ones, and learn from and contribute to the organization. ICRI would not exist without its members; therefore, I would like to thank each and every one for their involvement, time, and hard work. Stay tuned for more exciting messages and possibilities from ICRI.