Whoa, Nellie—is it really Fall already? The old adage, “Time flies when you’re having this much fun,” could not be more true! And with the impending change of the seasons comes a busy time for ICRI, both locally and nationally. After taking a break during the busy summer months to concentrate on the repair work at hand, many local Chapters will get back into the swing of things, scheduling membership meetings, technical presentations and social gatherings to close out the year. Please make sure to keep your upcoming events posted on the ICRI website (in addition to your Chapter’s website). If I, or other ICRI members, happen to be in your area and an event is planned and posted, we just might make a reservation to show up!

On a national level, two important events take place in the Fall—Regional Roundtable meetings and, of course, ICRI’s Fall Convention. The next Regional Roundtable meeting will be held at the Sheraton Suites Hotel at the Philadelphia Airport on Tuesday and Wednesday, September 27 and 28. The following Chapters should plan to send two Chapter leader representatives: Quebec, Upstate New York, New England, Pittsburgh, Connecticut, Metro New York, Delaware Valley, and Baltimore Washington. Beginning at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, and concluding by about 3:00 PM on Wednesday, the meetings provide an excellent opportunity for leaders to share their Chapter’s successes and struggles, to network with other Chapter leaders in your region, to find out what’s going on at a national level, and to provide input to the ICRI’s leadership regarding your vision for ICRI going forward. Chapter Presidents should be in contact with Dale Regnier to designate their attendees to these important meetings!

November 9-11, ICRI’s Fall Convention descends upon the resurging city of Cleveland, with the appropriate theme of “Urban Reconstruction.” Great technical sessions are planned, in addition to an abundance of networking opportunities. The annual Project Awards will be announced on Thursday evening, followed by a reception you will not want to miss! Who will win Project of the Year? Come and find out!

Also, the Northern Ohio Chapter has planned a fun-filled bowling event for Wednesday afternoon, and a Friday evening Chapter party at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame! Bucket list check-off opportunity!

Has your Chapter designated a Delegate for the Fall Convention? The Chapter Delegate program affords each Chapter the opportunity to send a representative to the Convention without having to pay the registration fee, provided the delegate fulfills the following requirements:

- Pre-register for the Convention using the Chapter Delegate Form provided by Dale Regnier
- Attend a minimum of one Technical Session, and at least one Technical or Administrative Committee meeting
- Attend Friday’s Inter-Chapter Luncheon (12:00 noon to 1:30 PM) and Chapters Committee meeting (Friday, 1:30 to 3:00 PM)
- After the Convention, provide a written report to the delegate’s Chapter with a copy to Dale Regnier
- A delegate shall only be allowed to take advantage of the convention rate discount once every two years.

Each Chapter delegate is responsible for travel and hotel expenses; however, many Chapters budget monies to reimburse delegates for these expenses. We encourage all chapters to take advantage of this beneficial program!

Here’s hoping we see you this Fall! As always, if I can be of assistance to you, please do not hesitate to contact me at mlemay@jqeng.com or (817) 505-4304.