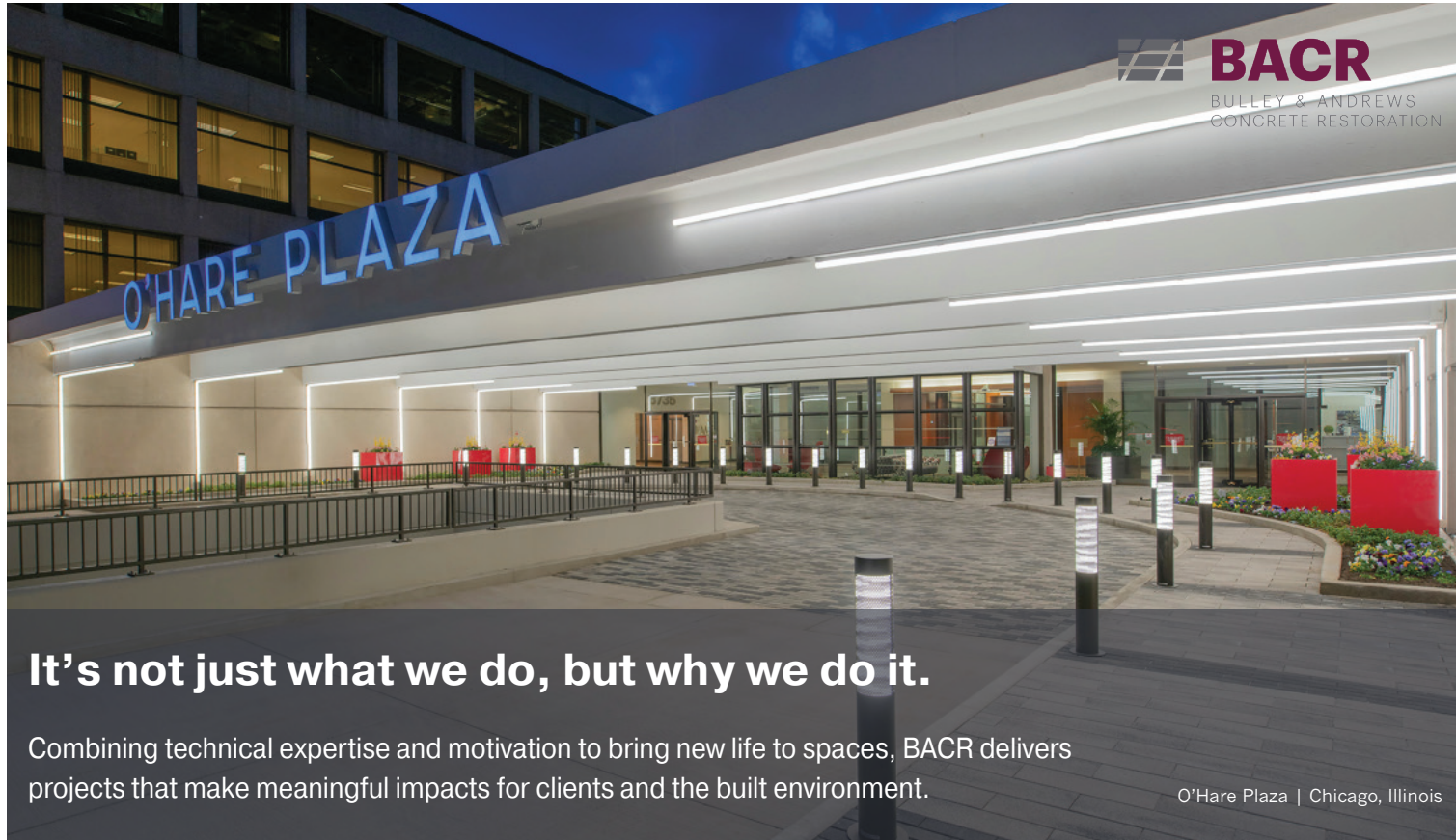


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LETTER FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT



As our industry approaches another construction season, I want to thank the 2022 Board of Directors for their efforts in providing value to our membership over the past year. Those who serve on the Board dedicate themselves to improving our industry and bringing benefits to our membership. Every golf outing, dinner meeting, and social event is planned with your interest as the primary focus. To that end, please be vocal about how our board can serve you better.

The 2023 board is already hard at work under the leadership of our new President, Kurt Baron. Kurt has been a proactive and dedicated contributor to the ICRI Chicago Board for many years. He provided indispensable support during my term as President, and I am excited to see what our board will accomplish under his leadership.

Thank you for your continued support of ICRI Chicago. Here's to a prosperous 2023.

Cheers!

Chris White
ICRI Chicago Chapter President








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FEBRUARY 16, 2023

Dinner Meeting featuring 2022
Project Awards
Westwood Tavern
Schaumburg

MARCH 16, 2023

March Madness Event
Crazy Pour Sports Bar
Villa Park

APRIL 20, 2023

April Dinner Meeting - Safety
Erie Café
Chicago

JUNE 8, 2023

Golf Outing - Leland
"Lee" Sizemore Memorial
Scholarship Fundraiser
White Pines Golf Club
Bensenville



Thursday, June 8, 2023

Registration is between
7:00 - 7:50 am

Shotgun start at 8:00 am

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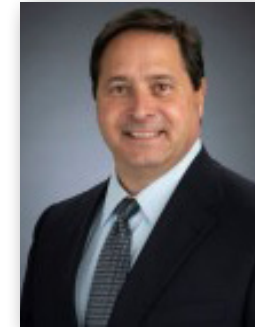
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HOLD THE DATE!

We have scheduled our annual
**2023 Leland "Lee" Sizemore
Memorial Scholarship Golf Outing**
for Thursday, June 8, 2023.
Please note the change in date we
announced earlier. We apologize
for the recent changes and will
notify you if we are forced to adjust
once more.

White Pines Golf Course
500 W. Jefferson St.
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Thursday, June 8th
8 am shotgun start

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

I'm excited to serve as your 2023 International Concrete Repair Institute (ICRI)-Chicago Chapter president. I have a strong respect for the concrete industry, the passion around it, and the work this organization does. Thank you, Chris White, for your leadership as the past president of our Chapter. Please join me in welcoming three new board members: Joseluis Alvarez of Klein and Hoffman, Nick Graziani of Watson Bowman Acme, and James Masterfield of Bulley & Andrews.

This year marks the 35th anniversary of the ICRI-Chicago Chapter. I would like to recognize two charter members, Marty Sobelman of Atlas Restoration and Mike McCluskey of Master Builders, who have been involved since 1988 and have both served as president. Marty was one of the 66 founding members of ICRI.

Our Illinois history is rich with the national organization formed in Naperville in 1998. Originally named the International Association of Concrete Repair Specialists (IACRS), the name was changed to ICRI in 1993. The organization was founded to alleviate frustrations related to the lack of standards and guidelines for repair. The original goal that remains today is to prolong the useful life of concrete through quality repair, restoration, and protection through best practices.

Your ICRI-Chicago board held its first meeting in January. Mark your calendar for these networking and learning events.

February 16, 2023
Dinner Meeting featuring 2022 Project Awards
Westwood Tavern, Schaumburg

April 20, 2023
Dinner Meeting - Safety
Erie Café, Chicago

June 8, 2023
Golf Outing - Leland "Lee" Sizemore Memorial Scholarship Fundraiser
White Pines Golf Club, Bensenville

The Scholarship committee is working hard to promote this year's Leland "Lee" Sizemore Memorial Scholarship award. If your organization hires summer interns, please encourage them to apply.

We continue to improve the chapter website with Will Kroncke of WGI leading this effort. Visit www.icrichicago.org to see the latest improvements and stay up to date on news, activities and national ICRI information.

Remember, all board meetings are open to all members. We welcome and encourage your participation and ask you to consider sharing your expertise by serving on one of our committees.

I look forward to a successful and celebratory year serving you.

Kurt Baron
ICRI Chicago Chapter President

ICRI FALL CONVENTION HIGHLIGHTS

I recently had the opportunity to take part in and attend the ICRI Fall 2022 Convention in Atlanta, Georgia. This was my first time attending an ICRI convention as a delegate for the Chicago chapter and as an attendee. During my experience, I attended multiple technical session presentations and committee meetings. I also participated in the clay shooting event and a local brewery's happy hour social affair. Lastly, I attended the Chapter Lunch on Wednesday and the Chapter Committee meetings. Some of the technical sessions and committee meetings I attended include:



Technical Sessions

- **Pentagon Phoenix Project Concrete Slab Repairs** (Mike Tracy, Ardex, Inc.) – Learning about the terrorist attack and reconstruction on the Pentagon. The means and methods regarding the Phoenix Repair project utilizing fast, durable, and permanent concrete repair solutions.
- **King Onion House Fire Damage Repair** (Dennis Wipf, Gervasio & Associates) – Learning about the fire at ASU Memorial Union, how thermal movements can occur during a fire on a structure, and the reconstruction of the building.
- **Restoring Smoke & Fire Damage on Concrete Structures** (Wayne Lawrence, ESCA Blast) – Learning how to measure surface profiles on concrete and abrasive blasting on steel and concrete structures. The presentation described the different materials used for abrasive blasting and why particular blast material is more effective than others depending on the substrate profile. A substrate profile can be measured using replica tape or puddy, laser profilometry, sand spread test, pull-off adhesion test or rubber comparator chips.
- **Modernism Laid Bare; Repair and Protection of Mid-Century Modernist Exposed Concrete Facades** (Simpson Gumpertz & Heger, Inc) – Learning about the approaches to architectural repair and best practices for developing custom structural concrete repair material to help match existing.
- **The Nashville Christmas Morning Bombing – An engineer's and Contractors Perspective** (Steve Burns – WJE, Thomas Frankie – WJE, Chris Holt, Holt Construction Group) – Learning about the vehicle born IED detonation outside of the AT&T equipment building in downtown Nashville, TN. This presentation described the motive, affect, and forensic analysis, and repair procedure from the event.



- **Shotcrete for Emergency Repair and Blast Resistance** (Charles Hanskat – Executive Director and Technical Director for the American Shotcrete Association) – Learning about the pros/cons of concrete shotcrete application, compressive strength vs. time of application, and how installing bonding overlay may act as a bond breaker.

Committee Meetings

- **Committee 110 – Guide Specifications** – Learning best practices used in the concrete repair industry that are essential to an effective repair program. The meeting consisted of introductions, a brief overview of the committee's purpose, and a debate regarding the shotcrete specification draft. The debate was interesting seeing engineers voice their opinions over specification revisions, especially why engineers should replace the word "shall" with "must" when specification writing.
- **Committee 710 – Coatings and Waterproofing** – Learning about the guidelines with regards to horizontal waterproofing for traffic surfaces, moisture in concrete floors, and the upcoming revisions concerning the guide for selection of grouts.
- **Chapters Committee** – Learning about how the committee studies and develops policies and guidelines for the operation and development of US and international chapters of the institute and encourages their formation.

Throughout my experience at the Atlanta 2022 Fall Convention, I also attended the Committee 110 Guide Specification meeting, where we discussed the CSRT program and tentatively scheduled 2023 ICRI webinars on how to utilize guide specification for individual projects to create contract documents. In addition, understanding the thought process behind the specification implementation is very beneficial for contractors.

As a delegate, I also had the opportunity to participate in the Inter-Chapter Luncheon, where we discussed ICRI growth strategies, star chapter feedback, chapter recognition, and how the association is replicating its business model in North American countries, including Mexico and South American countries as well. Lastly, Dale, the program director, gave all the delegates and attendees a booklet/guideline to help each local chapter prepare for 2023.

I attended the clay shooting event with BBQ lunch and the Georgia chapter evening social event consisting of a corn hole tournament and a BBQ dinner buffet. Partially at these events, I had the opportunity to network with other professionals in the repair industry and learn from their years of experience. Overall, a great experience filled with knowledge gained in the concrete repair industry.

Thank you for the opportunity,
Tyler Bishop, WSC Project Manager



2022 TECHNICAL SEMINAR HIGHLIGHTS

On December 15, 2022, ICRI Chicago Chapter presented the 2022 Technical seminar which focused on concrete repair materials and corrosion protection. The event was hosted by Western Specialty Contractors at their facility in Glendale Heights and was attended by over 60-chapter members and guests.

The morning presentation session was kicked off by Dave Fuller with ICRI National. Dave discussed concrete surface preparation. Peter Tarara (WJE) and Chris White (JE Tomes) followed with a presentation on concrete repair materials. Dave Whitmore (Vector Corrosion Technologies) and Steven Garrett (WJE) presented on the topic of Corrosion Protection with a focus on Cathodic Protection. Chris Kottra (BTC) closed the morning session with an informative presentation on specific case studies.

Following lunch, attendees participated in a hands-on session which included 5 stations: **Concrete Surface Preparation** by Dave Fuller, **Form and Pour & SCC Repairs** by John Maher and Mike McClusky, **Horizontal Concrete Repairs** by Craig Frier assisted by Tom Lavin, **Vertical & Overhead Repairs** by Mark Glosser and Chris White and **Corrosion Mitigation** by Dave Whitmore and Nick Drews.

The seminar concluded with a hydration session sponsored by JSL Restoration.

A special thank you to Stephen Schmitt and the seminar committee for arranging an outstanding seminar and to Western Specialty Contractors for graciously hosting the event and providing support staff. Thank you to all our sponsors.





We are looking for volunteers! Interested in becoming more involved? Join a committee! Please go to www.icrichicago.org/Committees and click on the committee you want to sign up!

Chapter Committees are the heart of our organizational success. The creativity, hard work and pride that each committee member puts forth is consistently recognized as the Chicago Chapter grows. Whether planning events and managing budgets or getting our hands dirty, each task force works to achieve goals that are specific to the committee and crucial to our progress. Committee members have gained better understanding and insight into the organization and its focus, as well as developed strong relationships with other members! It's an effective way to build your professional network and take an active leadership role in our industry. Get involved with your chapter and join a committee today!

Requirements: Must be a member in good standing of the Chicago Chapter of ICRI. Must be willing to participate in one or more activities of the committee. Committee Chairs must be a member of the Chicago Chapter Board of Directors.

Awards: Responsibilities include managing Project of the Year competition and marketing. Other responsibilities include recognizing speakers at dinner meetings, Seminar, and various special events.

Communications: Responsible for networking within Chapter, with national, and with other industry organizations. Also responsible for maintaining website.

Membership: Responsibilities are to devise and implement ideas to increase membership. Committee is also responsible for attending various functions, trade shows, special events, etc. to promote our ICRI mission.

Programs: Responsible for identifying desired topics and qualified speakers, and securing venues for the 4 dinner meetings.

Publications: Responsibilities are to create and publish our quarterly "Concrete Reinforcer" magazine. Committee is also responsible for soliciting advertisers for the publication.

Seminar: Responsibility for identifying qualified speakers, securing a venue, and coordinating a full-day educational seminar.

Social: Plans, manages, and markets social events including golf outing, summer social outing, and holiday social outing.

Scholarship / Student Outreach: Responsibilities are to create criteria, an application, and a contact list of universities to distribute our annual scholarships to students. Also responsible for contacting universities to promote participation in our industry.





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