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Upcoming Events



**REGISTRATION WILL BE OPEN ON MONDAY, MARCH 13 THROUGH FRIDAY, JUNE 2.
ONLINE PAYMENTS WILL BE THE ONLY ACCEPTED FORM OF PAYMENT.**

Come out and join us on the greens for the 2023 ICRI Chicago Chapter Golf Outing!

But let's not forget our mission and purpose for this outing. This event helps financially support our annual scholarship that can potentially help you or a young professional you may know. We invite you as a member of ICRI to forward this invitation to your past or present interns who may be interested in financial support as they work toward their degrees. We feel that interns who have worked for ICRI member companies are just the kind of people that we are looking for.

https://icrichicago.org/Scholarship_Information

White Pines Golf Course

Thursday, June 8

Check-in: 7:00am

Shotgun Start: 8:00am

All individual/foursomes golfers have a ticket included lunch
Hole sponsorships are sold separately and encouraged!

Tickets

\$800.00 Foursome (lunch included)

\$200.00 Single Golfer (lunch included)

\$100.00 Hole Sponsorship

\$50.00 Lunch only

[Register Here](#)



Save the Date
THURSDAY, AUGUST 17, 2023
5:30-8:30 PM

LONDONHOUSE
CHICAGO
35 EAST WACKER DR

Celebrate 35 years of dedication to the concrete repair industry at one of Chicago's best rooftop venues.

Tickets & Sponsorships available soon

ICRI had its origins at a World of Concrete seminar in February 1988. Attendees voiced their frustration about the lack of standards and guidelines for concrete repair. They also expressed their concern over the proliferation of unqualified contractors entering the industry.

In response to these concerns, the International Association of Concrete Repair Specialists was formed, with a formal organizational meeting in Naperville, Illinois, May 21, 1988, attended by 66 repair specialists. In 1993 the name was changed to the International Concrete Repair Institute.

The organizing members agreed on the following statement of purpose: To improve the quality of concrete restoration, repair, and protection through education of, and communication among, the members and those who use its services.

SAVE THE DATE
Wednesday, September 20, 2023
5:00 - 8:00 PM

PUNCH BOWL SOCIAL CHICAGO
310 N GREEN ST

aci ILLINOIS
ICRI CONCRETE REPAIR CHICAGO

A joint social and networking event
Tickets and Sponsorships available soon

Registration includes:
food, drinks, exclusive access to games, and
FUN



2023 ICRI Fall Convention

October 16-18

TradeWinds Island Resorts

St. Pete Beach, FL

SAVE THE DATE!

November 9, 2023 – Dinner Meeting Westwood Café

December 7, 2023 – Seminar



Chicago Chapter 2023 Officers & Directors



The 2023 Chicago Chapter Officers and Directors are already hard at work under the leadership of our new President, Kurt Baron.

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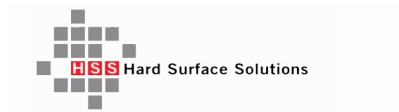
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President's Letter



As the construction season picks up the Chicago ICRI Board is moving at full speed. I am sincerely impressed with the amount of work being done by the board members and all the committees to ensure the continued success of this organization.

At the February dinner meeting the ICRI Chicago Chapter awarded Project of the Year to Bulley & Andrews Concrete and WGI for O'Hare Plaza restoration. The Award of Merit was presented to Golf Construction and Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. for O'Hare International Airport Elevated Parking Structure Repairs. Congratulations to both finalists.

Many ICRI members enjoyed kicking off the March Madness Tournament at Crazy Pour Sports Bar. For the first time, our chapter hosted a bracket challenge which was won by Kevin Marks of Walker Consultants. Board members Diego Romero and Vic Ligocki tied for 2nd place.

At the April dinner meeting attendees enjoyed presentations by Gary Syslo of Walker Consultants and Brad Sklenar of Skyclimber on Suspended Scaffolding and Vertical Access. Thanks to Gary and Brad for the informative presentation.

Our Annual Golf Outing to benefit the Leland "Lee" Sizemore Memorial Scholarship will be held on June 8th at White Pines Golf Club in Bensenville. We expect to fill both courses so register your teams early to save your spot. With participation from our membership and guests and support from sponsor companies, we expect a great day of golf and networking.

The social committee is planning the 35th Anniversary party to be held at the London House on August 17th, and a joint social event with ACI on August 21st at Punch Bowl in Chicago. Mark your calendar for both events.

I would like to remind everyone board meetings are open to all members; we welcome and encourage your participation in board and committee meetings. I look forward to seeing everyone at the upcoming events.

Sincerely,

Kurt Baron
ICRI Chicago Chapter President



February and April Dinner Meeting Recaps – Project of the Year, Fall Protection, and Façade Access!



The 2022 Project of the Year winner and Award of Merit winners were announced during the February dinner meeting held on February 16, 2023. Attendees were treated to two very intriguing presentations of very challenging concrete restoration projects.

Join us in celebrating the following awards!

Project of the Year: O'Hare Plaza Restoration

Contractor: Bulley & Andrews Concrete Restorations

Engineer: WGI

Owner: Jones Lang LaSalle

Suppliers: McCann, Glenrock

Award of Merit: O'Hare International Airport Elevated Parking Structure Repairs

Contractor: Golf Construction - Precision Surveillance Corporation

Engineer: Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

Owner: Chicago Department of Aviation

Suppliers: MasterBuilders Solutions, Sika Corporation, Ozinga Ready Mix

On April 20th, Gary Syslo, Senior Restoration Consultant for Walker Consultants, and Bradley Sklenar with SkyClimber presented at the ICRI Chicago Chapter dinner meeting. Guests were treated to a wealth of knowledge related to fall prevention and fall protection safety, design, and testing requirements for suspended scaffolding, tieback anchors, davits, rope descent systems, and industrial rope access means as well as a detailed overview of the importance of safety checks for swing stage use for façade access. Well done, everyone!



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On the Move



McCann Industries, Inc. has hired Peter Altenberger as Corporate Vice President of Sales. In this new role, Peter will be working with the company’s entire sales organization to find better ways to service our current and prospective customers. This is a homecoming for Peter. He started his career with McCann in 1991 as a sales trainee and was with the organization for five years. Peter left the organization and has held a variety of sales leadership roles within the construction industry. “I am humbled and excited that I am able to come home after 32 years. I look forward to proving to the marketplace why they need a trusted supplier that cares about their long-term success as much as the success of the project at hand,” states Peter Altenberger, Corporate Vice President of Sales. “I am excited to have Peter a part of the team. His leadership will help as we continue to exceed the expectations of prospects, customers and vendors,” boasts Steve Roggeman, President of McCann Industries.

The company has also announced that Damian Allen and Jay Courtney have been promoted. Damian Allen has been promoted to Vice President – Construction Supplies. Jay Courtney has been promoted to Vice President - Construction Equipment. Both promotions come with greater responsibility within their respective divisions. “Damian and Jay have been instrumental in the growth of our business. I look forward to how they evolve their divisions,” said Steve Roggeman, President of McCann Industries.

“Damian and Jay have both done a great job growing their respective divisions during the last several years. Bringing Peter back in this new role will pay dividends,” adds Jim McCann, CEO of McCann Industries.



ICRI 2023 Spring Convention in Review



ICRI held its annual convention in Vancouver, Canada in April of this year. The convention brought together professionals from the concrete repair industry to discuss the latest technologies, products, and methods.

The theme was Concrete Protection from the Sea to Sky. The technical sessions covered topics from removing salt from concrete to waterproofing techniques. One notable session was a panel discussion of horizontal waterproofing of traffic surfaces. Panelists discussed various problems and solutions that were encountered in the field and how the owner, engineer, contractor, and manufacturers come together to make a successful project.

The convention also included a Recognition Luncheon. Awards were given to new ICRI Fellows and recognized individuals for their long-time contributions as ICRI Fellows for services as a Committee Chair. This year, Mark Nelson, one of our very own Chicago Chapter members was honored for his Service as Chair of the Technical Activities Committee. Congratulations Mark!

Other highlights included an outing to the Capilano Suspension Bridge, Women in ICRI Reception, and networking evening event at the Vancouver Art Gallery. Some attendees even took the opportunity to take some well-earned time off to enjoy the scenery.

The next [ICRI convention](#) will be October 16-18, 2023 at the [TradeWinds Island Resorts](#) in St. Pete Beach, FL.