

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Greetings and
Welcome to 2020!

2020 ICRI President Mark LeMay pictured at the Fort Worth Stockyards National Historic District. Photo by Jim Brown.

I am honored and humbled to serve ICRI membership as its 32nd President. Frankly, graduating from Notre Dame's School of Architecture in 1977, I would not have imagined that I would be in this position at any point in my career. Nevertheless, I have been extremely fortunate throughout my career to have been mentored by knowledgeable and talented individuals in the fields of architecture, construction, and, more recently, engineering. Early on, eschewing new design and construction, my jigsaw-puzzle background led me to the world of renovation and restoration, and I have never left. Joining ICRI in 2006, I found a tremendous group of like-minded individuals and companies who thrive on the challenges put before us by our built environment—both old and new. We are the doctors who diagnose the ills of our man-made structures, and we are the makers of materials and tools that our technicians and surgeons use to correct the deficiencies identified in our clients' concrete and masonry structures. As evidenced in our Project Awards program, we take great pride in our work by recognizing and celebrating our revived structures—restored, repurposed and renewed!

This issue of the *Concrete Repair Bulletin (CRB)* reviews the progress our industry has made toward the 13 goals set forth in Vision 2020, begun in 2004 and first published in June 2006 by the Strategic Development Council. (You can view a copy of the document at: https://www.icri.org/resource/resmgr/strategicvision/vision2020-version1.0__may20.pdf.) One major goal was to “create a repair/rehabilitation code...,” that was accomplished with the publication of ACI 562 in 2013—updated in 2016 and again in 2019. ICRI has played a significant role in this process by assisting with the creation of ACI

562MAN—“Guide to the Code for Assessment, Repair and Rehabilitation.” In addition, ICRI's Guide Specifications Committee accomplished Vision 2020's goal #4 to “develop performance-based guide specifications for specific and generic repair designs to improve specifications” with the creation of ICRI's editable “Guide Specifications for Structural Concrete Repair” (Guideline 110.1-2016), and “Guide Specifications for Externally Bonded FRP Fabric Systems for Strengthening Concrete Structures” (Guideline 330.2-2016).

ICRI's initiatives toward achieving the goals set forth by Vision 2020 were kick-started in 2014 by the board's approval of ICRI's Strategic Vision that established our mission around four pillars: Industry Leadership, Professional Development, Organizational Strength, and Organizational Credibility. Championed by my predecessor Chris Lippmann, who took the reins of the Strategic Implementation Committee in 2014, ICRI has embarked on an exciting ride to raise awareness of our industry, and provide the knowledge and tools “to improve the quality of repair, restoration, and protection/preservation of concrete and other material systems.”

Yes, these truly are exciting times to be a member of ICRI! If you attended any of the technical committee meetings at the recently completed (and wildly successful!) Fall Convention in Philadelphia, it is plain to see our organization has many new initiatives in the works, thanks in part to the ideas submitted by **you**, the members, via the Secretariat program. Established out of the growth of the Strategic Implementation Committee, our Secretariat “assures that ideas and issues are heard, disseminated and managed by the appropriate ICRI committees

and task groups.” You may ask, “How do we accomplish these new initiatives?” Adhering to the mantra that “many hands make light work,” **your** involvement in our Technical and Administrative Committees can make a difference! You are mistaken if you think (like I once did) that you have little to offer our committees. We all have different experiences with, and perspectives of, the repair industry that could provide valuable input to the products that we are producing for the betterment of the industry. I encourage each of you to pick a committee that piques your interest (for me, it was Coatings and Waterproofing), fill out the online application to become a consulting member of the committee, and participate in the meetings and conference calls that take place throughout the year! Don’t be shy—take the leap! You will find that contributing to a new document, webinar, or certification program is a tremendously rewarding experience!

During my year serving as your ICRI president, two of my goals will be to increase membership in our local chapters and convincing more members to participate in our national committees. Yes, this second item can be a bit intimidating at first, but I strongly encourage you to stick with it! Doing this has helped to elevate my career to the next level, provided me with access to fellow members from around the country with different experiences, and rewarded me with a great deal of knowledge gained!

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not express my sincerest thanks to:

- Beth Newbold for inviting me to be a voting member of the Chapters Committee;
- My fellow Region 7 Chapters for allowing me serve as their Regional Representative for four years;
- Katherine Blatz for immediately getting me plugged in to an active role on the Executive Committee;
- My predecessors (Michael, Katherine, Keith, Brian, Ralph and Chris) for their mentorship and friendship;
- My boss at JQ, Stephen Lucy, for his unwavering support of my involvement in ICRI;
- And my wife, Marcia, for her patience and understanding on all those nights and weekends spent with my fired-up laptop.

I am one lucky guy! 



Mark D. LeMay, AIA
2020 ICRI President

ICRI Mission and Strategic Plan Benefit Members and the Industry

INDUSTRY LEADERSHIP

ICRI will be the state-of-the-art, trusted and reliable source of delivering best industry practices and professional networks in the repair industry.

- Develop industry professionals
- Professional networks
- Champion innovation and safety

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

ICRI will develop and deliver programs, products, and services that provide knowledge, build skills, and validate expertise.

- Expand certification
- Quality programs and products
- Enhanced product program services

ICRI Vision: ICRI will be the center for repair leadership supporting a profession built on science and craftsmanship making the built world safer and longer lasting.



ICRI Mission: ICRI provides education, certification, networking and leadership to improve the quality of repair, restoration, and protection/preservation of concrete and other material systems.

ORGANIZATION STRENGTH

ICRI will have the resources, staff, and structures to fully support its strategic priorities.

- Engage members
- Strengthen chapters
- Grow staff capacity and capabilities
- Serve members

ORGANIZATION CREDIBILITY

ICRI will be a well-connected organization backed by a recognized and respected brand locally, nationally, and globally.

- Strengthen strategic partnerships
- Strengthen brand
- Engagement of diverse participants