

THE CONNECTION

International Concrete Repair Institute
Carolinas Chapter

2025 Wrap-Up/2026 Look-Ahead

President's Message



Laura Bolduc
DKO Engineering



I'm honored to step into the role of President for the ICRI Carolinas Chapter in 2026. Before looking ahead, I want to express my appreciation to John Lambert, Jr., who served as President this past year. John's leadership and steady guidance strengthened our chapter's programs and kept our momentum strong. We're grateful for his service and the time he dedicated to our members and our mission.

As we move into 2026, our focus is on continued growth and member value. A key priority this year is expanding our corporate sponsorship base. Sponsorship is essential to supporting the educational sessions, student initiatives, and networking opportunities our members rely on. We hope to reconnect with long-time sponsors and welcome new companies that want to engage more actively with the concrete repair industry

in the Carolinas. Membership growth is also an important part of our vision for the year. Our chapter is strong because of its people, and we encourage members to help us broaden our network by inviting colleagues, partners, and emerging professionals to attend a meeting or conference. Bring younger members to diversity and grow the network and awareness of the industry. The more voices and perspectives we bring in, the stronger our chapter becomes. Providing high-quality technical programs and events remains central to everything we do. Our conferences and educational sessions remain among the best opportunities in the region for practical learning and industry connections, and we intend to build on that reputation throughout the year.

We're pleased to announce that our Spring Conference will return to Charleston, hosted once again at Hotel Indigo. Charleston has always been a popular location for our members, and we look forward to offering a strong lineup of presentations alongside a team-building event with the Charleston RiverDogs, giving attendees a chance to connect in a relaxed and enjoyable setting. Later in the year, our Fall Conference will take place in Greenville at the Embassy Suites, a venue that has consistently provided a great environment for education, networking, and exhibitor participation.

The success of our chapter depends on engaged members who show up, participate, and help bring others into the fold. I encourage everyone to take part in the opportunities ahead—whether through attending conferences, volunteering with a committee, or simply introducing new people to ICRI. Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President for 2026. I look forward to working with all of you to make this another strong and productive year for the ICRI Carolinas Chapter.

Laura

Welcome to our new board members:



Outgoing President, **John Lambert** of Stone Restoration of America receiving his Presidential Plaque from incoming President, **Laura Bolduc** of DKO Engineering.



The chapter is grateful for the service of **Mike Jarman** of Construction Specialty Products and **Stewart Swing** of Terracon as they complete their terms on the Board



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2026 Lineup of Chapter Events

Our Board of Directors has put together what is sure to be a great 2026 for our members and guests. Take a look at our planned events and make sure you mark your calendars now and make plans to join us throughout the year.

When available, all registration details will be posted at ICRICarolinas.org and will also be distributed via our email blasts and posted on our LinkedIn page.



NEW for 2026

March Madness Social Event & Bracket Challenge

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Tobacco Road Sports Cafe - Raleigh, NC

Come join us on the first full day of the NCAA Basketball Tournament and socialize with your friends and colleagues while cheering on your team. We've booked space in the Press Box private room at Tobacco Road Sports Cafe in downtown Raleigh where you can expect beverages, bar food and multiple TVs showing all the games.

Carolinas Chapter Spring Conference

Thursday & Friday, April 30-May 1, 2026

Hotel Indigo - Mt. Pleasant, SC

With the great feedback we've been receiving from our past Spring Conferences, the Chapter has made the decision to return to the Charleston area for 2026. We've also already secured 85 tickets to the Riverdogs baseball game with **all tickets** in the upscale Segra Club at the park.



Joint Golf Tournament with WCA Summer 2026 (Location and Date TBD)

We've been averaging 100 golfers each year for the past two years at our annual Joint Golf Tournament with the Waterproofing Contractors Association. Plus we've raised \$3000-\$4000 each year for each group's scholarship funds. Watch your email and our chapter site for details once our golf committees settle on a date and location for this year's event.

2026 Fall Conference

Thursday & Friday, October 15 & 16, 2026

**Embassy Suites Golf Resort & Conference Center
Greenville, SC**

We were last in Greenville for our 2022 Fall Conference and look forward to returning for 2026. One great feature of this location is that The Preserve at Verdae Golf Course is ON SITE. So expect a great lineup of speakers, a Fall Golf Outing and our Annual Banquet, all on-site at the Embassy Suites.



CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS:

Do you or someone you know have a presentation that would be a good fit for our members? Are there topics or subjects that you would like to hear about at our conference? If so, email Brad Aderhold (brad@icricarolinas.org) with your ideas or suggestions.

BECOME A CHAPTER SPONSOR IN 2026

The **single largest source of income** for our chapter is annual corporate sponsorship from our member companies. Maintaining and growing our sponsorship dollars is crucial for our chapter's ability to continue to put on meaningful events for our members and guests. This is especially true in our current environment as costs associated with our conferences and events continue to rise. We have made an effort to keep our sponsorship rates at reasonable levels to encourage member companies of all sizes to participate and to help support the chapter. So whether you are a long-time existing sponsor or a company considering getting on board for the first time, we encourage you to make a commitment to the chapter via sponsorship for 2026. Below, you'll see the three levels we offer and the benefits for each.



PLATINUM CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP - \$1500 ANNUALLY

Your Company Logo on:

- **(NEW)** The footer of all promotional emails sent during the year
- Every page of chapter web site
- An individual slide on screen at annual meetings
- A page in each chapter newsletter
- All printed conference agendas
- Platinum level also receives **free tabletop space** at each conference (a \$250 value)



GOLD CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP - \$750 ANNUALLY

Your Company Logo on:

- **(NEW)** The homepage of the chapter website
- A shared slide at annual meetings

Your Company Name on:

- A page in each chapter newsletter
- All printed conference agendas



SILVER CHAPTER SPONSORSHIP - \$500 ANNUALLY

Your Company Logo on:

- **(NEW)** The homepage of the chapter website

Your Company Name on:

- A shared slide at annual meetings
- A page in each chapter newsletter
- All printed conference agendas

READY TO SIGN UP?

It's simple to sign up as a chapter sponsor. Just visit:

icricarolinas.org/sponsorship

Complete the 2-minute form on the page, selecting your level of sponsorship and you will then receive an emailed invoice that you can pay with a check or a credit card.

Reach out to Brad with any questions:
brad@icricarolinas.org

Recognizing our 2025 Sponsors

One more 'Thank You' to the companies who supported the chapter in 2025:

Platinum Chapter Sponsors



APPLIED
BUILDING
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BEACON
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"For the Best in Construction Materials"

STONE RESTORATION
OF AMERICA

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Explore with us

Gold Chapter Sponsors

Carolina Restoration & Waterproofing • Ecobeton-USA • High Rock Waterproofing Inc
Statesville Roofing & Building Restoration • WxTite

Silver Chapter Sponsors

DKO Engineering, PLLC • US Concrete Products (USCP)

2025: YEAR IN REVIEW



Spring Conference - Charleston, SC



The 2025 ICRI Carolinas Chapter Student Scholarship: Tough competition for our valuable scholarship

Our annual \$5000 scholarship for students in concrete and construction related programs continues to receive a great selection of candidates each year. 2025 was no different and our scholarship committee members were presented another challenging decision. The chapter would like to congratulate **Maximiliano Hernandez**, a Junior at Clemson University pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Construction Science and Management for being selected as this year's winner.



Joint Golf Tournament with the WCA - Forest Oaks in Greenboro, NC



2025: YEAR IN REVIEW



Fall Conference - Asheville, NC



The 2025 ICRI Carolinas Chapter Service Project benefitting:



The 2026 ICRI National Spring Convention:



AMPLIFYING DURABILITY

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MARCH 15 – 18, 2026

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