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February Membership Meeting

- Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2024
- Time:** Networking and lunch at 11:30 AM, meeting and presentation 12 PM—1 PM
- Location:** Terracon Training Room (8901 John W. Carpenter Fwy, Dallas, TX 75247)
- Cost:** \$20 members, \$40 non-members
- Presenter:** Parker Mink, PE, Senior Associate at Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.
Parker Mink is a Senior Associate with the Dallas office of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. Parker has been with WJE for almost 11 years and has led numerous investigations and assessments of historic and modern masonry systems. In particular, he has extensive experience in assessment, stabilization, and repair design of deteriorating architectural cast stone systems.
- Presentation:** Look Out Above! A Discussion on Progressive and Sudden Failure of Modern Cast Stone Masonry
Cast stone has certainly found its place in American architecture, particularly as a cladding system and masonry ornamentation. This is particularly true within civic structures and institutional campuses, such as schools, universities, corporate campuses, hospitals, hotels, and many others. Cast stone is often celebrated as a cost effective and readily available alternative to cut stone ornamentation. One thing we often forget: cast stone is a form of concrete. Therefore, it requires maintenance and monitoring, just like concrete. This presentation will discuss the specification, manufacturing, and progressive failure indications of cast stone masonry, as well as the dangerous situations that occur when it fails.

[Click here to register!](#)



Don't miss out on our new attendance raffles! We'll be giving away a \$50 door prize. New members in attendance who signed up in 2023 will be eligible for a second \$50 raffle! Membership registration must occur by February 13.

President's Message



Clay Broyles

Happy New Year to all the members of the North Texas ICRI Chapter. It is an honor to be serving again as your 2024 Chapter President. I would like to thank 2023 President Casey Jones and all of our great Board and Committee Members that make our Chapter great.

We have a event-packed start to the new year. Hopefully everyone that was able to attend World of Concrete this year was able to visit the ICRI National booth. The first North Texas Chapter Membership Meeting is February 15th. Our very own Vice President, Parker Mink, PE, will be presenting. More information is on the front page of this newsletter. As always, we invite non-members and potential members to attend.

As we do every year, we are looking to increase our memberships and strengthen our outstanding chapter. If you are looking to join the NTX Chapter or know someone who would be interested please reach out to me or a fellow Board Member.

The next ICRI National event is the Spring Convention April 22-24 in Boston, MA. Several Board Members along with our Chapter

Delegate will be attending this great learning event. A National Roundtable is also in the works with information available at a later date.

Please keep an eye out for event emails from the NTX Chapter. We will be having a social/happy hour before the Spring Convention. Our annual Clay Shoot is scheduled for April 3 at Elm Fork Shooting Sports, more details coming soon. We expect to surpass last year's attendance, and help increase the scholarship dollars that we donate to UTA and Texas State CIM students.

I want to wish everyone a prosperous and happy 2024! We look forward to seeing you at our February Membership Meeting.

Sincerely,

2024 NTX Chapter President

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Future Programs & Events

Save The Date!

10th ANNUAL SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC

Date: Wednesday, April 3, 2024

Location: Elm Fork Shooting Sports, Dallas, TX

Approximate Start Time: 8:00 AM



Stay tuned for more information!

- February 15: Membership Meeting
- March 8: Board Meeting
- April 3: Sporting Clay Classic
- April 22-24: ICRI Spring Convention (Boston, MA)
- May 10: Board Meeting

Full 2024 calendar is also available on [our website](#).

Surface Profile Chips for Sale!

Did you know that the NTX Chapter sells ICRI Surface Profile Chips (CSP 1-10)? Let us know before a meeting and we can deliver them to you there! Your purchase supports the NTX Chapter. For more information, contact Pete Haveron at [peteh@texconrest.com](mailto:pete@texconrest.com).



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ICRI and NTX Chapter Team up for Field Applicator Pilot Program

After six months of preparation, ICRI, in conjunction with the North Texas Chapter, held a pilot version of its Field Applicator Training Program on December 13th at RTC Glass & Restoration facility in Carrollton, Texas. The all-day event was attended by 20 participants from NTX Contractor member companies. All participants were relatively new to the field of concrete repair. The training program is being developed by a Task Group to provide basic knowledge about reinforced concrete, substrate and surface preparation, repair materials and methods, and hands-on experience placing concrete repair materials in horizontal, vertical and overhead applications. It is hoped that the program can be rolled out to and conducted by ICRI Chapters and Member Companies under the auspices of ICRI's Subject Matter Experts.

The program consisted of two "classroom" sessions presented by Stephen Grelle, PE, and Dave Tepke, PE, interspersed with seven "workstations" where participants actively chipped out concrete, and mixed, placed and finished repair materials in horizontal, vertical and overhead conditions.

Each participant was provided with a take-home binder (in English or Spanish) containing copies of several ICRI Guidelines, and copies of the classroom session slides, and they received a "Certificate of Completion" for the Training Program.

A second pilot program is being planned for late February in Raleigh, North Carolina.

Special thanks to RTC for hosting this important event and creating several of the slab mock-ups – Dan Andres, Karl Guderian, Mariano Rodriguez, Mike Tolson, Drake Daly, and Ligia Clark, to Ben Koehler and Patrick Jorski from Sika for donating material and supplies, and creating the vertical and overhead mock-ups, to Pete Haveron from Texas Concrete Restoration for bringing numerous pieces of equipment and tools to display, and to the North Texas Chapter for authorizing reimbursement expenses up to \$3,000 to support the event.


Task Group Members: Mark LeMay, Dave Fuller, Dave Tepke, Stephen Grelle, Pete Haveron, Patrick Jorski, Dan Wald, Jeff Welty, Matthew Carter, Dan Andres, Karl Guderian and Mariano Rodriguez.



Participants mix concrete repair material under the watchful eye of Ben Koehler.



All participants and Subject Matter Experts gather for a group photograph following completion of the training.



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Concrete Surface Repair Technician (CSRT) Program



A Self-Guided Training Program
 Focused On Concrete Surface Repair

*“The ICRI CSRT program has assembled a vast amount of information...
 an individual can learn best practices that typically take five to ten years to accumulate.
 Whether you are new to concrete repair or experienced...this program has something for everyone.”*

Jacob Borgerson, CSRT-Grade 1, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

TxDOT Gives Update to NTX Chapter

The NTX Chapter welcomed speaker Doug Beer, PE, to their Membership Meeting on November 29, 2023, at the Terracon office's training room in Dallas. Mr. Beer, who is the Construction and Maintenance Branch Manager for TxDOT, presented a range of topics related to bridge repair and maintenance in Texas. The topics included current and forecasted bridge letting, funding sources for bridge rehabilitation and preservation, common structural repair methods, and recurring challenges associated with repair. The Chapter appreciated the opportunity to meet Mr. Beer and learn more about the massive effort associated with maintaining Texas's bridge inventory.



Doug Beer, PE (center), discusses TxDOT bridge maintenance and repair.



2023 NTX Chapter President Casey Jones (left) speaks to the group about upcoming chapter functions.

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NTX Chapter Scholarships

Now Accepting Applications for 2024

The North Texas Chapter is very proud to offer scholarships to high school seniors, trade school students, and college undergraduates to encourage their awareness of and participation in the concrete repair industry. The scholarships have been made possible in large part due to the Chapter's annual fundraisers, the Sporting Clay Classic and the Jesse Points Memorial Golf Classic. Registration for 2024 scholarships is now open.

Eligibility: High school seniors and college undergraduate students that are pursuing a certificate or degree from a college, university, or trade school. Graduate students are not eligible for the scholarship at this time.

Amount: A total of at least \$1,000 will be awarded for tuition, fees, and books. Multiple scholarships may be awarded.

How to Apply: Complete the attached application. A cover letter, transcripts, and tests scores are required to be submitted.

Deadline: Friday, April 26, 2024

News From ICRI

2024 Spring Convention in Boston, MA

SAVE THE DATE! The 2024 ICRI Spring Convention will be held in Boston, MA. Check the ICRI website for more information in the coming weeks.

When: Monday-Wednesday, April 22-24, 2024

Where: The Westin Copley Place, 10 Huntington Avenue, Boston, MA

CONTACT ICRI HEADQUARTERS (INFO@ICRI.ORG) OR CHECK THE [WEBSITE](#) FOR MORE INFO



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Get Surface Repair Certified!

Why should my company have ICRI-certified Concrete Surface Repair Technicians (CSRT) on staff?

The ACI 562-19 concrete repair code commentary states that CSRTs are qualified to perform testing and inspections required by the Design Professional. Look for this requirement to become more prevalent in the coming years as ACI 562-19 is becoming more widely recognized. Plus, better quality control and quality assurance start with better training!

The North Texas Chapter is always looking for ways to expand or refine the newsletter. If you have suggestions on what we should include in the newsletter, new ideas, articles, or things we need to cut out, please send those comments to [Steve Grelle \(Stephen.grelle@yaeservices.com\)](mailto:Steve.Grelle@yaeservices.com).

Did your business card not make the newsletter? Don't worry. We can include you in future issues of the newsletter. Please contact [Steve Grelle \(Stephen.grelle@yaeservices.com\)](mailto:Steve.Grelle@yaeservices.com) for information. Don't delay, as our newsletter ads operate on a calendar year.

2024 NORTH TEXAS ICRI

IMPORTANT DATES

JANUARY

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JANUARY 20

BOARD MEETING

DATES TBD

HAPPY HOUR, FALL CONVENTION

JANUARY 22

ICRI KICK-OFF PARTY
AT WORLD OF CONCRETE

OCTOBER 11

BOARD MEETING

JANUARY 22-25

WORLD OF CONCRETE

NOVEMBER 7

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

FEBRUARY 15

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

DECEMBER 6

BOARD MEETING

FEBRUARY 29

HAPPY HOUR (LOCATION TBD)

MARCH 8

BOARD MEETING

APRIL 3

SPORTING CLAY CLASSIC

APRIL 22-24

ICRI SPRING CONVENTION BOSTON, MA

MAY 10

BOARD MEETING

JUNE 13

MEMBERSHIP MEETING

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NEWSLETTER DEADLINES



International Concrete Repair Institute North Texas (NTX) Chapter Scholarship Application & Guidelines, 2024

Overview & Program Guidelines

Objective: To encourage participation in the concrete and/or concrete repair industries. Scholarship funding is provided by ICRI NTX.

Amount: At least \$1,000 for tuition, fees, and books (more than one scholarship may be awarded)

Eligibility:¹ High school seniors and college undergraduate students that are pursuing a certificate or degree from a college, university, or trade school. Graduate students are not eligible for the scholarship at this time.

Apply:	Submit the following:	To:	ICRI North Texas Chapter
	Completed application form		Julie Bolding, Scholarship Committee Chair
	Cover Letter		12655 N. Central Expy, Suite 720
	Transcripts ²		Dallas, TX 75243 469-782-9753
	Test scores ³		julie.bolding@salasobrien.com

Due Date: Friday, April 26, 2024

Review: Completed applications will be reviewed by the Chapter Scholarship Committee. Appointed by the Chapter President, the Chapter Scholarship Committee Chair selects two committee members, who are approved by the Board of Directors. Applicant interviews may be requested by the Scholarship Committee. Committee members' family members are excluded from the opportunity to apply, but all others are eligible to apply regardless of membership in ICRI.

Decision: Award recipient(s) will be notified via letter on or about May 24, 2024. An announcement of the award recipient(s) will be made during an ICRI NTX Chapter meeting.

Award: Funding will be awarded by July 3, 2024 and will be placed in an account under the award recipient's name at his or her college, university or trade school. If no school has been selected or if student ID number and school financial aid mailing information has not been provided as of this date, funding will be held until a school is selected. Award will only be sent directly to college, university or trade school, not to award recipient.

Follow-up: Award recipients will be expected to attend a NTX Chapter meeting (at no cost to the recipient) and to provide a follow-up letter (or e-mail) at the completion of the semester for which funding is allocated including a description of the coursework completed and grades earned.

¹ While preference will be given to full-time students pursuing a career in concrete restoration, concrete strengthening methods, concrete repair material research or related fields, students from all disciplines are invited to apply. Past recipients may reapply.

² Applies to high school senior and college undergraduate applicants, unofficial transcripts are acceptable

³ Applies to high school senior applicants only, ACT or SAT scores are acceptable



**International Concrete Repair Institute North Texas (NTX) Chapter
Scholarship Application & Guidelines, 2024**

Scholarship Application

General: Date: _____ Applicant's Name: _____
(Last) (First, M.I.)

Present Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Permanent Address: _____
(Street)

(City) (State) (Zip)

Phone: _____

Education: College, university, or trade school you are attending or plan to attend:

Major Field of Study: _____

Full-time: _____ Part-time: _____ Have you been accepted? _____

Work experience in the Concrete or Construction Industry:

Award Info: Remit to: _____ Student ID: _____

Department name and address where scholarship check should be sent:

**Note: Payment will not be sent to award recipient's university, college or trade school until award recipient provides their student ID number, and all information required to submit the award to their university, college or trade school.*



**International Concrete Repair Institute North Texas (NTX) Chapter
Scholarship Application & Guidelines, 2024**

Have you received an ICRI NTX scholarship in the past? _____ When? _____

If you are working, how long have you worked in a field associated with ICRI?

>10 years _____ 5 to 9 years _____ <5 years _____

If you are a high school senior, what high school do you attend?

Supplemental: List your community, civic, or professional organization affiliations (include leadership):

(use additional
sheets if necessary)

List your extracurricular activities and interests: _____

Cover Letter: In addition to transcripts and test scores (for high school senior applicants), please include a 1-2 page cover letter with your application. The cover letter should focus on your career interests and goals, strongest personal characteristics, and why you have selected your current course of study. Steps you envision taking to achieve your goals as well as a statement about how the receipt of this scholarship could assist in that process are also of interest to the Committee.

Signature of Applicant Date

Printed Name

Signature of Parent/Guardian (if applicant is under 18) Date

The information provided in this application is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that scholarships are awarded at the discretion of the Scholarship Committee and, by signing above, I give the Committee permission to contact my school for verification of the information I have provided. I agree that if I am awarded a scholarship I will notify ICRI NTX immediately if my educational program is interrupted or changed in any manner that might jeopardize its intent and that I may be asked to return the scholarship. Additionally, I understand that if I am awarded a scholarship, funds will be paid to my college, university, or trade school of attendance and placed in an account under my name.