

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## GOVERNING STRUCTURE, NRCA LIAISON OCCUPY BOARD



On November 6 and 7, 2003, I had the pleasure of experiencing RCI's Building Envelope Symposium in Dallas, Texas. This is the first opportunity I have had to attend the BES in the last couple of years. While I believe RCI always puts on quality educational programs, I was impressed at how well our Building Envelope Symposium Committee and RCI staff worked with the volunteer presenters to produce a highly educational and well-run event. Anytime one puts on an event of this magnitude, one expects a few complaints; however, during my two days at the BES, I heard almost nothing but positive comments. Anyone who was there would know what I am talking about. If you missed the 2003 BES, you need to mark the next one on your calendar. We had 170 attendees at this symposium – a record for attendance. With the quality of presentations, we should set a new attendance record every year.

The day prior to the BES, the RCI board of directors met to discuss the governance of the institute. The topics discussed included regional boundary changes, the number of directors needed for the board, and possible changes in the executive committee. A taskforce was put together and will be chaired by Arthur "Chip" Ward. The charge for the task force is to review the way the board of directors is currently structured and make recommendations for changes if they are needed. We also discussed the role of

chapters within RCI. As chapters have flourished in certain areas, more RCI members are getting involved in leadership and in other volunteer activities. This is a valuable resource that the institute needs to leverage in the best possible way.

The Saturday following the BES, the executive committee met with the executive committee of the National Roofing Contractors Association. We discussed ways in which the two groups can work together in the future. The Submittal Guide for Roofing Projects, which was created by a joint taskforce and endorsed by both associations, should now be available to the public. Hopefully, other associations within our industry will accept this document. We also discussed co-location of our annual conventions in some type of format that would allow independent educational and social functions, but a shared trade show exhibit. Both groups are pretty much committed to doing their own thing for the next two conventions, but this is a subject that seems to have created quite a bit of interest. Another project that both groups are involved in is the Mold Taskforce. We will be looking for other areas of mutual interest in which we can share costs to achieve a common goal.

In closing, I would like to thank the volunteers and staff for their work on the Building Envelope Symposium. As Ben Franklin once said:

"Well done is better than well said."

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