



Ralph R. Pitman, Jr. CSI, CDT
Candidate – Institute Director from the Great Lakes Region



Year Joined CSI:	2001
Home Chapter:	Indianapolis
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Occupation/Position	Specifier/Project Coordinator
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Education:	Associate of Applied Science in 1987 from Vincennes University
Professional Registrations, Licenses and Certifications:	CDT
CSI Awards:	Chapter Design Professional of the Year 2014 Chapter Member of the Year 2013 Great Lakes Region outstanding service in 2014
Other Professional/Civic Organizations and Awards:	Eagle Scout and District Award of Merit BSA
Current/Previous Experience as a Board Member for Organization(s) other than CSI:	District Commissioner for Boy Scouts BSA CAC board for organizing multiple National Jamborees

Candidate Statement:

As a member of the Indianapolis Chapter I have volunteered since I joined 16 years ago. Just as I have done in Boy Scouts. I was Tabletop Chairman, served on the Trade Show, Programs, Education, and Membership Committees. For the past few years I have been the By-Laws Chair and a resource for the Chapter's history. As the Chapter Photographer, I have had the opportunity to meet and interact with several people from the

chapter level all the way to Institute and even outside CSI. While I was the Treasurer I took it as a very serious position to have the duty of being physically responsible for the financial future of the Chapter.

We have checking, savings, and investment accounts that had to be reported on each month. I was also the Treasurer when the CSI convention was held in Indianapolis and that added additional duties that year. I'm not afraid of taking on a lot of responsibility or having to answer to a higher authority and coordinating with others. I don't know why I have received the award I have, but I hope it's not all about my dedication to photographing and archiving our history, but also for the skill and dedication I put into our treasury. The experience I gained as treasurer made me a better-informed president for our Chapter.

What leadership skills do you possess that you could apply as a member of CSI's Board?

Over my 16 years as a member of the Indianapolis Chapter, I have served 10 years on the Board in all positions except secretary. Being chapter president was the most rewarding for me personally. We were able to have several joint meetings, increase membership, participation, and have a good time while learning.

What skills and experience make you uniquely qualified for the position for which you are a candidate?

I have served 3 years as the Chapter Treasurer, 2 years as the Region Treasurer, I have taught about the treasury position for chapter leaders at the region conferences and helped author a PowerPoint leader's guide for treasury.

What do you think should be changed about CSI or what changes would you make? What shouldn't change about CSI?

Change the S in CSI to Science. Specifications is too specific for an organization that now touches ALL parts of construction from concept to commissioning. We should look at change in any way as a positive that will help with the growth of the organization. If we fail, then we learn for our mistakes.

What do you see as critical to CSI's future success?

Staying relevant with the current technology that is part of construction globally will help us stay a relevant resource and not just a bunch of specifiers.