

Great Lakes Region Monthly Address – November 2013

Jack P. Morgan , President

- **RAP** – The Region Allocation Program (RAP) recommendations created by all of the Region Presidents, adopted by the Institute Board at their meeting at CONSTRUCT, were mentioned last month, but not detailed. The following are the highlights of the adopted recommendations:
 - Keep the original RAP Program, but change the way funds are distributed to the Regions.
 - Remove language stating that Regions in violation of Institute policy could have funds withheld until the Board felt they were in compliance.
 - Change the funding code to make the funds distributed to the Regions a pass through amount similar to how Chapters receive their funding. Remove the funds as line items (income and expense) to the Institute Budget.
 - Continue the 7 percent of member dues back to the Regions rounded to the nearest dollar. The membership rate would apply to all membership categories. RAP is automatic and not optional for members. The RAP fund percentage would be reviewed by Region leaders every two years to ensure adequacy of funding and make recommendations to the Institute Board should changes be needed. In the future, if membership dues are increased, then the RAP fund would also be increased concurrently, based on 7 percent of the increased dues amount.
 - Note in the Operational Guide or other document that any increase in membership dues will cause a recalculation of the funds to the Region to stay 7 percent of the total membership dues amount.
 - Implement an informational campaign to educate members to ensure that RAP is fully explained and not confused or misinterpreted as a new fee or part of the membership dues increase.
 - Institute Dues line items would not change in monetary value, however, a footnote on the application form should be made on the application form should be made indicating that 7 percent of the member dues provided to the Institute will be used to fund Region activities.
 - Continue uninterrupted sending of 100 percent of the RAP funds (7 percent of member dues) collected by the Institute, to the Regions in a similar manner to the Chapter Dues that are collected and distributed monthly based on the Member renewal date.
 - Establish and publish clear recommended guidelines to the Regions on leadership development, mentoring, and Institute-recommended budgeted uses of the RAP funds. These guidelines must contain measureable goals and requirements in order to allow the Regions to measure their successful compliance, however, shall not be mandatory or cause for the Institute to deem the Region not in compliance, forfeiting RAP funding. These guidelines may be in the form of a Region report card, itemizing the Region activities and illustrating how the Regions are implementing the use of the funds through leadership training and other Region/Chapter activities related to the enhancement of CSI.
 - Reorganize the Chapter listing on the member application form, and list chapters by Region. Membership in a region would be based on zip code of the registration address, not Chapter affiliation.
 - Supplemental dues charged by any Region should be listed as a percentage under the Region heading and shall be incorporated into the Chapter dues surcharge. There will be only a Chapter surcharge; however Region supplemental dues will be disclosed as part of a footnote.

The details are to be worked by the Institute Finance Committee. I believe that these recommendations will help establish the validity of Regions and ensure a healthy CSI.

- **Nominations** – Institute Director, Thad Goodman and his Nominating Committee have established a fine slate of qualified candidates to run for Region Offices next Spring.

President – Elect Phiip Babinec, RA, CSI, CCS, CCCA – Cincinnati Chapter

Vice President Donald Bauman, CSI, CDT – Detroit Chapter

Vice President Jeffery Clark, CSI – Louisville Chapter

Treasurer Henry Hondorp, CSI – Grand Rapids Chapter

Treasurer Bob Schrock, CSI, CCPR – Cincinnati Chapter

CSI members from the Great Lakes Region, CSI, are slated at the top offices of the Institute also to be elected next Spring:

President – Elect Lane J. Beougher, FCSI, CCS, CCCA – Columbus Chapter

Vice President Gary L. Beimers, FCSI, CDT – Grand Rapids Chapter

Congratulations to all the candidates. Support the Great Lakes Region and CSI and **VOTE**.

- **Chapter Visits** – I had the great pleasure of visiting the Louisville Chapter's **Day At The Races** last week. A good time was had by all including great food, prizes, networking, and the chance to win money on the races at Churchill Downs. Louisville was a perfect host as they have always been.

The Executive Committee of the Board wants to visit your chapter's activities. Contact Ivette Bruns, President-Elect, at ibruns@csoinc.net to reserve your spot. Let Ivette know who you would like to visit and what you would like discussed.

- **Many** thanks for all of your efforts to better the Great Lakes Region, CSI.

MORE NEXT MONTH!

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