

Great Lakes Region Monthly Address – December 2013

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With the end of the calendar year, it is time to look forward to many GLR activities in 2014:

- **On line CSI Elections are in February** – Last month, the very strong list of candidates were listed for Region and Institute offices. The ballots are all electronic, no paper ballots. Look for instructions from Institute at the end of January to help make your decisions on the future of CSI and the region.
- **CSI Academies** – The Academies will be held in Indianapolis, March 27-29, 2014. The highly acclaimed Academies will be held in the Midwest for the first time. In depth educational opportunities are organized in three tracks, Specifications, Construction Management, and Product Representation by experts across the country – some of which are local. Registration is currently open on the Institute website.
- **2014 Region Conference** – Save the date for the Region Conference in Indianapolis occurring July 31, August 1, and August 2, 2014. Planning is well underway with many educational, social, and networking opportunities. The venue has been established in a downtown location. Those that want to learn how to be more effective about a particular chapter or region office should attend. Information is already posted on the Region website. As in past years, we help share the travel and registration costs with each chapter who sends those that are leaders or yearn to be. Attending a Regional Conference is beneficial as well as good fun.
- **Bylaws update** – The efforts to incorporate the *Emerging Professional – At Large Director* position into the Region Bylaws was affirmably voted by the GLR Board last week. The revised bylaws will be submitted to the Institute Secretary for review. Thanks go to Lane Beougher for establishing the language of the updated bylaws that were adapted.
- **Chapter Visits** – Let the Executive Committee (EXCOMM) know about your Chapter's special events and your regular events (Chapter Meetings, Board Meetings, Award Banquets, Trade Shows, and Tours). Contact President-Elect , Ivette Bruns (IBruns@csoinc.net) to indicate your interest, request for one or more EXCOMM members, and the topic that is desired to be presented.
- I wish you and your families much happiness and enjoyment during the holiday season. I am looking forward to the many opportunities that CSI and The Great Lakes Region offer.
Many thanks for all of your efforts to better the Great Lakes Region, CSI.

MORE NEXT MONTH!

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