



September CSI GLR President's Address

This week is the 2014 CSI Annual Convention and CONSTRUCT in Baltimore, MD. I will be attending and hope that if you are attending, you make sure to let me know as I want to shake your hand and put faces to the many names I see on the Great Lakes Region membership list.

Our Region Caucus will be on Thursday, September 11 at 5:45 pm on the 3rd floor of the Baltimore Convention Center, Rm 318. ([link to Region Caucus agenda](#)) Please attend as we will be discussing several region items as well as the items on the agenda for the CSI Annual Meeting. I strongly encourage all Chapter Presidents to attend as you are also Great Lakes Region Directors. If you have any items that you want to add to the agenda, please let me know.

You should have received an e-mail from CSI regarding the 2014 Annual Meeting on Friday, September 12th. (The e-mail is dated 9/2/2014 from CSI.) Please take an opportunity to review the agenda and items up for discussion. <http://www.csinet.org/annualmeeting> If you have any comments, please contact me and I will make sure your voice is heard. We will be discussing these items at the GL Region Caucus.

As I promised, I will be highlighting one chapter a month in my addresses. This month it is the CSI Indianapolis Chapter.

CSI Indianapolis Chapter

- Chapter Meetings: Third Thursday of the month at The Willows on Westfield Event Center, 6729 Westfield Blvd, in Broad Ripple. A 5:30 social hour precedes the 6:30 Dinner and 7:30 Program.
- Chapter Chartered: February 16, 1961.
- Members: Has consistently held 190 plus members. New Member Orientation is held before the Chapter Meeting twice a year. Membership pins are handed out at this time.
- Traditions: Secret Handshaker at every meeting. Predetermined number of handshakes, by the secret handshaker, decides who wins a prize. This encourages everyone to shake hands with as many people as they can. The Secret Handshaker is a different person every month.
- Annual Events: The Chapter hosts an Awards Banquet, an Educational Foundation Golf Outing, a Holiday Program, and a Trade Show annually. This year, the Trade Show is held together with the AIA and USGBC Chapters, titled DESIGNINDY. The Chapter also offers educational seminars and certification preparation classes, twice a year.
- Monthly Publication: THE WINNER'S CIRCLE is delivered electronically each month to their membership, past meeting and trade show guests, other interested parties upon request
- Student Activities: The Chapter has established an Education Foundation 501(C)3 that raises money for the purpose of supporting construction education. The Foundation annually presents scholarships to students registered in accredited construction-related curriculum in Indiana universities or to central Indiana students enrolled in other accredited construction-related programs.
- A Chapter Best Practice: Past President's Forum. All past chapter presidents meet and invite the upcoming president and president-elect to share advice from each past president for their coming term.
- The Indianapolis Chapter is home to charter members John Fleck, Past Institute President (deceased) and Joe McGuire, Past Chapter President, who boasts perfect attendance for 52 years. Current GLR EXCOMM Members include Ivette Bruns, GLR President, Dan McCloskey, GLR Secretary and Jack Morgan, GLR Past President.

Thanks,
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GREAT LAKES REGION MEMBERS: In accordance with the bylaws, proposals of changes to the bylaws shall be presented to the Region membership no less than two weeks prior to a regular or special meeting. *(this was previously sent out)* At the Region Caucus at Construct in Baltimore, the Region will seek approval for the changes to the bylaws by vote of the Region membership. Proposed changes are highlighted in the following linked document. [Proposed Bylaws \(Approved by Institute\)](#)