

October CSI GLR President's Address

It's hard to believe that the 2014 CSI Annual Convention and CONSTRUCT in Baltimore, MD occurred just a couple of weeks ago. The Convention was well attended and the Show proved to be an amalgamation of new ideas in the construction industry. We had

good attendance at our Region Caucus and were able to approve our Bylaws. Please take time to read this on our website when you have an opportunity. We also discussed the two items in front of the membership for voting at the Annual Meeting. The first item which proposed modification of the process for electing Institute Directors did not pass. The second item, which proposed that the Institute Board investigate electronic options for the Annual Meeting that would allow more members to attend, passed. We look forward to hearing these options in the future.

At the CSI Convention, I met with the Presidents of the CSI Regions and shared concerns and ideas for our regions. We will be continuing to meet on a monthly basis, through GoToMeeting. I will pass along any ideas from our fellow Regions in future newsletters.

Remember, deadline for submitting for reimbursement for expenses for CONSTRUCT is September 30, 2014. Click here is the Reimbursement Form for your use.

As an inaugural event, the popular Region Treasurer Power Point presented at the GLR Conference will be presented again on September 29, 2014, at 4 pm EDT by former Region and Chapter Treasurer, Jack Morgan, CSI using the Region's Go-To-Meeting Platform. This is an opportunity to learn more details of what it is to be a Treasurer. Please RSVP your availability to Jack Morgan at morwalsoplad1@gmail.com This is the first of the presentations presented at the GLR Conference addressing different Offices and Committee Chairs. These will be presented throughout this Fiscal Year.

With regard to our GLR Calendar, we are working to make this available through our website. Please send your information to Jim McDonald (Jimmcdonald067@gmail.com). Currently we have the Louisville Chapter's Day at the Races for November 7th. Also, I will be attending the CSI Lansing Chapter's Meeting with the National Association of Women in Construction on October 8th. I hope to attend at least one event at every Chapter. Please do not hesitate to contact me.

Remember, our Bi-Region Conference will be with the North East Region on May 7th-8th, 2015 in Chicago.

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

CSI Cincinnati Chapter

- Chapter Meetings: Typically the Second Wednesday at 11:30am The Original Montgomery Inn, Montgomery, Ohio 43242. Contact Alan Frost at <u>513-379-7288</u>.
- Chapter Chartered: . September, 1957
- Members: Currently at 102 members
- Traditions: 30+ years of having an annual trade show
- Annual Events: Construct Cincinnati trade show held in conjunction with AIA and USGBC with seminars during the day, A summer Cruise/ Party in June with several allied associations,
- Monthly Publication: The chapter's maintains its own website formatting with all chapter activities
 posted there along with Presidents message, upcoming events, chapter info and interesting
 articles
- Student Activities: The chapter awards three \$1,500 scholarships to students from three separate college programs from UC, NKU and OCUS
- A Chapter Best Practice: Maintaining a unique website to allow for more flexibility and individuality than a microsite. Teaming up with other associations for different events, meetings and activities.

• The Cincinnati Chapter is home to several Region Committee Chairs, Board members and Ex Comm members including Phil Babinec (GLR President-Elect) and Bob Schrock (GLR Treasurer)

Thanks, Ivette Ramirez Bruns CSI, CCS Great Lakes Region President ibruns@csoinc.net