



December CSI GLR President's Address

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and Happy Holidays.

Elections

We recently sent our candidates to Institute for inclusion on the February national ballot. The following people are running for the following positions:

President Elect: Hank Hondorp (Grand Rapids)

Vice President: Jim McDonald (Columbus), Ken Schmidt (Indianapolis), Donald Bauman (Detroit)

Secretary: Ed Brown (Indianapolis), Scott Taylor (Cleveland)

Institute Director: Thad Goodman (Columbus)

We are still looking for an Emerging Professional for a Board position and hope to have one appointed in the next couple of months.

Bi-Region Conference

The 2015 Bi-Region Conference will be with the North East Region on May 7th-9th, 2015 in Chicago, IL. Please visit the website <http://www.csibiregion15.org/> for Preliminary Conference Schedule and Hotel information.

Chapter Leadership Training

The Great Lakes Region is continuing to work on leadership powerpoint presentations. Please look for our next presentation on "Chapter Presidents" in January. If you have any questions or suggestions, please contact Jack Morgan (morwalsoplad1@gmail.com).

Calendar

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). Please do not hesitate to contact me to attend a Chapter event or Chapter meeting.

GLR Chapters

Sadly, we will be sunsetting two chapters, Ft. Wayne and Saginaw Valley. They have been struggling for years and the Great Lakes Region continued to communicate and encourage involvement of members. Thad Goodman, Great Lakes Region Director will be presenting the recommendation for sunsetting these two chapters to Institute Board in the coming months.

An option for CSI members who do not have a CSI Chapter in close proximity, an option is CSINext, a Virtual Web based CSI Chapter. This chapter's goal is to establish a social network that strives to function just like a traditional chapter. Once a member logs in, the first thing each member needs to focus on building is their profile. This is a snapshot of the members information that they will need to fill in as they see fit, including a place to upload a picture of themselves. Just like any good chapter, it always helps to place a face to a name. The user list lets each member visit each other's profile; also the last five members to visit are listed on the home page. Each member has access to the Private Messaging System. Another feature is Article Comments. At the bottom of each article is a comment box. Sharing of comments, thoughts and ideas is one of the best ways to interact with each other. There are other features such as an event calendar, photo gallery, guest books, and article and web link submission. www.csinext.org

As I promised, I will be highlighting one chapter a month in my addresses. This month it is the CSI Louisville Chapter. CSI Louisville Chapter hosted their annual Day at the Races. About 54 were in attendance, several from the Indianapolis Chapter. My husband and I attended and we plan on making it a yearly event on our calendar. I encourage more from Indianapolis to attend in the future.

CSI Louisville Chapter

Chapter Meetings: Second Thursday of the Month at varied locations. Alternate between lunch and dinner meetings to accommodate work and personal schedules. Contact: Pat Sloan email: psloan43@bellsouth.net or visit web site at www.csilouisville.org

Chapter Chartered: June 1964

Members: Currently 100 members, with several CDT's, and a few CCPR, CCS's and CCCA's, and Emeritus's members. Currently have no emerging professionals..

Traditions: Focus on Membership retention and education, community involvement and support, as well as development of partnerships with the AIA-CKC and NAWIC. Open to joint meetings with varied associations.

Annual Events: Annual events include our holiday party with the AIA-CKC - Churchill Downs Fall Day at the Races - January joint meeting with National Association of Women In Construction - AIA CSI Trade Fair in February/March, our 28th year (March 3, 2015) - March Membership awareness Special Program, "Meet and Greet Membership Promotion" and June Awards Banquet.

Monthly Publication: "The Speciflyer" currently being sent out to all Members and prospect database including or larger database including association members. Web site: www.csilouisville.org keeps members up to date.

Student Activities: We have tried varied ways to develop a relationship with Professors to increase our involvement with students. Have not as yet found the key to success in this endeavor.

A Chapter Best Practice: Review our 3 Year Plan every six months to spark encouragement and evaluate for successes and changes.

Enjoy the Holidays,

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