



May 2015 CSI GLR President's Address

This will be my last President's Address. I have enjoyed working, meeting and getting to know many of you. It has been an honor. I hope to continue to work with you as Ex-Officio for the CSI Great Lakes Region but also just as a concerned CSI member wanting to make a difference in this industry.

Phil Babinec will be your new CSI GLR President and you will be hearing his insights and ideas in the next newsletter. This next year will be a great one.

Bi-Region Conference

The 2015 Bi-Region Conference was on May 7th-9th, 2015 in Chicago, IL with the North Central Region. It was well attended and I had a great time meeting everyone and exchanging ideas with the North Central Region. If you have any comments from the Bi-Region or suggestions for the next GLR Conference, please join and post on LinkedIn CSI Great Lakes Region.

The 2016 GLR Conference will be in Louisville, KY and CSI Louisville Chapter is already underway in planning. Please leave May 13-14, 2016 free on your calendar. More information will come soon.

CSI Database

Institute is confident that they will begin distributing chapter dues disbursements and Region Allocation Program disbursements by the end of March. Institute also expects to restore reporting services for leaders by the end of this month so that you may download chapter rosters, among other functions. They do caution that the membership head count will remain slightly skewed through the end of April because of the grace period extensions applied to many memberships during the past four months.

Chapter and region leaders should verify the treasurer they have on file with CSI.

You can visit www.csinet.org/chapterlocator to see who CSI has listed as your treasurer. If there's a discrepancy, contact Community Manager Matt Fochs at Chapterrelations@csinet.org.

Please direct questions and comments to Joy Davis at jdavis@csinet.org, or to csi@csinet.org or at [703-706-4795](tel:703-706-4795).

CSI Metropolitan Detroit Chapter

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

Type/Time frame for Chapter Meeting - We have 11 meetings a year that are held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month. The one off month, July, we have our annual golf tournament that raises monies for Hobson scholarships.

Trade Show - Not at this time, table tops are available at each membership meeting and taken advantage of.

Membership The Metropolitan Detroit chapter currently has a membership of 101 members. The chapter is made up of 87 professional, 2 Emerging Professional, 3 Students, 3 Emeritus, 5 retired and 1 lifetime. The chapter is proud to acknowledge that 40% of our membership has passed the CDT exam. Past chapter president Jerry Marquette CDT class of 8, passed 4 chapter members and 4 individuals of which two became CSI members.

Number of Seminars, Subject Matter

- October Program - Panel discussion on the how's, what and whys of CSI Credentials - reviewed CDT, CCS, CCCA & CCPR
- November - Factory/Fabricator Tour - Plant tour of Steel stud manufacturer along with presentations on different wall cavity's
- Jan -Program: Cooper Roofing: Design And Construction Problems - with Richard Koziol

- Feb -Program - Panel discussion - "How we can work together better: Manufacturer Representatives, Architects/Specifiers, Contractors and Owners
- March - Building tour of Wayne State University of the Multidisciplinary Biomedical Research Building
- April program - modular clear space design - relocatable and expandable structures by Sprung Structures
- May - Joint Meeting with AIA Detroit Emerging Professionals: Using a "trusted" manufacturer representative as an industry expert! An interactive discussion: "What services, insights, design aids and specification information manufacturer representatives can provide. How this can assist architects, engineers, CM's and contractors with their designs, construction documentation and field concerns"

Most unique, outstanding, or successful thing your Chapter accomplished this year:

The chapter has designed our program schedule to include hands on real world situations - from panel discussions where experts share what their expectations or needs are to plant/building tours where manufacture representatives were prepared to answer questions. Our education committee along with the board, created 2014-2015 meeting schedule and it was distributed to the membership at our September Kickoff meeting and posted on the website, prior to the year starting.

Robert T Hobson Scholarship Award at Lawrence Technological University sponsored by the Construction Specification Institute Detroit Chapter - \$ 2500 to deserving students Specifications writing contest

Thank you very much,

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