Dear fellow CSI Members,

We are quickly approaching the time when we will meet together in Austin, Texas at Construct.

I am looking forward to meeting with all who attend and especially when we gather for the Great Lakes Region Caucus. In preparation I would like to discuss and cover a number of items/issues:

- Membership
- Regional Library
- Webinars/Go to Meetings
- Restructuring of Current Districts

I would ask that all who are planning to attend, to begin thinking about the above and come prepared to provide thoughts, ideas, and recommendations.

We are also working on additional webinars for the year and hopefully pull together a round table discussion on membership in September.

I have been following a number of emails from Akron-Canton and know that they are actively working on the 2017 Regional Conference.

I know that this is not a lengthy newsletter article but I am on vacation and writing this from the cottage.

I look forward to meeting you in September at Construct.

Thank you,

Henry W (Hank) Hondorp
Director’s Message – Thad’s Thoughts

September is an exciting time for the Construction Specifications Institute:

**Construct**
Several members will be attending our annual gathering called CONSTRUCT. This year’s event is in Austin, Texas September 7-9th. There are educational classes; several members will be inducted into Fellowship; there will be an annual meeting to give attending members a chance to express their views of our Industry and learn about changes going on with Staff and Leadership.

**MasterFormat**
The most recent version of MasterFormat was released this past Spring of 2016. One of the values of your CSI membership is access to the current Numbers and Titles of MasterFormat.

As of November 1, 2010, Full access to MasterFormat.com to those that have purchased MasterFormat in the past 2 years or who are members of CSI and/or CSC.

Membership creates also includes access to the sites transition tool that transitions MasterFormat 95 numbers to MasterFormat 2016 Numbers. [http://www.masterformat.com/transitionguide/](http://www.masterformat.com/transitionguide/)

CSI encourages all interested parties to provide input to CSI so that as the built environment evolves so can MasterFormat. Visit [www.masterformat.com](http://www.masterformat.com) and provide your suggestions for any additions or changes in the "Revisions" tab. Additional information can be found on MasterFormat on the [CSI website](http://www.masterformat.com), as can our linked-in forum for discussion. If you have any difficulty, contact CSI's Member Service Center at (800) 689-2900 or [csi@csinet.org](mailto:csi@csinet.org).

**Local Monthly Meetings**
Most of the Region Chapters will also be starting to their monthly meetings and other keystone events this month. If you haven’t been to a meeting lately, find a month with a topic that interests you and visit the local chapter and leaders in your area. It’s a great way to share common interests and learn more about our Industry.

Around the Region

**Indianapolis Chapter Trade Show**
September 28 from 3 pm until 7 pm is the date and time for the 42nd Annual Indianapolis Chapter Trade Show at the Griffin Hall of the J.T. Marriot Hotel in downtown Indianapolis.

Over 90 Exhibitors, three separate Seminars all eligible for CEU Credits, prizes, food, and fun await those that attend. There is no admittance charge and parking is paid. Come see the largest Trade Show in the Region, find out the latest product information, and enjoy some Hoosier Hospitality! Go to [indianapolis.csinet.org](http://indianapolis.csinet.org/) for more information.

**Region Chapter Meeting Times Posted**
By popular request, a list of Meeting Times and Contact Information for the Region’s Chapters will be posted on the GLR website. If you are traveling in a Chapter’s area, you have the opportunity to attend that Chapter’s Program. The contact information is to provide you the details of where, when, and what is being presented.

**Region Conference**
The next GLR Conference is being hosted by the Akron-Canton Chapter, May 18-20, 2017. Banners about the GLR Conference are included in this issue of the GLR Newsletter. Stay tuned for more information.

**Program Library Update**
After the initial appeal for noteworthy programs from the Region as part of a Region Program Library, Columbus and Indianapolis Chapters have sent in information to be posted on the Region Website. To date, this posting has not occurred, but plans are to have it available soon.

Certification Quiz

1. Instructions for procurement:
   a. Are used only on private projects.
   b. Frequently are standard industry forms.
   c. May include the geotechnical report as an attachment.
   d. Are binding upon the contractor.

2. Outline specifications aid in the design process for all of the following EXCEPT?
   a. Revising cost estimates and schedules
   b. Value engineering studies
   c. Checklist for selecting products
   d. Serving as the basis for subcontracts in fast track construction

3. Lump sum, unit price, or cost-plus-fee constitutes the basis of:
   a. Selection
   b. Payment
   c. Award
   d. Contract

4. If the construction budget of a 50,000 square foot project is $5,000,000 based on $100 per square foot, it is an example of which method of preparing the budget?
   a. Unit Price
   b. Cost per measured unit
   c. Systems
   d. Component cost

Answers with source info can be found at bottom of page 1.
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