



# Great Lakes Region Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



To all the Great Lakes Region CSI Members,

It amazes me how society can change in 30 to 60 days. Just think about it, at the beginning of the year most of us were battling rush-hour every morning and searching for a parking spot. We were drinking office coffee, staring at a computer screen while making phone calls to clients, customers or suppliers. And now, many of us are under a “stay-in-place” order at our homes. Personally, I’ve caught a few people, via video calls, still in their PJs or just wearing sweats. Hair is being grown out and more beards are appearing due to no barbershops are open. Children and pets are heard in the background on the phone... it is a fast-paced world that took our everyday lives and slowed it way down.

I pray that this message finds you and your family well. The Great Lakes Region and the multiple chapters that make it up are a team. In this time of COVID-19 keep communications open and talk to you colleagues about more than business. This could pass as quickly as it appeared, but no one knows.

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html>

This is going to be short and sweet this month. Like most of you, I’m stuck at home doing what I can with what I have to make a successful 2020.

Be safe, keep some distance between all of us and make memories.

Again, ramblings of a trusted product representative!

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## GREAT LAKES INSTITUTE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As COVID-19 changes our business and personal lives, how is this affecting the Chapters of the Great Lakes Region and Institute? In these uncertain times, many aspects of CSI continue on in a virtual manner.

Many Chapters had to cancel their March Meeting because of "Stay at Home Orders" from their respective states. April remains uncertain as to whether a physical meeting can be held with "Social Distancing" being practiced in public.

Many Chapters are quickly turning to "Virtual Meetings" to continue their monthly programs and smaller committee meetings. Please let me know your successes and your struggles in the month of March and those coming in April and May.

The Region continues to hold monthly "Virtual Meetings" and the Institute has occasional Zoom Meetings to discuss issues that occur between face to face meetings, especially with COVID-19 affecting everyone.

The Region decided to postpone the GLR Conference from April to a new date of August 13-15 in the same location – The Radisson Hotel in Covington, KY. Those already registered are all set as the original reservation was transferred to the new date. This gives more people time to register to a great event. Best Practices of the Officer and Committee positions will be discussed in several sessions, LUs will be offered for those that need them, and those deserving members will be the stars of the Awards Banquet. Of course, there will be plenty opportunities to have a good time. Check out the Cincinnati Chapter Website for registration information.

Currently, despite the COVID-19 virus, Certification Testing for the CDT, CCS, and CCS are still scheduled for later registration and testing dates. Refer to the Certification Link on the Institute Website [www.csiresources.org](http://www.csiresources.org). The Indianapolis Chapter is conducting Virtual CDT Classes. Let me know if other Chapters are conducting their classes Virtually.

CSI offers Learning Opportunities through the Learning Library with more sessions coming to obtain needed LU's for your various Certifications as well as required LUs for keeping your Architect or Engineer license.

Soon, there will be new offerings on the Institute Website of how to hold Virtual Meetings and ways to improve those meetings with the Dynamic Chapter Program (DCP). Look for notices in the various Communities and *CSI Weekly*. These will be "On Demand".

We are going through an uncertain time with many unknowns. When the immediate threat has been dealt with, many questions remain as how we will deal with others in future programs and meetings. I believe we will make it through these times – hang in there!

Drop me a line or call about any praises, concerns, or questions about CSI.

Thanks!

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5. - b [PDPG 13.6]\*  
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**CSI COLUMBUS & CSCC CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT  
PRESENT  
CDT BOOT CAMP SPRING 2019  
SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2020 8 AM - 3 PM**

Hosted at Davidson Hall Room 229  
Columbus State Community College  
550 E Spring St, Columbus OH 43215

**SCHEDULE**

9:00 AM EDT	Welcome & Introduction, CDT Exam Candidate Booklet
9:10 AM	Fundamentals, Project Concept, Delivery & Design Process
10:15 AM	Construction Documents
12:30 - 1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00 PM	Procurement & Preconstruction, Construction
3:15 PM	Life Cycle, Operations & Management
4:30 PM	Open Forum, Q & A, Feedback

There will be breaks between each topic to “re-caffeinate and re-cycle.” Please review the 2020 CDT Candidate Guidebook for exam logistics, and have a copy of the Project Delivery Practice Guide, 2nd Edition, which is the basis for all CDT Exam questions, to maximize your review time after the Boot Camp. Register for the CDT on or before April 30 for the Spring Exam window, which is May 4 - July 31, 2020.

RSVP via Event Brite invitation. 100% of your remittance goes to the CSI Columbus CSCC Scholarship Fund.

Attendees are eligible for 6.0 AIA-CES continuing education credits.

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**AUTUMN 2020 CDT BOOT CAMP - SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020**

**The TOP TEN reasons to attend  
the Great Lakes Region Conference.  
April 23-25<sup>th</sup> 2020**



1. **Chapter Presidents** are Directors of the Region Board.  
Required to attend the annual board meeting as a voting member/send a proxy.
2. **New Chapter Officer Leadership Training**  
Recently Elected Chapter Officers. Get training to be the best you can be.
3. **Share Best Practices.**  
Officer, Committee or General member- See how other chapters celebrate success.
4. **Leadership Training.**  
Industry best practices benefit everyone.
5. **Fun, Fun, Fun.**  
Zoo Tours. Ball Games. Shopping. Building Tours. Host Chapter events focus on fun.
6. **New to CSI?**  
Find out what the Region is all about
7. **Get an Award!**  
Comprehensive Awards program- submit and show off!
8. **See the Host City**  
Come see the host city. Experience it with someone who lives in the area/show you all the best places!
9. **See old friends.**  
One of the best things is seeing good friends from year to year.
10. **Meet New People.**  
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11. **Vote!**  
The Region has one face to face meeting each year.  
It happens at the Region Conference.  
Come and let your voice be heard.

# 2020 GREAT LAKES REGION CONFERENCE

## When is the Great Lakes Region Conference?

April 23-25, 2020 – Cincinnati, Ohio

## Where is the Great Lakes Region Conference?

- **Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront** - From its convenient location in Covington, KY, the Radisson Hotel Cincinnati Riverfront offers an impressive view of the Ohio River and the Cincinnati skyline. Take a 10-minute trip over the river and into downtown Cincinnati to cheer on the Cincinnati Reds or marvel at the masterpieces at Cincinnati Art Museum. You can also stroll to nearby Main Strasse Village to enjoy a variety of German shops and restaurants.
- **Cost: \$129.00 per night plus taxes** for the CSI reserved block of rooms.

## How do I Register for the Great Lakes Region Conference?

**CLICK HERE** FOR COMPLETE CONFERENCE INFORMATION, TO REGISTER FOR THE CONFERENCE, AND TO RESERVE YOUR HOTEL ROOM.

## How much does it cost to attend the Great Lakes Region Conference?

- Full Conference - \$175.00 (full conference registration includes all the options below for ONE PRICE.)

## Can I choose to attend just one event instead of attending the entire conference?

YES.

We have designed Friday as our Education Day. Pick the CEU or the Product Rep Academy tracks and receive personalized instruction.

- Product Rep Academy - \$100.00
- CEU College - \$75.00
- Companion Program - \$120.00

## Is it too late to be a Sponsor?

No- We still have many opportunities for sponsorships and advertising. Purchase and pay for your sponsorship or advertisement on line or register on line and bypass payment to pay by check. Go to <https://csincincinnati.org/meetinginfo.php?id=15&ts=1582082965#Sponsorship> to see the sponsorships and advertising available.

## Is there a Trade Show or Table Top Opportunities?

No. This is a Leadership and Awards Conference designed to provide CSI Great Lakes Region members with Chapter and Industry training and best practices sharing.

## Why would I want to sponsor this event?

Chapter and Industry Leaders from 4 states will be attending. Show your support of CSI and get your name in front of the Region Leaders.

## Who are the Major Sponsors for this event?

Our Current Medal Sponsors



Don't miss this opportunity to get together with other members of the construction industry for leadership development, education, networking, and fun. The 2020 CSI Region Conference is a two day event that includes a Product Rep Academy, Chapter Leadership Forums, a CEU College, awards banquet, plus a companion program for those traveling with attendees. We invite you to take advantage of this opportunity and visit the beautiful Queen City!

**It's time for the 2020 CSI Great Lakes Region Conference!**

**April 23-25, 2020 - Cincinnati OH**

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**Schedule At-A-Glance:**

**Thursday, April 23, 2020**

- Registration Opens
- Hospitality Suite for Full Conference and Companion Attendees

**Friday, April 24, 2020**

- Product Representative Academy
- Chapter Leadership Forum
- CEU College - Four CEU Presentations
- Companion Tour
- Awards Banquet

**Saturday, April 25, 2020**

- Great Lakes Region Annual Meeting/Board Meeting

**Registration Options and Costs:**

- Full Conference - \$175.00
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- Companion Program - \$120.00

**Event Location and Lodging**

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## CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT TECHNOLOGIST (CDT) CHANGES

The Construction Document Technologist (CDT) status has changed. To continue to hold CDT status, there are some guidelines and actions now required.

Why did this happen? A little history helps frame the answer.

The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) created a certification for Architectural and Engineering firm specifiers in 1978. The Certification Construction Specifier (CCS) certification provided a way to highlight the strong suits of an organization that created products like SectionFormat, OmniClass, and Uniforformat. It provided an excellent learning base from the Manual of Practice (MOP) established in 1967 by the Institute. The MOP was based on what CSI considered best practices for construction industry professionals.

The Construction Document Technologist (CDT) was introduced as a prerequisite for CSI's CCS credential in 1986. The CDT allowed architects and included product representatives with a chance to highlight this acumen for contract documents.

The CDT was created by subject matter experts within the organization and offered as a lifetime *certificate* with an expiration date 99 years past a passing grade. CSI created their certification program in house at this time following established certification guidelines according to industry best practices.

In 1989, product representatives could move to a full certification status with the establishment of the Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR). At the time, CSI's member status groups were Professional and Industry Members. Industry members who wanted to set themselves apart in professional status now had a certification program.

In 1991, Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) was added to help ensure construction results meet owners needs.

Over the years, the training documents were updated to keep up with the industry needs. The MOP evolved over time to meet changes in the contract documents and delivery methods. In 2004, CSI upgraded and renamed the MOP, releasing the Project Resource Manual (PRM). In 2011, it was updated to the CSI Practice Delivery Practice Guide (PDPG). The PDPG is currently in its 2nd Edition with a 3rd revision in the works, soon to be released.

While all these changes were happening within CSI, ANSI Standards for certification were changing also. No longer was a completely internal process acceptable to be true industry certification. An independent third-party oversight was now required. Requirements for certificates had changed also. The CDT had now fallen outside the requirements for a certificate but was not strong enough to be considered a certification. All of CSI's certifications needed to be addressed. CSI's board was made aware of this in 2013 and voted to do an overhaul of the entire system. Recognizing the strength of the CDT in the construction industry, the vote included making the CDT a full certification.

Starting July 1, 2018, the CDT became an actual certification, with learning unit requirements to maintain the credential. Members who passed their CDT prior to this date have three years (June 30, 2021) to complete 24 learning units of professional development.

It is required to provide evidence via the portal at <https://www.csiresources.org/certification/certrenewal>. Like other certifications, a renewal fee is required to keep the title in addition to the required continuing education.

Renewal of the CDT is fully voluntary. For those who have other CSI certifications such as the CCCA, CCS, CCPR, it may not be of importance to hold onto the CDT. In the past, showing these titles meant you had already earned the CDT. This is no longer the case. A person may sit directly for any CSI certification provided they meet newly established needed requirements.

What type of units qualify? Currently approved AIA, GCBI, and other industry qualified learning unit credits count, as do session from CSI events or documented in the CSI Learning Library. Presenting at industry events like CONSTRUCT, authoring a published industry professional article or teaching/presenting at an industry conference may count also.

CSI certifications are valid for a period of three years and expire on June 30 or December 31 of the third year. This is important for those who have earned their CDT since that initial establishment date of July 1, 2018.

Just remember the clock is ticking on CDT status. Learn more at <https://www.csiresources.org/certification/cdt/certification-cdt-transition>

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## CERTIFICATION QUIZ

1. Which of the following is not a management expertise that Contractors bring to a Project?
  - a. Knowledge of factors that influence cost, time, and quality
  - b. Identifying codes and regulations applicable to the design
  - c. Ability to manage multiple subcontractors and suppliers
  - d. Experience with managing a construction budget in a risk-based setting
  
2. Which of the following is not a construction schedule milestone?
  - a. Submittal Approval
  - b. Project Delivery and Team Selection Process
  - c. Procurement (bidding/negotiating/purchasing) Activities
  - d. Contract Completion
  
3. What written forms are used to document project decisions during schematic design and design development?
  - a. MasterFormat, PageFormat
  - b. UniFormate, PageFormat
  - c. Preliminary Project Description, Outline Specifications
  - d. SectionFormat, PageFormat
  
4. Submittal requirements for Facility Services Division 21 through 28 are specified in:
  - a. The first Section in each respective Division
  - b. Supplementary Conditions
  - c. Division 01 Section Submittal Procedures
  - d. Section 01 12 00 Summary of Multiple Contracts
  
5. Owner-purchased items that are then added to the job by the Contractor are referred to as:
  - a. Owner Purchased and Contractor Installed
  - b. Owner Furnished and Contractor Installed
  - c. Owner Purchased and Contractor Provided
  - d. Owner Furnished and Contractor Provided

**Answers with source info can be found at bottom of Page 2.**

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<b>Blue Grass</b>	Scott Noel	snoel@n3dgroup.com	Third Thursday	Common Ground Coffee	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Cincinnati</b>	David Proudfit	Dsp-csi@cinci.rr.com	Second Wednesday	Old Montgomery Inn	<b>Varies</b>
<b>Cleveland</b>	John Workley	john.workley@vocon.com	Third Wednesday	Varies	<b>Varies</b>
<b>Columbus</b>	Brian McNally	bmcnally@meyersarchitects.com	Second Monday	Boathouse Restaurant	<b>11:30 am</b>
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<b>Evansville</b>	Mike Vannatter	mikevannatter@sigecom.net	Second Thursday	Varies	<b>Varies</b>
<b>Grand Rapids</b>	Justin DeMarco	Justin.demarco@basf.com	Second Thursday	84th Street Pub & Grille	<b>6:00 pm</b>
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