

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Greetings to the members of Great Lakes Region!

Region Conference Update

The Great Lakes Region Conference was held virtually last year. We were able to quickly pivot from face to face to virtual with the support of a strong host chapter (Cincinnati) and full support from our Region Leaders. The format included a kick-off keynote from Board Chair Marvin Kemp and had the good fortune to have Mark Dorsey on the call to address questions as well. It was held over 4 days with CEU's, Product Rep Academy sessions, chapter leader and committee forums. There was an annual meeting and awards presented virtually. Each session was well attended. We considered it a success.

This year we are doing a scaled down version with a one day 90-minute session: Annual meeting with member Q & A and Awards. We want to give region members a voice, heard concerns and be sure we honor those who do so much for our local chapters.

In this issue is an article by Region Awards chair Bill Ahern that outlines some of the awards available, includes a link to the awards guide. Please take the time to review it and think of someone in your chapter that deserves to have their name called out.

Then join your counterparts on Friday April 23rd, 2021 from 12:00-1:30pm for the Great Lakes Region Conference ANNUAL MEETING AND AWARDS.

The due date for submissions is Friday March 18th, 2021.

Thank you!

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GREAT LAKES INSTITUTE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

A new President has been Inaugurated. Vaccines to combat COVID-19 are being administered. I view this year as one of hope that our lives can start getting back to normal.

Check out the Websites of the Institute and the Great Lakes Region.

Institute: Go to www.csiresources.org to log onto the Institute Website. You will need your member number. There are many features which you may or may not be aware of. You can find current Construction News across the nation. My favorite feature that I check out and participate in is the Communities Section. In depth dialogue is an attribute that is part of the various Communities. My favorite continues to be CSI Connect.

Another area is the Learning Library where many opportunities for Continuing Education are found. A recent addition is the Specs 101 offering which is a six-part series noting what is a Specification; what are proper procedures to creating good specifications; and how the four Project Teams contribute to the Specification Process. Although a fee is charged, this series is a good brush up or a source for knowledge leading to the CDT Exam.

The Bookstore is a good source to obtain study guides for those taking a Certification Exam.

Members always receive a discount. The Store is a good source to obtain CSI gear or accessories.

The site is good place to communicate any problem with CSI through the Member Services connection.



Jack Morgan, Institute Director

Region: Using the Institute Website, go to the Chapters and Region link under Communities and click on the Great Lakes Region. There is a link to the Region Website greatlakes.csinet.org. You can find the latest Region News, links to Leadership Training, for officers and many Committee Chairs, Past GLR Newsletters, and other items of interest.

The 2021 Region Conference has been postponed again till April of 2022 because of the COVID Virus. There will be an Annual Meeting and Awards Ceremony on April 23, 2021.

More information to follow.

These opportunities will help bolster your CSI experience!

Certification

CSI is gearing up for the Spring 2021 Period for Exam Preparation and Exam Taking. Check www.csiresources.org website for the latest examination registration and testing information.

The Indianapolis Chapter is gearing for their Spring Sessions virtually. Other Chapters in our Region may have Spring Certification Classes as well. Drop a line to Institute to inform other members of your classes and how they can connect.

CDT holders will need to renew their Certification by renewing and providing evidence of continuing education in the Construction Industry before June 30, 2021 for the past three years (July 1, 2018). Information on how to provide the required information and renew their Certification (CDT, CCS, CCCA, and CCPR) can be found at www.csiresources.org website or contact Staff Liaison: Gina Sutherland, gsutherland@csinet.org.

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

Thanks!

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CERTIFICATION QUIZ ANSWERS
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5. - a [PDPG 11.13]
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GREAT LAKES REGION CHAPTER CHALLENGE 2020

The CHAPTER CHALLENGE, which began in 2018, is still in full effect. The purpose of this CHALLENGE is to increase membership. In this CHAPTER CHALLENGE, the Chapter members must recruit new members with no cost to the new member. The Chapter will pay for the first year's chapter dues, and the Region will pay for the first year's Institute dues. This is for PROFESSIONAL and EMERGING PROFESSIONAL members only (renewals and industry members are not included).

Your involvement does not stop there! Once the new members attend their first Chapter meeting, the Chapter has to engage those new members, embrace them by making them a part of the Chapter, getting them involved, and giving them a sense of belonging.

If you have any questions or need any other information, please contact one of the following:

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Seward Associates is a 69-year-old manufacturer's sales agent for nationally recognized building and construction products manufacturers such as DuPont (formerly Dow Chemical Company), Sunoptics Skylights, and Kingspan Light + Air daylighting. Our territory covers the states of Indiana, Kentucky, Michigan, and Ohio. We are currently seeking a **Sales Coordinator** to be an essential team player in our Indianapolis office.

This position is responsible for project management across our four-state territory (Indiana, Kentucky, Ohio, and Michigan). This position is also responsible for handling all quotes for our 10 nationally recognized manufacturers.

The ideal candidate needs to understand construction specifications and drawings, be able to efficiently locate the products/manufacturers we represent within these architectural specifications and drawings, and have exceptional organizational skills.

This will be a full-time position, Monday through Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm, in an office setting. Salary is commensurate with experience with potential for bonuses. Medical insurance reimbursement offered.

If you feel you fit these criteria, please send us a resume today at kschmidt@sewardassociates.net



WHAT DOES THE REGION DO?

Last month we outlined some of the things the Region does for its members.

Here are some of the things your Region and Region Officers do better than anyone else can in the Construction Specifications Institution Structure:

Leadership Training If you've ever thought about applying for a Chapter Leadership position, it's as simple as looking [here](#) to see what kind of thing are expected.

Speakers Bureau- Programs Chairs have a place to go to fill up a hole or two in the annual calendar. If you see a monthly program that stands out, please pass those thoughts on to Jack Morgan, who oversees the submissions. Visit the Speakers Bureau [here](#).

Awards- The format and organization of our Awards program is very robust and well thought out. It's been seen by other regions and used as a template for the creation of their awards programs. Please review it [here](#) to see how to reward active leaders in your chapter. Bill Ahern (Akron/Canton) is the current Awards Committee Chair.

Chapter Challenge- Introduced in 2018. It's a way to introduce your friends and colleagues to CSI. More on this on page 3 of this newsletter.

Member Relief Program- Introduced last month. More on this in the President's address. Your Region officers are always willing to add a program or help vet out a new idea. If have an idea or new program you would like to suggest- I would be honored if you message me at thadg@nationalgypsum.com or call 614.214.5666.

LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Great Lakes Region of CSI is looking for those of you who wish to move forward in leadership! The following positions need to be filled for the next term.



NOMINATIONS ARE OPEN FOR THESE POSITIONS. IF INTERESTED, PLEASE CONTACT MICHAEL RATHBURN

President Elect: Your position starts with your election to the President-Elect so that you may effectively take over as President

- * Regular conversations with the current President
- * Sharing of e-communications
- * Discussions of CSI issues (Regional and Chapter)
- * Participate in event planning and coordination for Chapters: Meetings, Trade Shows, Awards, Etc.
- * Participate in event planning and coordination for Region: CONSTRUCT, Leadership, Offices/Committees

Second VP: This position should start as soon as possible to train and assist under the tutelage of the President and President-Elect.

- * Regular conversations with the current President Elect and President
- * Sharing of e-communications
- * Discussions of CSI issues (Regional and Chapter)
- * Participate in event planning and coordination for Chapters: Meetings, Trade Shows, Awards, Etc.
- * Participate in event planning and coordination for Region: CONSTRUCT, Leadership, Offices/Committees

There are many responsibilities that come with leadership, but you are not alone. Many generations of CSI leaders regularly participate and are active at both chapter and region levels. Assistance is only a phone call away. CSI is a living organization that helps one another, both personally and professionally. Take a moment and assess what CSI has helped you accomplish and consider leading the next generation.

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REGION AWARDS

To all Chapter Members but especially the Chapter Presidents and Awards Chairs. There is a little more than a month to get award nominations submitted. I will say a little about a few of them.

The Bud Reed Memorial Award may be one of the most prestigious regional awards. It is given to an individual who has been recognized as an advocate and leader in CSI at Chapter and Regional levels. From what I see, it has gone to individuals who we recognize as being very active in the Region and are known as “pillars” of their Chapters. It is awarded only once a year and there are years that it is not awarded. Is the next recipient of this award in your Chapter?

The Region Commendation. This award is worded “For a singular outstanding accomplishment which promoted the objectives of the Institute or rendered outstanding service to the GRL”. The awards manual states that it may be an individual, chapter, firm, or organization. Has there been an individual or group that your Chapter would nominate for an outstanding accomplishment during this crazy year? Accomplishments like setting up remote meetings, having an outstanding safe Chapter meeting event. How about a virtual Great Lakes Region Conference (it was in this fiscal year). Just sayin.

The Region Continuous Service Award does not need too much of an explanation. Continuous outstanding service to the Region for at least five years. Previous recipients are eligible again after five years.

The Region Education Commendation can also be awarded to an individual, chapter, firm, or organization. This is a special award because it speaks to what we are. It is for contributing to educational programs for others or for CSI (that’s us). This one may not be awarded every year, but when it is, I think it is one to be very proud of.

The Region Continuing Publication Commendation. Well, we have two chapters that consistently put out great newsletters. (You know who you are). Make sure you stay consistent with being recognized. Get your nominations in. Are there other Chapter newsletters and publications that should be recognized?

Please look at these and the other awards listed in the GRL Honors and Awards Guide. Let’s recognize those that are putting time in to make CSI better.

I will be getting a spreadsheet out to chapter presidents that list award recipients going back to FY 2010. A second spreadsheet will list Regional Board Members, Committee Chairs, and Regional Directors going back to FY 2010. There are some gaps in these though, which we will get filled in with the help of all you guys. It can be a record and a tool moving forward.

To me, looking at a complete list of past recipients and regional volunteers will help determine who hasn’t received certain awards that should.

Thank you!

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CERTIFICATION QUIZ

1. Under AIA A201, who provides property insurance covering the work?
 - a. Contractor's Surety
 - b. Owner
 - c. Contractor
 - d. Financing Agency
 - e. None of the Above

2. In the General Conditions, the Owner may order additions or deletions to the work:
 - a. Without invalidating the Contract
 - b. By preparing a written Change Directive
 - c. By preparing a Change Order
 - d. All of the Above

3. When is the CSI/CSC *UniFormat* used?
 - a. When a Project is in the Design Development Stage
 - b. In the early stages of a Project
 - c. In the post construction phase of the Project
 - d. To organize information by materials and methods
 - e. None of the Above

4. Which two specification methods are both prescriptive, i.e. the products and processes are specified, but not the results?
 - a. Descriptive and Performance
 - b. Performance and Reference
 - c. Proprietary and Reference
 - d. Descriptive and Proprietary

5. Which of the following groups of Article Headings would occur in PART 2 of the Three Part *SectionFormat*?
 - a. Existing Products, Components, and Source Quality Control
 - b. Manufacturer, Quality Assurance, and Construction
 - c. Manufactured Units, Warranty, and System Description Requirements
 - d. All of the Above

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

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Cincinnati	David Proudfit	Dsp-csi@cinci.rr.com	Second Tuesday	Old Montgomery Inn	Varies
Cleveland	OPEN		Third Wednesday	Varies	Varies
Columbus	Buddy Stanford	bstanford@tnemec.com	Second Monday	Boathouse Restaurant	11:30 am
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Evansville	OPEN		Second Thursday	Varies	Varies
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