

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Greetings to the members of Great Lakes Region!

Awards Deadline March 18th!

CSI is a volunteer organization. The life blood of a chapter is the people who take the time to set up the meetings, arrange the name badges, reach out to speakers, contact meeting places, run the golf outings, trade shows and countless other activities that keep our organization going.

The time to let those who bless us every year with these tasks is NOW.
Reward those who serve you each month. Check out the awards guide [here](#).

See Bill Ahern's Message on Page 5 of this newsletter.



Thank you!

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GREAT LAKES INSTITUTE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Hopeful signs of the lessening of the COVID-19 are being heard. More vaccines are being administered, lessening of the restrictions, and some states are going back to pre-COVID rules. I view this year as one of hope that our lives can start getting back to normal.

Many of our Chapters in the Region are still holding their Chapter Meetings virtually. I encourage all Chapters in the Region to inform the other Chapters of what topics are being discussed and sending links to anyone interested in attending virtually.

The new 2021 Honors and Awards Guide has just been released with the March 3 *CSI Weekly*. This includes all the necessary forms to submit the Institute Awards. Tuesday, June 1, 2021, at midnight is the submission deadline for all Awards and Fellowship Nominees. Outstanding Chapter Commendations (OCC) will be due on Tuesday July 13, 2021, at midnight. The H&A Guide can also be located on the Institute Website www.csiresources.org under Awards.



Jack Morgan, Institute Director

Look at the various award categories, start thinking of your chapter members that are worthy, create the proper nomination forms, and submit before the deadline. This way deserving Chapter members are recognized and rewarded for their hard work. Similarly, look at your Chapter and file the proper paperwork for the OCC by the submission deadline.

Is this your year to pursue Fellowship? CSI's Second Highest Award. We have many Fellows in the Region that can answer any questions about the process and help you determine your eligibility including myself. The new H&A Guide has the requirements and forms to submit by the deadline. Is this your year to be elevated to Fellowship? Your Chapter Rosters contain contact information to contact any Fellow in the Region.

The awards deadline in our Region is Thursday, March 18, 2021. Like the Institute Awards, the Region's Awards Guide is available on our Website along with proper forms. Awards Chair Bill Ahern of the Akron-Canton Chapter is available to answer any questions: Think of deserving candidates, fill out Nomination Forms with proper signatures, and submit before the deadline. These awards will be awarded at our virtual Conference on April 23, 2021. Check out the Region Website greatlakes.csinet.org for more information.

Registration for the CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams is now open. For those interested, the quicker you register the more money you will save. Many of Chapters are offering virtual Exam Prep Sessions: Columbus, Grand Rapids, and Indianapolis are offering these sessions. Checkout one of the sites. Remember, CSI Membership means less fees to attend those classes and obtain the proper study materials.

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 15.12.14]*
*PDPG Second Edition (March 2021, GLR Newsletter Electronic)

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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AROUND THE REGION

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.

Submissions are to be **Emailed** to me, Awards Chair William Ahern at wahern@hasenstabinc.com.

Remember to follow the instructions in the GRL Honors and Awards Guide. See Pages 13 through 16. Please use the Forms 701, 702 and Continuing Publication Evaluation on Pages 34 through 37.

The virtual Annual Meeting and Awards will be Friday April 23rd from 12::00 to 1:30 pm.

Thank you!

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CERTIFICATION QUIZ

1. Six major aspects to be considered in the evaluation of a product are:
 - a. Product Characteristics, Manufacturer, Installation, Costs, Maintenance, Warranty
 - b. Availability, Product Characteristics, Costs, Maintenance, Manufacturer, Installation
 - c. Material Cost, Life Cycle Cost, Installation Cost, Litigation Cost, Contractor Cost, Maintenance Cost
 - d. Case Studies, Failures, Problems, Legislation, Errors and Omissions

2. Which of the following statements is correct:
 - a. Specifications take preference over drawings
 - b. Requirement of one of the Contract Documents may be superseded by others
 - c. Architect/Engineer may require Contractor to perform at a higher level than the Contract Documents
 - d. Contract Documents are complementary

3. The responsibility of inspecting work already performed for proper condition to receive subsequent work lies with the:
 - a. Owner
 - b. A/E
 - c. Contractor
 - d. Subcontractor

4. During Project Conception, the four major values to be determined are:
 - a. Economy, Time, Insulation, Form
 - b. Function, Economy, Time, Problem
 - c. Time, Economy, Form, Goals
 - d. Function, Form, Economy, Time

5. Marked up or corrected Contract Drawings that indicate changes incorporated in the Work during Construction are called:
 - a. As-Built Drawings
 - b. Record Drawings
 - c. Shop Drawings
 - d. Contractor Certified Drawings
 - e. Addendum Drawings

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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