Greetings to the members of Great Lakes Region!

On April 23rd, the Great Lakes Region held their Annual Meeting and Awards ceremony. This was the second region conference event in FY20. This year’s annual meeting was more informational in nature, with no big items on the agenda. No major issues to discuss or vote on.

Awards. This year our awards ceremony was more robust than normal. It needed to be. This year the simple act of holding a meeting, virtual or otherwise was a feat. For all the volunteers that make our Chapters relevant- THANK YOU! More on the awards and their recipients inside this issue.

The general state of the Region is that most have meeting virtually, with some hybrid events starting to happen. There have been some tours and outside events happening with the proper social distancing. Akron Canton has creatively moved their Product Fest event outside to the Opportunity Parking Deck. Cincinnati’s May event is a 3dx Scenic Facility Tour. Grand Rapids May event is a Double O Facility Tour. Indianapolis hosted their 60th Anniversary event with solid and proper social distancing.

CSI’s fiscal year ends June 30, 2021. Elections are happening or have happened. Chapter Presidents are likely preparing to hand off agenda and meeting templates. Training new officers and committee chairs is around the corner. An excellent best practice is to invite incoming board members to a meeting or two to view how the current board works and get to know everyone. A reminder that new rosters are due to Institute by May 31.

Thank you!

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People are receiving their vaccinations as we turn the corner on COVID-19. As we switch back to in-person events, I hope that the precautions we have shown will be in our rearview mirrors as we get back to normal.

Congratulation goes to the Indianapolis Chapter for their 60th Anniversary as a Chapter. I attended the celebration and was glad to see people in person again. The event was full of noting history but looking forward to the future.

Those that have a CDT Certification need to renew that Certification by June 30, 2021. This may be a new experience, but the procedure is straight forward especially if you have any other Certification. The Institute is offering several webinars on the process. 24 hours of learning credits are required to be submitted.

The new 2021 Honors and Awards Guide has been released. This includes all the necessary forms to submit for 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. Think of those members who are deserving and write a nomination on their behalf for the various awards.

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.

News of a CSI Convention this year has just been released. This CSI Convention will be in Nashville, TN on September 22-24, 2021, with lodging arranged at the recently opened Grand Hyatt Hotel. Three days full of education sessions, Annual Meeting, Honors and Awards Celebration, and reunions and meetings of old and new CSI members. Registration details will follow soon. Attend this great event in this great city!

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

Thanks!

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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.

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**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 December 2020, still in effect. Details and information here.

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.
The following is a brief recap of the 2021 Great Lakes Region Awards that were held at the virtual GLR Annual Meeting April 23.

Region Officers, Committee Chairs and Directors were recognized for their work this year. These are the people you see listed in this newsletter. We thanked them for their service.

This was followed by Regional Award recognitions for quite a few people as follows:

**Service Recognitions**
- Region Continuous Service Award - Rick Howard FCSI,CDT, CCS, Columbus Chapter
- Region Continuous Service Award - Dale Curth, CSI, Louisville Chapter
- Region Continuous Service Award - Tony Julian CSI, CDT, CCS, CCCA, Indianapolis Chapter
- Region Education Commendation - Ed Avink, CSI, CDT, CCS, Grand Rapids Chapter
- Region Education Commendation – CSI, Indianapolis Chapter Programs Committee
- Region Student Liaison - Alan Broderick, CSI, Indianapolis Chapter

**Professional Accomplishment Awards**
- Region Craftsmanship Award – Daniel Frondorf, CSI, CDT, Cincinnati Chapter
- Continuing Publication Commendation – Rapid River Ramblings Newsletter, Grand Rapids Chapter
- Continuing Publication Commendation – Winners Circle Newsletter, Indianapolis Chapter
- Special Publications Commendation – Gregg Jones, AIA, CSI, CDT, CCS, Grand Rapids Chapter
- Electronics Media Award – Grand Rapids CSI Chapter
- Electronics Media Award – David Proudfit, FCSI, CDT, CCS, Cincinnati Chapter

**Presidents Awards**
- Region President’s Award – Jerry Marquette, CSI, CDT, CCPR, Detroit and Toledo Chapters
- Region President’s Award – Deb Rhodes, CSI, Dayton-Miami Chapter
- Region President’s Award – Blake Wagner, CSI, CDT, CCCA, Indianapolis Chapter
- Region President’s Award – Elizabeth Woodrow, CSI, Indianapolis Chapter
- Step-Up Award – Blair Reese, FCSI, CDT, Detroit Chapter.
- Step-Up Award – David Proudfit, CSI, CDT, CCS, Cincinnati Chapter
- Step-Up Award – Bill Ahern, RA, CSI, Akron-Canton Chapter

**Bud Reed**
- Bud Reed Memorial Award - Ed Avink, CSI, CDT, CCS, Grand Rapids Chapter

**Special Recognition**
- Certificate of Recognition - Indianapolis Chapter 60th Anniversary

Congratulations to all for their deserving recognition for these awards. Thank you for your service to the Region.

Special thanks to Ed Avink for the prestigious Bud Reed Award and the Indianapolis Chapter for their 60th Anniversary.

Finally thanks to Thad for guidance, Gregg Jones (power point extraordinaire) and Ivette Bruns for working with me on the Awards Committee.

Bill Ahern, CSI
GLR Awards Chairman

The following day an impromptu exchange of awards was had off Ohio Route 13 at TC’s Market in Thornville. Location was chosen because of availability of fresh donuts. Thad Goodman (Columbus Chapter) received his “Region Presidents Award” and Bill Ahern (Akron-Canton Chapter) received a “Step Up Award” for Awards Chair.
CERTIFICATION QUIZ

1. Which of the following is a stage of the Facility Life Cycle?
   a. Preliminary Project Description
   b. Facility Maintenance
   c. Project Permitting
   d. Project Conception

2. Quality Control activities occur before or while accomplishing the work or service.
   a. True
   b. False

3. Division 01 Sections relate to:
   a. Bidding Requirements, the Agreement, General and Supplementary Conditions, and Specifications
   b. Bidding Requirements, the Agreement, General and Supplementary Conditions, Specifications, and Drawings
   c. The Agreement, General and Supplementary Conditions, and Specifications only
   d. The Agreement, General Conditions, Specifications, and Drawings

4. The Contractor’s first activity on the Project Site typically is:
   a. Survey and lay out the new construction
   b. Meet with the AHJ
   c. Install temporary power
   d. Begin mobilization

5. Equipment and system review and training should occur:
   a. Immediately after Substantial Completion
   b. Prior to Substantial Completion
   c. After System Commissioning
   d. During the submittal review period

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

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