

## Great Lakes Region Newsletter

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## **PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS**



"The Times They Are a-Changin" (Bob Dylan, 1964)



I've just returned from the **2021 CSI National Conference** in Nashville, Tennessee. It was great to see old friends from around the country gathered again, meet with building product reps in person, get some "non-virtual" continuing education, and experience Nashville. Our region and chapters were well represented and it was good to see all of you in person.

Many of our region's chapters and members were recognized for their accomplishments over this last year at the **CSI Celebrates** awards program. Congratulations to all of you. I also would like to encourage all

our chapters to submit for awards, I've seen lots of great communications and programs from all of you.

Communications Award: Grand Rapids Chapter

Outstanding Contribution Award: Akron-Canton CSI Productfest Outstanding Chapters: Akron-Canton, Grand Rapids, Indianapolis

Hans William Meier Award for Innovation of Certification Programs: Chicago Chapter Certification Committee (including our

own Thad Goodman)

Fellowship: Ed Avink (Grand Rapids Chapter), Dean Bortz (Akron-Canton Chapter)

By now you should have heard of several changes coming from the Institute. Last month, several town hall meetings were held introducing the Board approved recommendations of the Component Value Task Force (CVTF) about the **Alliance Agreement** and the **Dues Structure Changes**.

I, personally, am excited about the **Alliance Agreement** as it should better define the responsibilities and expectations of the Institute, Regions and Chapters.

The **Dues Structure Changes** is a different story. This will have an impact on all our chapters. A one-level dues structure is a great idea but ... dues will be increased for some chapters, some will be decreased; members will be dropped from chapters and some will be gained. If you are interested I can send you a copy of the region membership including non-affiliated members for you to run calculations of the impact on your own chapter.

I encourage everyone to become more familiar with the changes and rational by reading through the information on the CSI website (<a href="https://www.csiresources.org/membership/structure-change">https://www.csiresources.org/membership/structure-change</a>). If you have any questions or comments, there are still several "Virtual Open Office Hour" sessions you can participate in. Or you can contact our Institute Director, Jack Morgan. Please voice your concerns. This organization is supposed to be about the benefits to the member's experience and our chapters have a great impact on that.

At our lunch on Thursday at the conference Marvin Kemp and Mark Dorsey introduced the Institute's new branding and logo. You can see the presentation at <a href="https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hg1MZVr84eg">https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hg1MZVr84eg</a>. CSI's new branding and focus center around the following items:

Creating a Community of Belonging: Changes to membership dues, chapter boundaries, and member accessibility to chapters. Being a Center for Innovation: Rejuvenating committees and task teams.

**Elevating the Profession:** Revamping of CSI certifications, working more closely with other related associations, growth of online communities.

**Rebranding of CSI:** New logo, new way of thinking about who we are and what we do.

Yes, these times are a-changing and so is CSI in several ways. We need to embrace change sometimes, but you as its members also have a say. I grew up in the 60's and 70's. Let your voices be heard. But do it rationally and intelligently.

You know the value you receive from your membership in this organization. Share that with others. I know our best marketing is through word-of-mouth and direct contacts. Spread the work about CSI and help us grow. Thanks.

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#### **GREAT LAKES INSTITUTE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE**

Last month was the CSI Conference in Nashville, TN. If you went, please send me your thoughts of the events you went to. There were events held on the first day that I heard had good reviews. I joined later that day to hear the latest on the restructuring effort. Led by Institute Board Chair Marvin Kemp, CEO Mark Dorsey, and several members of the Component Value Task Force (CVTF) who recommended the changes. Questions were taken and all were answered. There are further Townhalls for additional question opportunities scheduled into October. Check the <a href="https://www.csiresources.org">www.csiresources.org</a> for the times.

Early that evening was a celebration of our new Fellows, Ed Avink of the Grand Rapids Chapter and Dean Bortz of the Columbus Chapter sponsored by the Great Lakes Region. Held at the rooftop bar of the Grand Hilton Hotel the "Lou/NA". Great views and a festive atmosphere for all involved. Drop a line to our new Fellows to congratulate them on their achievement.



Jack Morgan, Institute Director

It was a nice to see many friends from around the country again. I also was proud of how well the Conference went because it was all organized by the CSI Staff. The big focus was the new look of CSI, a new vision, and a new future.

Many sessions were held on the first day including the Keynote Address by Curtis Moody of Moody Nolan of Columbus, IN. A new look for CSI was unveiled at the CSI Conference as well as part of the Annual Meeting. I recommend that you check the look and its rationale at <a href="www.csiresources.org">www.csiresources.org</a>. The evening ended with the awards celebration where three fellows were elevated. We already mentioned Ed Avink and Dean Bortz, but Susan Bliss from the Dallas Chapter was the third Fellow elevated. Several chapters from the Great Lakes Region the OCC Award, Akron Canton, Grand Rapids, and Indianapolis Chapters. A great evening for all.

Friday continued with additional sessions, "speed dating rounds" where specifiers and building product representatives had several interactive sessions. The second keynote was from Nancy Novak of Compass Datacenters discussing how data and how you use will influence the future of the AECO industry. The closing keynote was from Damon Hernandez discussing future technology and where you as a professional will fit into it. There are interviews of all three keynotes in the latest issue of the *Construction Specifier*.

The Board had their meetings on Saturday and Sunday morning. I will update you on the highlights next month.

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

Thanks!

Jack

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CERTIFICATION QUIZ ANSWERS: 1. - a [PDPG, 5.2.6.2]\*; 2. - a [PDPG 6.6.1.3]\*

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\*PDPG Third Edition (October 2021, GLR Newsletter Electronic)

#### **GREAT LAKES REGION CHAPTER CHALLENGE 2021**

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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#### 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 <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a> to see what kind of thing are expected.

**Programs 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 <a href="https://example.com/here">here</a>.

**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 <a href="mailto:theathauthout">theathauthout theathauthout the program of the



# CSI Columbus and CSCC Construction Management present



## **CDT BOOT CAMP AUTUMN 2021**

## Via ZOOM & IN-PERSON Saturday October 23, 2021 9 AM - 4:30 PM

Hosted at Davidson Hall Room 207 Columbus State Community College 550 East Spring Street, Columbus OH 43215

#### **SCHEDULE**

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

There will be breaks between each topic to "re-caffeinate and re-cycle" Please review the CSI CDT Candidate Guidebook for exam logistics, and have a copy of the Project Delivery Practice Guide, 3rd Edition, which is the basis for all CDT Exam questions, to maximize your review time before and after the Boot Camp . Register for the Fall 2021 CDT between Aug 4 and Dec 1, 2021 and for the Fall 2021 Exam window: Nov 8 through Dec 15, 2021.

RSVP via Event Brite invitation: https://cdt-boot-camp-autumn-2021.eventbrite.com

OR mail check for \$85 payable to "CSI Columbus" to: Dean Bortz, DH205, CSCC, PO Box 1609, Columbus OH 43216-1609, 100% of your remittance goes to the CSI Columbus CSCC Scholarship Fund.

AIA Approved for 6 Learning Units (LU)

Questions? Contact Dean Bortz, CSI, CDT, CCPR 614-287-5033 dbortz@cscc.eduSPRING 2022 CDT BOOT CAMP SATURDAY April 16, 2022

## **National Conference Photos**















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#### **AROUND THE REGION**



## Call for Exhibitors

As we are hopefully getting past the pandemic, the CSI Cincinnati chapter has decided to bring back our annual Educon event on November 9, 2021.

This is our call to potential exhibitors in the CSI Great Lakes Region (Ohio, Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, and West Virginia) to be part of Educon 2021. If Cincinnati is not in your sales area, we encourage you to contact your counterparts that handle the Cincinnati metropolitan area and encourage them to be part of Educon 2021.

<u>CLICK HERE</u> for complete information, tabletop location selection, and to reserve and pay for your tabletop and/or sponsorship online.

**Reserve your Tabletop now!** Don't miss this opportunity to exhibit in this unique education/product expo experience. Architects, Engineers, Interior Designers, Contractors, and Owners, to name a few, will be in attendance to see your new and innovative products and earn CEUs at our technical seminars. Registering early not only gets you a good location in the show, it also helps us to finalize early, thus providing a smooth-running show for an enjoyable and profitable experience for both exhibitors and attendees.

Tabletop Cost (CSI Cincinnati Member) - \$200.00 Tabletop Cost (Non-Member) - \$300.00

Tabletop cost is all inclusive and includes the following:

- 1 3-foot by 6-foot draped tabletop.
- 1 Lunch (Additional lunch tickets may be purchased at the event).
- 2 Drink Tickets (Additional drink tickets may be purchased at the event).

Electricity for your tabletop (if required).

Can't exhibit at the show? Consider being a food and beverage sponsor or better yet, exhibit and sponsor.

Food and Beverage Sponsor Cost: \$100.

**Exhibitor Door Prizes:** It is encouraged that exhibitors provide door prizes to award to attendees. This can be done by business cards in a fish bowl or any other method the exhibitor desires. Door prizes will be awarded during the last 15 minutes of the second Expo session (4:45 PM - 5:00 PM). Prize cards will be distributed to exhibitors to fill out. Cards will indicate prize winner name and company, prize, and exhibiting company. Please return cards to Expo MC prior to 4:45 PM.

**Set-Up Times:** Tabletops may be set up between 10:30 AM and 12:00 PM. <u>Please do not set up tabletops during the first education session from 12:00 - 1:00 PM</u>. Tabletops that are set up before 11:30 AM will provide the opportunity for attendees to browse tabletops before the first session begins.

**Tear-Down Times:** It is requested that Tabletops be torn down at 6:00 PM after the last education session (this will also give you some time to talk to attendees after the last education session). If you must tear down tabletop before 6:00 PM, please do so from 4:45 PM to 5:00 PM so as not to disturb the 5:00 PM education session.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Paula Harris at:

Paula Harris 513-728-1262 advharris@fuse.net

We hope to see you in November and thanks in advance for your support of CSI Cincinnati!

## **CERTIFICATION QUIZ**

- 1. The A/E's approval of shop drawings is:
  - a. For conformance with the design concept and design intent indicated in the Contract Documents
  - b. To make certain the products actually supplied by the Contractor fit in the construction
  - c. To determine accuracy and completeness of dimensions and quantities
  - d. To ensure that contract document requirements have been met
- 2. What contract document modification allows the owner to order a change in the work without an agreement or adjustment to the contract?
  - a. Construction change directive
  - b. Change Order
  - c. Purchase Order
  - d. Addendum
- 3. Quality assurance activities occur:
  - a. Before the work or service is done
  - b. Before or while accomplishing the work or service
  - c. During construction
  - d. During design
- 4. An allowance is included in the base bid for:
  - a. Cost of an item to be selected
  - b. Time to extend the work
  - c. Includes both time and costs
- 5. Substitutions should not be considered when:
  - a. Requested by RFI
  - b. Request is indicated on submittals
  - c. Request does not include an itemized comparison
  - d. All of the above
  - e. None of the above

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

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Blue Grass	Thad Goodman	thadg@nationalgypsum.com	Third Thursday	Common Ground Coffee	12:00 pm
Cincinnati	David Proudfit	dsp-csi@cinci.rr.com	Second Tuesday	Old Montgomery Inn	Varies
Cleveland	Scott Mitchell Taylor	smtaylor@conspectusinc.com	Third Wednesday	Varies	Varies
Columbus	Buddy Stanford	bstanford@tnemec.com	Second Monday	Boathouse Restaurant	11:30 am
Dayton-Miami	Thomas Boardman	tboardman@ljbinc.com	Third Tuesday	Varies	12:00 pm
Evansville	Jack Morgan	morwalsoplad1@gmail.com	Second Thursday	Varies	Varies
Grand Rapids	Gary Beimers	gbeimers@comcast.net	Second Thursday	Varies	6:00 pm
Indianapolis	Ivette Bruns	ibruns@ratiodesign.com	Third Thursday	Varies	5:30 pm
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