

## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



**My fellow CSI Members,**

Hello my fellow members, hope all is doing well. Winter is coming. Soon, we should winterize our place of living, our vehicles, our loved ones, and ourselves. Enjoy your winter and please stay safe.



October showcased the CSI 2022 National Conference in Denver, Colorado. It proved to be a fantastic conference of leadership, education, and networking! I had a great time attending this year and look forward to next year's conference.

[RECAP OF THE CONFERENCE LINK](#)

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## GREAT LAKES INSTITUTE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE



### CSI Great Lakes Region -

We had a great CSI National Convention in Denver, CO. The venue hotel was in downtown Denver, and the fall weather was beautiful. The Convention was sold out, and I was so glad to see old friends from around the country, but I also made so many new acquaintances – and we are already connected on LinkedIn! As usual, the seminars were informative and presented by very knowledgeable people in our industry. The keynote speakers were impressive and inspiring. The future of the industry was a prevalent theme. The Friday luncheon keynote speaker, Linda G. Alvarado, definitely left a positive impression. Similar to the Master Specifier's Retreat format, we had Speed Networking with product representatives from around the country. I spent 15 minutes at each table asking my questions and listening to product information before the gong rang, and I moved to the next table. I like the format; I only wish I could have met with more people.

Congratulations to all the GLR Chapters that won the Outstanding Chapter Commendation (OCC):

- Akron Canton
- Evansville
- Grand Rapids
- Indianapolis

The Chapter Cup was awarded to the Evansville Chapter. So very proud of the Evansville Chapter and the people who helped it grow including Ken Schmidt and Jack Morgan.

The 2023 CSI National Convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN. More information to follow.

Crosswalk for Microsoft Word was introduced at the Convention. Crosswalk, the App for accessing CSI Standards, is making advances to be more readily accessible from Word platform. Learn more at [About Crosswalk](#) | [Crosswalk](#). Ask for a demonstration.

Fall 2022 Certification Cycle is open! Earning CSI Credentials have been a valuable part of my career. Hoping if you do not have a CSI Certification, that you take the opportunity to register this fall. Register now on the CSI website. [Exam Registration - Construction Specifications Institute](#) (csiresources.org)

Have you updated your CSI Profile on the CSI website? [Home - Construction Specifications Institute](#) (csiresources.org). Please do so and stay informed. Emails from CSI, especially CSIWeekly are great communication tools between your Chapter and National. Join a community or two on the CSI National website.

The next CSI Master Specifiers Retreat (MSR) is scheduled for February 1-3, 2023. It will be held at the Marriott Sanibel Harbor Resort & Spa in Fort Myers, FL. *(Recovery from the hurricane is underway. Updates if the MSR will be impacted will be shared at the end of November)*. This is an opportunity to meet with senior product representatives who provide detailed information on building products. There are also education sessions focused on improving your practice and invaluable networking opportunities to grow your professional circle. The next MSR is on July 12-14, 2023 at the Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa in Midway, Utah. Application for that is coming soon.

Please reach out if you have anything CSI you want to discuss.

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CERTIFICATION QUIZ ANSWERS  
ANSWERS: 1. - a [PDPG 1.2.1]\*; 2. - d [PDPG 8.8.1]\*; 3. - a [PDPG 5.3.3.13]\*; 4. - d [PDPG 1.15.1]\*;  
5. - c [PDPG 8.9.6]\*  
\*PDPG Third Edition (November 2022, GLR Newsletter Electronic)

## 2022 CSI AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to the 2022 CSI Award Winners from the Great Lakes Region. Recipients were honored during "CSI Celebrates" on Thursday, October 13, 2022, at CSI's National Conference, Denver, CO.

### Communication Award

This award is presented to a Chapter, Region, or Organization which has implemented a comprehensive communications program, inclusive of multiple types of communications programs.

- **Grand Rapids CSI Chapter**

### Outstanding Chapter Commendation

This award is presented to chartered chapters that meets the designated pre-requisite core criteria, as documented in the appropriate form, and has provided the required supplemental data. As chapters earn Commendations, they may reach the following milestones (note: the number of years is not required to be consecutive):

- **Akron-Canton Chapter (Silver, ten years+)**
- **Evansville Chapter**
- **Grand Rapids Chapter (Bronze, five years+)**
- **Indianapolis Chapter (Silver, ten years+)**

### Chapter Cup

The Chapter Cup is awarded to the chartered chapter with the greatest percentage (%) increase in total membership, as reported in their Outstanding Chapter Commendation application in the current awards cycle. The membership increase will be based upon the Institute's membership records as of June 30 of the fiscal year ending immediately prior to the nomination deadline. The winning chapter must have also received an Outstanding Chapter Commendation.

- **Evansville Chapter**

## IN OTHER NEWS

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**GREAT LAKES REGION BYLAWS ARE  
BEING REVIEWED FOR UPDATES**

**GREAT LAKES REGIONAL STRATEGIC  
PLAN IS BEING REFRESHED**

**MORE INFORMATION TO COME IN THE  
FOLLOWING MONTHS**

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Who do you call? Sometimes we have technical resources right in our backyard that maybe some don't know we have. For November 2022, here are a handful of technical resources to keep in mind for that next or current project:

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# 2023 Great Lakes Regional Conference

## March 23-25, in Cleveland, Ohio.

Conference Theme and Location: TBD.

**Call for Conference Sponsorships are open.** For sponsorship information please contact Mark Jacobson at [mark.jacobson@kuraray.com](mailto:mark.jacobson@kuraray.com)

All Chapter Leaders, please be reminded that the Region will sponsor \$100 each for up to two leaders, whether current leader(s) and or upcoming leader(s). For more information please contact Ken Schmidt [kschmidt@sewardassociates.net](mailto:kschmidt@sewardassociates.net)

### CERTIFICATIONS

CSI is the construction community's authority on communication and construction documentation. Through CSI's Certification Program, you can strengthen and demonstrate your understanding of the entire construction process and concrete skills in:

- Construction documentation development and administration
- Specification writing and enforcement
- Product research and sourcing
- Communication with the design and contracting teams

CSI's Construction Document's Technologist (**CDT**) certificate is a prerequisite to CSI's Certifications: Certified Construction Contract Administrator (**CCCA**), Certified Construction Specifier (**CCS**), and Certified Construction Product Representative (**CCPR**).

CSI offers CDT, CCCA, CCPR, and CCS examinations twice annually in spring and fall.

Open registration for the test begins in the winter and summer respectively.

To stay up to date on all future examination information: [CLICK HERE](#)

## GREAT LAKES REGION CHAPTER CHALLENGE 2023

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.

Who can you recommend today?

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?

Here are some of the things your Region and Region Officers do better as part of 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.

**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 [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](#).



## CERTIFICATION QUIZ

1. Individuals who are active in a major portion of the project delivery process are:
  - a. Stakeholders
  - b. Participants
  - c. A/E
  - d. All of the Above
  
2. One of the benefits of working as a team is not:
  - a. Increased Productivity
  - b. Reduced Project costs
  - c. Earlier Project completion
  - d. Fewer meetings
  
3. When two spellings are acceptable for the same word, the preferred choice is:
  - a. The shorter spelling
  - b. The spelling that has been in existence longer
  - c. Any spelling that is clear
  - d. The spelling that is given as preferred in the Dictionary
  
4. Green buildings are designed to reduce the overall impact of the built environment on Human Health and the natural environment by:
  - a. Efficiently using energy, water, and other resources
  - b. Protecting occupant health and improving employee productivity
  - c. Reducing waste, pollution, and environmental degradation during construction
  - d. A and B Only
  - e. A and C Only
  - e. All of the Above
  
5. The method for how Change Orders will be calculated should be described in:
  - a. Division 01 - General Requirements
  - b. Instructions to Bidders
  - c. General and Supplementary Conditions
  - d. The Agreement

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

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<b>Cleveland</b>	John Workley	John.workley@vocon.com	Third Wednesday	Varies	<b>Varies</b>
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<b>Evansville</b>	John Bolton	jbolton@haferdesign.com	Third Tuesday	Evansville Country Club	<b>6:00 pm</b>
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<b>Louisville</b>	David Heyne/Robin Miller	dheyne@fullcircle-arch.com/ robincsilouisville@gmail.com	Second Thursday	Varies	<b>Varies</b>
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