



# Great Lakes Region Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



### Registration for Great Lakes Region Conference 2023

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The conference agenda will be available soon. Our theme is **Let's Build!**

We're looking forward to a successful event with several educational sessions, great networking opportunities, tabletop exhibits by sponsors, and a chance to show off the great city of Cleveland!

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### CSI Great Lakes Region Members -

February has the promise of spring but subtly reminds us that it is still winter. This is also the season for Construction Documents to go out to bid. Very busy time for design and construction industry.

I attended the Master Specifier's Retreat (MSR) in Ft. Meyers, FL on February 2-3 followed by two days of CSI Institute Board meetings. It was a very busy 4 days. If you have not attended an MSR, I strongly recommend it. I sat with a predetermined list of product representatives, 25 minutes each, in a "speed networking" format. I came prepared with questions, and the time went very quickly. There were two keynote speakers each day after a sponsored breakfast. There were also plenty of opportunities to network with Specifiers from

across the country at breakfast, lunch, breaks and dinners. I made sure to connect with everyone I met on LinkedIn.

Unfortunately, the CSI Board also had the task to vote on revoking the Charters for a few CSI Chapters including two Great Lakes Region Chapters – Columbus and Dayton Miami Valley. This is in addition to Blue Grass and Toledo Charters, which were revoked at our last CSI Board Meeting. It has been very difficult for me to be an Institute Director for these decisions. I am heartbroken. I know there were multiple conversations and actions during the course of this process with each of these chapters. If you have any questions, please reach out to me. Emails will be sent/have gone out to CSI Members of these chapters to identify new home chapters and continue CSI services.

The Spring Cycle for Certifications has begun. Information can be found on the CSI website. If your Chapter is providing CSI Certification study classes, please let me know. CSI Indianapolis Chapter begins their virtual CDT Certification Classes on March 7.

The next CSI Institute Board meeting will be in Baltimore in June 2023. Please let me know if you have any questions or would like me to voice any concerns.

The next MSR is on July 12-14, 2023 at the Zermatt Utah Resort & Spa in Midway, Utah. Application is available if you are interested. Please see CSI website for additional information. [Volunteer Opportunity Details - Construction Specifications Institute \(csiresources.org\)](#). 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 2023 CSI National Convention will be held in Minneapolis, MN. More information to follow.

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.

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

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CERTIFICATION QUIZ ANSWERS  
ANSWERS: 1. - a [PDPG 1.3]\*; 2. - a [PDPG 5.1.1]\*; 3. - a [PDPG 5.3.3.2]\*; 4. - a [PDPG 5.2.6.1]\*;  
5. - b [PDPG 6.6.1.4]\*  
\*PDPG Third Edition (February 2023, GLR Newsletter Electronic)

Great Lakes Region Website:  
<https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/home>

## **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:

# NO TECHNICAL RESOURCES THIS MONTH

## AROUND THE REGION



### Solicitation for Sponsors

Applications for sponsorships for the 2023 Great Lakes Region Conference are now being accepted. Please see the sponsorship levels available below. To secure your sponsorship, send an email to Mark Jacobson, [mark.jacobson@kuraray.com](mailto:mark.jacobson@kuraray.com). Once the sponsorship is processed, an invoice will be sent via PayPal for payment. Please contact Mark or Ibrahim Hakki, [ih@arch-hakki.com](mailto:ih@arch-hakki.com), if you have any questions. We are looking forward to a great event and would appreciate your support.

## SPONSORSHIP LEVELS

### Premier Platinum Sponsor (1 available)

- \$4,000
- Conference Primary Sponsorship and large conference room sponsor
- Name your sponsorship (i.e. company tag line)
- 6' Table top display
- 2 conference registrations (\$350 value)
- Name on materials and in brochure
- SWAG bag (literature or giveaway)

### Guardian Diamond Sponsor (2 available)

- \$2500
- Sponsor of 1 conference room
- 6' Table top display
- 2 conference registrations (\$350 value)
- Name on materials and in brochure
- SWAG bag (literature or giveaway)

### Cavaliers Gold Sponsor (6 available)

- \$1500
- 6' Table top display
- 1 conference registration (\$175 value)
- Name on materials and in brochure
- SWAG bag (literature or giveaway)

### Browns Orange Sponsor (6 available)

- \$1000
- 6' Table top display
- 1 conference registration (\$175 value)
- Name on materials and in brochure

### Monsters Blue Sponsor (unlimited)

- \$500
- 1 conference registration (\$175 value)
- Name on materials and in brochure

### Hospitality Suite (3 available)

- \$500
- 1 conference registration
- Signage recognition at hospitality suite

### Breakfast, Lunch and Break sponsorships (8 available)

- \$300
- Signage recognition at a breakfast, lunch, or break.

### Swag bag sponsor

- \$500
- Opportunity to supply swag bag with corporate logo
- 1 registration (\$175 value)





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# REVITALIZE 2023

## TECHNOLOGY IN DESIGN

**TUESDAY,  
FEBRUARY 28**

MELLWOOD ART &  
ENTERTAINMENT CENTER |  
10:00AM-5:00PM

### 10:00AM - 11:30AM - Doors Open

Doors Open, Show Floor Open/Sponsor Networking  
Up to 3 AIA CEUs pending for Visiting Booths

### Noon - 2:00 PM - Lunch Presentation

**Digital Building Capture in the Modern Age**

Presented by Ben Shinabery, PLS, Qk4

1 AIA CEU pending

### Drone Demo

Presented by Qk4

### eComm Demo

Presented by Lynn Imaging

### 2:30 PM - 3:30 PM - Keynote Address

**"Practicing" Digital Fabrication: A Discussion of  
the Current Technology Available and Its  
Possible Application to Your Architectural  
Practice**

Presented by Bill Massie, Tenured Professor of  
Architecture at UK

1 AIA CEU pending

### 3:30 PM - 5:00 PM - Happy Hour

Happy Hour Networking & Sponsor Prize Drawing

**REGISTER**

[aiacsitradeair.org](http://aiacsitradeair.org)

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## Integrating Pre-Engineered Metal Buildings & Conventional Steel for Manufacturing



**You're invited to join Akron-Canton CSI** for a hardhat tour of a manufacturing facility under construction for LG Chem North America that demonstrates the cost-effective combination of pre-engineered metal building with conventional steel support for process and equipment.

Pre-engineered metal buildings are inexpensive structures relative to other types of construction. While there are quite a few options available, they are limited in their ability to accommodate the complex requirements associated with supporting processes, equipment, and loads. As a part of this tour, participants will discuss how this project took advantage of the economy of a pre-engineered metal building for the envelope while integrating conventional structural steel to meet the greater flexibility required by the manufacturing process. Attendees must provide (and wear) their own standard PPE for the duration of the tour.

Afterward, attendees are invited to join us for dinner at Ray's Place in Kent.

To learn more about LG's plans for the building and site, [check out this article by The Portager](#)  
Attendees receive 1 AIA CEU LU.

**MARCH 23, 2023 | 5:00 PM**

**LG Chem North America**  
6800 North Chestnut Street, Ravenna, OH 44266

**Ray's Place**  
135 Franklin Ave, Kent, OH 44240

\$20.00 for CSI Members  
\$25.00 for Non-Members  
\$5.00 for Students

[\*\*REGISTER HERE\*\*](#)



**FEBRUARY 23, 2023 | 5:30-7:30 PM**

## SPINS BOWL AKRON

2911 E Waterloo Road, Akron OH 44312

### COST

\$25.00 per attendee

\$200.00 lane sponsorship (*includes 1 attendee ticket*)



[\*\*REGISTER HERE\*\*](#)



### CSI February Program - Underlayments and Sound Control: Specifying the Right Product for the Right Application



In this presentation, you will learn about the benefits of underlayments and sound control mats so you can select the right products for your project. You will learn how underlayments and sound control mats are installed, how they help to enhance the safety and marketability of a project, as well as factors necessary in determining which products should be specified in a variety of applications.

**When:** February 14, 2023, 11:30AM - 1:00 PM

**Where:** Montgomery Inn, 9440 Montgomery Rd Montgomery OH 45242

**Tickets:** \$0.00 Member (Other than Cincinnati Chapter), \$25.00 Non-Member, \$15.00 Student (Non-CSI Cincinnati Member)

[REGISTER HERE](#)

## 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 Certifications:** Construction Document Technologist (CDT), 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](#)

## INSTITUTE NEWS

Don't Forget: CSI and its Board of Directors serve an important role in shaping the AECO profession and the industry. [Apply now](#) to be part of CSI's leadership journey.

Four positions are open and up for election: a Director-at-Large and three Directors from each of the regions listed below:

- Northeast
- Northwest
- South Central

The Board positions each serve a three-year term starting July 1, 2023. All requirements and qualifications are listed in the position descriptions for each position.

[To learn more, or to apply, please click here.](#)

Please log in to the CSI website when applying for these positions. **Nominations for the Board of Directors close at midnight ET on January 13, 2023.** For more information, contact Lisa Sidletsky, CAE, Director of Executive Services ([lsidletsky@csinet.org](mailto:lsidletsky@csinet.org)).

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Liz Icenogle CAE  
Director of Component Relations  
CSI  
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**CSI NEXT and CSCC Construction Management *present*  
CDT BOOT CAMP SPRING 2023  
Via ZOOM Saturday April 29,2023 9 AM – 4:30 PM**

**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-caffinate and re-cyle”  
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 bases for all CDT Exam questions, to maximize your review time  
before and after the Boot Camp . Register for the Spring 2023 CDT Exam  
between Feb 1 and May 22, 2023 for the Spring 2023 Exam window: MAY 1  
– JUNE 7, 2023**

**RSVP required :** <https://www.csinext.org/index.php/blog/bc-reg-2023>

**100% of your remittance goes to the CSI NEXT CSCC Scholarship Fund to  
assist the next generation of industry professionals.**

**AIA Approved for 6 Learning Units (LU)  
Questions? Contact Dean Bortz, FCSI, CDT, CCPR  
614-287-5033 [dbortz@cscce.edu](mailto:dbortz@cscce.edu)**

**[CCCA Fried Days Spring 2023 March 10,17,31; Apr 14,21 review course](#)**

**[AUTUMN 2023 CDT BOOT CAMP SATURDAY OCTOBER 22, 2022](#)**

## CERTIFICATIONS



CSI NEXT and CSCC Construction Management present  
CCCA "FRIED DAYS" SPRING 2023  
Via ZOOM Fridays March 10,17,24; Apr 14 11:30AM – 1 PM ET

### SCHEDULE

Fri  
Mar 10  
Project Records: Contracts, Submittals, Payment, Records, Close-Out  
Fri  
Mar 17  
Project Initiation: Pre-Construction, Mobilization, Interpretation, Modifications  
Fri  
Mar 24  
QA/QC, Site Visits: Managing QA/QC, Observations, Measurement/Payment  
Fri  
Nov 19  
Project Claims, Disputes & Closeout: Claims, Disputes, Project Completion

Each session provides guidance and Q&A to help you achieve the CCCA certification. Please review the 2021 CSI Exam Candidate Guidebook for logistics and have a copy of the Construction Contract Administration Practice Guide, 2nd Edition, which is the basis for all CCCA exam questions. Register for the Spring 2023 between Feb 1 and May 22, 2023 for the Spring 2023 Exam window: May 1 thru June 7, 2023

RSVP via Event Brite invitation: [ENTER URL HOT LINK HERE](#)

100% of your registration funds the CSCC Foundation Scholarship fund for Columbus State Community College students in Design, Construction & Trades Department programs. The scholarship is awarded annually to the next generation of industry professionals:  
<https://www.cscce.edu/academics/departments/dct/index.shtml>

Attendees are Eligible for 6.0 AIA-CES continuing education units.  
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**SPRING 2023 CDT BOOT CAMP ONLINE-ZOOM**  
**SATURDAY Apr 29, 2023 9 AM - 4:30 PM ET**  
<https://www.csnext.org/index.php/blog/bc-req-2023>

**STAY TUNED: CDT / CCPR, CCCA Review Events**  
**Fall 2023**

## 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:

### **Great Lakes Region Chapter Challenge Advisor**

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### **Great Lakes Region Membership Chair**

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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. Gregg Jones (Grand Rapids) and Jack Morgan (Indianapolis) are the current Awards Committee Co-Chairs.

**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](#).

## Ghosts of Christmas Past: CSI Columbus Chapter

Many CSI Chapters have scholarships and programs designed to engage with learning and emerging professionals. As the Columbus Chapter fades into the rear-view mirror of the Construction Specifications Institute, we take a moment to look back at some of the ways the chapter would reach out to the next generation of Built Environment.

### **Student Affiliate**

CSI Columbus was one of the few chapters in the CSI system to have an active student affiliate. A student affiliate is a formal agreement between a CSI Chapter and a local learning Institution. These agreements include language in chapter by-laws recognizing students and student activities, the ability to hold election positions, voting, etc.

The Columbus CSI Chapter has had a collaboration with The Columbus State Community College that has spanned 18 years. This relationship provided a solid stream of students who interact with the parent chapter and beyond. Great Lakes Region President- Elect, Craig Stanton, is a former chapter officer the CSI-S at Columbus State.

These relationships begin as students are introduced to CSI through local members who visit classes and provide insight to what CSI is and what it provides to the industry. The students are invited to attend chapter functions, sit in on board meetings, and learn about the leadership of the chapter. These students often volunteer at golf outings and trade shows to get to know the local design community. Often the students are offered jobs through this type of interaction without going through a formal interview process since a relationship has developed.

### **Scholarships**

**The George A. Van Niel Student Scholarship.** Traditionally awarded to three grad students from The Ohio State University's Knowlton School of Architecture. The submission criteria included a 50-question test on the CDT study materials, a written response to a product rep request for information from a fictitious job site situation, and constructing a 3-part spec for a fictitious project. These have included creative buildings like Igloos and temporary shelters for Occupy Wall Street. Three students each year walk away with CSI cash totaling \$2500.00

**The Dean M. Bortz CSI, CDT Scholarship.** Submission criteria include a recap of scholastic performance; letters of recommendation from teachers and local Industry leaders; an essay on why CSI and its formats are important to the Built Environment. Tie breaking score lean toward those who are CSI-S members and have committed time/energy to the organization. The chapter allocates \$750.00 to a winning student each year. Additional funds and awards vary each year from the efforts of Dean Bortz, FCSI, CDT, CCPR, MA and Margaret Owens, Ph D, who donates their time and 100% of the dollars collected from the CSI Columbus CDT Boot Camps held each CSI cycle. These selfless contributions mean the dollars awarded exceed the amounts awarded to OSU.



## CERTIFICATION QUIZ

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Team establishes the design requirements, budgets, and time constraints for the Project.
  - a. Owner
  - b. A/E
  - c. Contractor
  - d. Supplier
  
2. The Procurement Requirements are:
  - a. Part of the Procurement Documents but not the Contract Documents
  - b. Part of the Contract Documents
  - c. Part of the Procurement Documents, but not the Project Manual
  - d. In the same part as Contract Modifications
  
3. The mood that is recommended in Specifications is:
  - a. The Imperative Mood
  - b. The Indicative Mood
  - c. The Symbolic Mood
  - d. None of the Above
  
4. Resource Materials:
  - a. Should be permanently retained and accessible
  - b. Should be filed for safekeeping until the end of the correction period
  - c. Should be given to the Contractor with the release of retainage
  - d. Should be stored electronically
  
5. Addenda are written or graphic instruments used to clarify, revise, add to, or delete information in the:
  - a. Solicitation or Procurement Forms
  - b. Original Procurement Documents or previous Addenda
  - c. Contract Documents or original Procurement Documents
  - d. Previous Addenda or Specifications

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

## GREAT LAKES REGION CHAPTER CONTACTS & MEETINGS

Chapter	President	Email	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Meeting Time
<b>Akron-Canton</b>	Robert Lucius/Jillian Tipton	robert.lucius@allegion.com/ jtipton@aiaakron.com	Third Thursday	Varies	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Cincinnati</b>	Kirk Paisley	Kirk.paisley@bdclarchitects.com	Second Tuesday	Old Montgomery Inn	<b>Varies</b>
<b>Cleveland</b>	John Workley	John.workley@vocon.com	Third Wednesday	Varies	<b>Varies</b>
<b>Dayton-Miami</b>	Thomas Boardman	tboardman@ljbinc.com	Third Tuesday	Varies	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Evansville</b>	John Bolton	jbolton@haferdesign.com	Third Tuesday	Evansville Country Club	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Grand Rapids</b>	Brian Welsh	brianw@hdjinc.com	Second Thursday	Varies	<b>6:00 pm</b>
<b>Indianapolis</b>	Tony Julian	tjulian@circledesigngroup.com	Third Thursday	Varies	<b>5:30 pm</b>
<b>Lansing</b>	Brian Delaney	delaney@mayottearchitects.com	First Tuesday	Mayotte Group Office	<b>12:00 pm</b>
<b>Louisville</b>	David Heyne/Robin Miller	dheyne@fullcircle-arch.com/ robincsilouisville@gmail.com	Second Thursday	Varies	<b>Varies</b>
<b>Metro Detroit</b>	Jonathan Selleck	jselleck@wje.com	Second Tuesday	Varies	<b>5:00 pm</b>
<b>Toledo</b>	Trent McNutt	tmcnutt@redoxcoatings.com	Third Wednesday	Scrambler Maries	<b>7:00 am</b>

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