

### PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



I am very excited to begin the 2016 – 2017 year as the Great Lakes CSI Regional President. I was blessed with, what I feel, is the best board with whom anyone could work.

I would be remiss if I did not thank all the outgoing regional and chapter board members and committee chairs for their donated time, making CSI a great organization. I wish that I could thank everyone personally, but it is not possible. I do want to thank two people I have worked with this past year, for the outstanding job that they did for the Great Lakes Region. My thanks go to the 2015 – 2016 President, Phil Babinec, and Past President, Ivette Ramirez Bruns. After working with them, I know how many hours they spent working to ensure that the Great Lakes Region was a success. They have left big shoes to fill.

Also I want to welcome the newly elected Regional and Chapter Board and committee members. Our goal is to dedicate the time necessary to make the Great Lakes Region the best in the Institute.

**Henry Hondorp, Great Lakes Region President**

It is my goal this year, as the president, to make sure that all the region board members, myself included, become more involved by increasing communication with all the chapters. We want to help all the chapters in any way we can. Not only to help with the issues, but also to help expand our membership through marketing.

Along with that, I will reach out to all the chapter presidents and board members requesting that we discuss our successful, and not-so-successful, ventures. In each monthly newsletter, I would like to publish what is happening in each chapter; as I think it will help us become a more cohesive Region.

In addition, we will strive to provide leadership for not only the region but for the chapters, so that we may continue to grow and remain an effective tool in our profession. This is not only for specification writers, but also architects, engineers, contractor's/construction managers, product representatives, etc.

Recently, a friend introduced me to *Developing the Leaders Around You* by John Maxwell. A comment in his introduction struck me. He said, leaders do not want followers, as nothing gets done; leaders want to train others to become leaders, to step in and help get the work done.

In future newsletters we will be covering topics such as:

- How to market and attract new members
- Educations/Certification
- Regional Convention
- Student Membership and Student Chapters
- Restructuring of the current districts
- Webinars

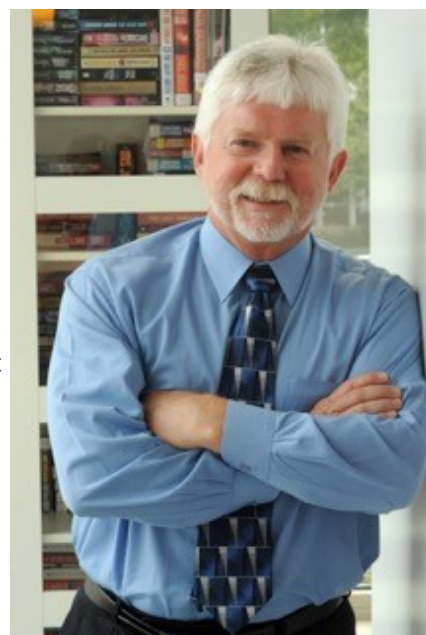
In closing, I would highly recommend that each chapter send the president, and or a selected member if the president cannot attend, to Construct. CSI will host it in Austin, Texas this September 7–9. Please feel free to contact me, or anyone of the Regional Board Members, as we are at your disposal. We strive to become more involved with our chapters to become more successful.

Thank you,  
Henry W. (Hank) Hondorp

## DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE– THAD'S THOUGHTS

This has been a year full of changes for CSI at the Institute level. Our previous executive director, Walt Marlowe left in November of 2014. The Board hired Mark Dorsey to replace him in September of 2015. Mark is replacing key staff that left and is bringing new ideas to the CSI, including ways to streamline our approach to governance. With the leadership of Lane Beougher, the Board created new policies to improve our ideas and strategies. In addition, we took a look at our terms in office. The membership passed the By-laws Referendum by a 95% margin. One of these changes will affect the elected directors of the Institute in future elections. The next Great Lakes Region director elected will serve a 3-year term. If serving on the at the Institute level as Region Director interests you, contact Phil Babinec, the immediate Great Lakes Region past -president, and the nominating committee chair. My term is up July 2017, and the search is on for candidates.

I am passionate about the next generation of CSI. To improve your student activities or start a student affiliate as the new CSI year begins, please contact me for support material. Look for more institute leadership info and other ideas here each month.



**Thad Goodman, Institute Director**

## AROUND THE REGION

### **Richard Howard to be Elevated to Fellow**

Richard Howard, CSI, CCS, of the Columbus Chapter along with eight other CSI members will be elevated to Fellowship in the Institute during CONSTRUCT in Austin, TX on September 8, 2016. Fellows are nominated by their peers and selected by CSI's Jury of Fellows in recognition of their outstanding accomplishments supporting CSI.

### **Columbus Chapter Planning Retreat**

The Columbus Chapter is holding their annual planning retreat on Saturday morning, July 16th at Columbus State University College. Many chapters hold planning meetings, subscribing to the Steven Covey model of "Begin with the End in Mind". Chapter leaders, committee chairs, and interested members spend the morning planning their activities and assigning duties, sharing ideas about new programs. A quick overview of the year and assignment of duties together with action dates to get things done make the goals of the chapter real and effective.

The Columbus Chapter has received the Outstanding Chapter Commendation 13 years in a row.

If your chapter is interested in learning more, the CSI Website has a presentation that you can visit at: [http://www.csinet.org/main/community/leaders/resurces/presentations/year ahead.ppt](http://www.csinet.org/main/community/leaders/resurces/presentations/year%20ahead.ppt).

### **Region Program Library Created**

The Great Lakes Region has created a Programs Library for all Region Chapters to use when looking for program ideas. The Library lists the particulars of the Program: Chapter, date, name, and topic of the Program, speakers name, and contact information. The Library will be located on the Region Website. Chapter Presidents and/or Program Chairs are invited to send their Chapter's top three Programs that were given last year to myself: Jack Morgan, GLR Newsletter Editor, [morwalsoplal1@gmail.com](mailto:morwalsoplal1@gmail.com). by July 31.

This will be an opportunity to experience best practices in Programs around the Great Lakes Region and will be updated monthly.

### **Chapter's Events and Region News Wanted**

I am proud to present you the premiere issue of the Great Lakes Region Newsletter. I invite you to send your Chapter's events and news to be published in future issues. Please send submittals to Jack Morgan, GLR Newsletter Editor, [morwalsoplal1@gmail.com](mailto:morwalsoplal1@gmail.com) by the 25th of the month for publication by the first of next month. This Newsletter will keep the Great Lakes Region's members more informed.

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