

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Henry Hondorp, Great Lakes Region President

Dear Fellow CSI Members

As I reflect over the past number of months I feel that we have progressed and accomplished some of the goals that were set based on the strategic plan. We have communicated with the chapters, not always on a regular basis but have kept the line of communication open. We have again provided a number of webinars and have completed the strategic plan for the next coming years.

We also have put together a reorganized chart for the four regions and established a new Regional Conference Schedule, which will be presented by David Fryman and Mark Lods in the near future. We are looking forward to next year's regional conference put on by the Akron-Canton chapter and are thankful for Bob Schrock and for his assistance.

Also a number of chapters have gotten involved with students and have either investigated and/or have started student affiliates, getting the students involved with CSI. One suggestion is to engage the school counselors and professors. Involve them in CSI as they will be a big help to engaging students. I know that Lacey, our emerging professional, has been very active in working with the current emerging professionals.

We still are working on membership and I feel that that will be a continuing battle but also know that the chapters are working very hard to work with the past members and attempting to create an interest in returning and renewing their membership. Some of the chapters have had an increase in membership and we say congratulations.

Also we have just finished one of the holidays, "Thanksgiving," and as I reflect on the this year, I could think of a number of material things that I could be thankful for, but after thinking about them they did not bring the satisfaction that I was looking for. What I found were the things that brought enjoyment my family, friends and especially the friends that I have in the CSI Great Lakes Region. It would be nice to name each of you by name, but have elected to thank the greatest staff, committee chairs, editor and all of the chapters. Thank you. You all have done a great job, especially the Institute for the support they have given to all of the regions.

As I look forward there is still a lot of work to be done and accomplished but feel with everyone pitching-in we will accomplish what we have set out to do.

We are approaching the Christmas Season and as we each celebrate this time of the year in our own special ways I want to wish you all of the joy and peace that this season brings. We are coming to the end of 2016 and quickly approaching 2017. We do not know what the New Year will bring, but we know that this is the same question we face each year. I am looking for a great year and hope that the year may be successful to each of us in our businesses, but also in the Great Lakes Region.

As always, my door is open to questions and suggestions. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.



Thank you,
Henry W. (Hank) Hondorp

Regional Conference Update

Region Conference Leadership Planning- Akron/Canton Chapter. Bob Schrock, our Region Conference Chair, met with the Akron/Canton Chapter to continue planning our Great Lakes Region Conference. Save the date cards are out, and make plans to attend from May 18th-20th, 2017. It's a great way to reinvigorate your CSI energy and learn about the new things that are coming about in CSI Land.

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE- THAD'S THOUGHTS

Things have been hopping around the Great Lakes Region. Here are some of the things that have happened just in the last month.

Procrastination Day- Miami/Dayton Chapter. This annual event provides a chance for Architects to get those last minute learning units they need for the year, with a twist. Procrastination Day Education is about having researchers and educators coming to present, not the normal "box lunch" type presentations you get in the office.

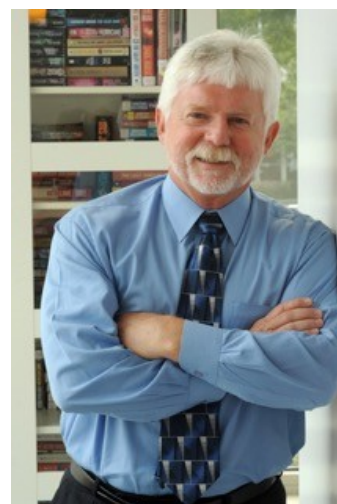
A Day at the Races-Louisville Chapter. Each year chapter members get to feel the excitement of Millionaire's Row as they spend a day at Churchill Downs, home of the Kentucky Derby. This year the event coincided with the Breeders Cup. The Chapter is very gracious and spreads the invitation around to the other chapters in the Region also, and many outsiders attend each year.

EDUCON- Cincinnati Chapter. This semi-annual event mixes AIA presentations and manufacturing tabletops with a single minded theme, creating a chance for local builders, engineers, code officials and architects to get a good overall view of that part of the building. This last month was the "Building Envelope". Look for more information on their website for this spring's event, which will focus on Interiors.

Evansville webcast/Indianapolis Chapter Support. This first of its kind event will be highlighted elsewhere in this newsletter. It was an innovative way to show the scope of how our chapters can support each other.

Region Webinar- "Starting and Maintaining a Student Affiliate." The Great Lakes Region's monthly webinar was attended by CSI members across the country. Invitations were sent out to the Institute Academic Programs Committee and Region Academic Program Chairs. Our Region leads the country in website tools for promoting CSI to students.

I note these to show how diverse our region is and how differently each chapter approaches their goals for the year. These are all in addition to the normal monthly meetings each chapter provides. Get out and take advantage of your CSI membership!



Thad Goodman, Institute Director

AROUND THE REGION

LOUISE M. SCHLATTER WINS AIA OHIO AWARD

Louise Schlatter was awarded AIA Ohio's Mentor Award at the 2016 AIA Ohio Conference held recently at Akron, Ohio. She was honored for her commitment and dedication to mentoring Emerging Architecture Professionals. She is a Master Architect with SSOE Architects in Toledo, OH, and has been a long time active CSI and AIA member and Past President of CSI Toledo. She has mentored many emerging professionals assisting them in their professional development. Congratulations, Louise!

SEEKING NOMINATIONS FOR GLR OFFICERS

The Great Lakes Region is seeking individuals who are interested in being nominated for the following GLR officer positions starting in FY 18 starting July 2017:

President-Elect
Vice President
Secretary

Two individuals have expressed interest in the Region Director Position also open. The nominees will run for election in the CSI National Elections next February. If interested, contact Phil Babinec, Nomination Chair, at 513-315-3338 pbabinec@gbbn.com.

INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER ASSISTED EVANSVILLE

Indianapolis Chapter's Program "Re-roofing of Banker's Life Field House" was webcast to the Evansville Chapter the evening of November 17. The Evansville Chapter was appreciative of the webcasting effort. This was the first of many future Programs to be telecast for use by other Chapters to assist their programming effort. The next webcast will be when Mark Dorsey, CEO of CSI speaks in Indianapolis on February 16.

Certification Quiz

- Resource Materials should be:
 - Permanently retained and accessible
 - Filed for safe keeping until the end of the correction period
 - Given to the Contractor with the release of Retainage
- The Contract clauses that establish payment responsibilities are found in:
 - General Conditions
 - Division 01 General Requirements
 - Payment Bond
 - Addenda
- The following are all advantages gained by using standard agreement forms EXCEPT:
 - Parties' familiarity with the forms
 - Uniformity of terminology
 - Legal precedents interpreting the documents
 - Accommodate choice from a wide variety of standard contract conditions
 - Recognized customs resulting from longtime use
- True or False: The OmniClass construction specification system is based on the International Organizations for Standards (ISO)
 - True
 - False

Answers with source info can be found at bottom of page 1.

GREAT LAKES REGION RESETS THE BAR: *Indianapolis and Evansville Chapter webcast takes CSI by storm*

As the Great Lakes Region President-Elect, one of my assignments from President Hondorp is to build communications, membership, and awareness within the chapters of the Great Lakes Region. He is also committed to a tremendous growth in certification, thus making the GLR “greater than ever.” Presidents must think alike!

One area I identified was the “AT LARGE” members. There are 82 Great Lakes Region, “AT LARGE” members. These are members within our geographical boundaries, but not affiliated with any particular chapter—due to geographical restrictions or simply choosing not to be affiliated with a specific chapter. In total, our “AT LARGE” members are greater than most actual chapters. In the past, these “AT LARGE” members received the “CSI Specifier” and had very little communication to the region until President Hondorp approved the publishing of the GLR newsletter.

I was given the challenge to add another form of communication. I solicited the Indianapolis chapter board of directors to agree to have their October chapter meeting webcasted to the Evansville chapter, a smaller, seventeen member chapter, in Southwestern Indiana. Evansville has struggled for years to grow and develop, simply due to geographical boundaries and the typical issues facing many smaller chapters.

In August, I met with Mike Vannatter, President of the Evansville chapter. I asked if they would participate in a webcast on November 17th with the Indianapolis chapter—the first of its kind, in CSI history. President Vannatter was excited about participating in this historic event and thought it would spur interest and excitement within his chapter. He agreed wholeheartedly to gather his chapter members and schedule their meeting on November 17th. I then went to the Indianapolis chapter, and asked President Pitman and their board of directors if they would support this historical event. They, too, were excited and couldn’t wait to be “all in!”

My request to the Evansville chapter was based upon my observation of a small, 17 member chapter with a lot of character and opportunity for growth. There are 82 potential CSI members in a 30 mile radius of Evansville who earn their living in the commercial construction industry, but simply need a restart button to be pushed. We’ll see.

My request of the Indianapolis chapter was simpler! They are and always have been, during my 48 years of membership, able and ready to set or reset the bar. With 186 members and a record high of participating members on committees, I knew they would be excited and up to the assignment.

In addition, I suggested that the region would pay for the entire cost of the first attempt in case we had “technical errors” which we have all seen happen. I also suggested that after this “test” webcast on November 17th, they could decide to webcast the upcoming February 16th Indianapolis chapter meeting to all 82 “AT LARGE” Great Lakes Region members. This would allow all our “AT LARGE” members to actually participate in the Indianapolis chapter’s activities...and here’s the hook: The Indianapolis February 16th chapter meeting will be hosting the Institute’s CEO, Mark Dorsey, who will be visiting the chapter for the first time! Don’t tell Mr. Dorsey about this! It’s a surprise! He will be speaking to the Indianapolis chapter, the GLR “AT LARGE” members who choose to participate. The Evansville chapter rang and now they want to participate! The communication “movement” is growing!

FROM THE DESK OF THE PRESIDENT-ELECT (CONT'D)

Back to our November 17th webcast, I asked the Indianapolis Board of Directors to have their technology chairman, Henry Stellema, to select a professional “webcaster” to do the technical work of the broadcast and the GLR would cover the cost. Henry, being an architect, selected three contractors and took the low bid, half of what we budgeted. BCPaul Productions was selected. The evening, in both Indianapolis and Evansville, went off without a hitch! Home Run! Grand Slam! First time, Indianapolis “pitched a perfect game” with their sister Hoosier chapter Evansville “catching a perfect game.” No technical glitches! Our key to this historical event was simple: Great specifications were created by CSI volunteers from both chapters who took their assignment seriously. The low bidder contractor was, and is, a true professional! My part was to supervise from a distance knowing all parties read and understood the event’s specifications. (Great specifications create great communications!)

We, with the approval of the Great Lake Region’s board, we look forward to sponsoring the Indianapolis February 16th chapter meeting webcast of Mark Dorsey’s presentation.

Information on how to participate, individually or as a chapter, will be provided in the January and February issues of the Great Lakes Region newsletter.

Great leadership, President Hondorp! Your committee enjoyed the assignment!

Respectfully,

Ken Schmidt
Great Lakes Region President-Elect



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Akron-Canton	Sean Barbina	sean@dsarchitects.net	Third Thursday	Various Locations	5 p.m.
Blue Grass	Scott Noel	snoel@n3dgroup.com	Third Thursday	Common Ground Coffee	12 p.m.
Cincinnati	David Edwards	dedwards@erlangerhardware.com	Second Wednesday	Old Montgomery Inn	Various Times
Cleveland	John Workley	john.workley@vocon.com	Third Wednesday	Various Locations	Various Times
Columbus	John Walker	johnwalker@centria.com	Second Monday	Boathouse Restaurant	11:30 a.m.
Dayton-Miami	Randall Fox	rfox@agcofdayton.com	Third Tuesday	Various Locations	Various Times
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Grand Rapids	Gregg Jones	gregg.jones@c2ae.com	Second Thursday	84th Street Pub & Grille	6 p.m.
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