

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Henry Hondorp, Great Lakes Region President

Dear Fellow CSI Members

There have been a couple of good things that have been happening and I am glad to report that Akron-Canton is working diligently in preparing for the **Regional Conference, from May 18th – 20th**. They have developed a preliminary schedule, selected the venue and have established a list of sponsorship categories. I want to thank the Chapter and the committee for a great start and job they have done to date. I want to also thank our Regional Conference Chair, Bob Schrock, and his committee for the job they have done as well.

Membership has been one of my main goals and I will continue to make a push to improve the membership, but it will take all of the chapters in the Region to make this happen. Last month Ivette Bruns, of Indianapolis, conducted an e-mail correspondence, among region leaders across the country to discuss what is happening in their chapters—the main emphasis was membership.

The consensus was that we, the GLR, like all of the other regions, have been experiencing the sun setting chapters, difficulties with smaller chapters with under 20 members how to market to the younger professional members on what becoming an active CSI Member would do for them and how to get them involved in in the chapters.

We are all volunteer members and are very busy with our jobs, but we still have a CSI job to do! I wonder if we, Institute, Region(s), and chapters are doing everything we can to market CSI and to create excitement to everyone young and old to see the importance of CSI with our personal commitment and involvement.

In my personal research, many members' employers have not been reached to thank them for their participation and involvement in CSI. There are chapters that are working hard to keep themselves solvent, are we dealing with those companies that are involved and not reaching out to the companies that are not involved and do not have any CSI members on their staff? I think it is time that every chapter reach out and establish a membership committee that will take on the responsibility to reach out and meet with all of the Architectural, Construction and vendor's/suppliers companies that do not have members and or not involved with CSI. I am sure you know who they are! What are you doing to reach out and let others know what CSI can do for them?

What got me started on this was I was reading a report where an Architect was soliciting bids for a client. The following is how the solicitation read, again not noting where or by whom.

“Location: ABC Middle School HVAC REPLACEMENT AND UPGRADES – ABC COMMUNITY SCHOOLS, provide bid dates and location including scope and ending with **CSI DIVISIONS 15 & 16!**” We are not doing our Job as members of CSI when we see this happen.

Volunteers or not we all need to do a better job. Let's get out there and do what we have been elected to do. I know that by the next president's message I will have contacted the above company and others as I do not want to be the one that is not doing my job.

Sincerely;

“Donald J. Grump” AKA

Henry W. (Hank) Hondorp

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE- THAD'S THOUGHTS

It's a new year and it starts with promises of things we hope to be or do better this year. In the spirit of things, I guess we have already passed one important deadline-"National Ditch Your Resolutions Day"- the day you throw in the towel and go back to your old ways. In case you want to mark it on your calendar for next year, it's January 17th!

As I travel the Region, I meet CSI members of varying degrees. The Chapter Leading Members are easy to spot, they are always working to make the meeting better, an event more attractive, or an outing more enjoyable. The Committee Members work tirelessly making the next event work better.

General Members I come across in many ways. Some at meetings, sharing ideas during the networking time, some hearing their opinion or a question on the topic of the month. Some I meet in their offices as I make calls for my employer, sharing their thoughts on the Industry and the CSI organization.

Whatever your reason for being a member, I get the honor to reach out to you each month and offer my thoughts. In the spirit of new beginnings, I will ask you to take a few minutes and think about your CSI experience over the past year.

CSI is a diverse organization with many levels of participation. If you are a silent member, attend only keystone events, belong to a committee, or serve as a chapter leader- all these things count towards the collective experience that is CSI. Thank you for the effort you put forth and the difference you make.

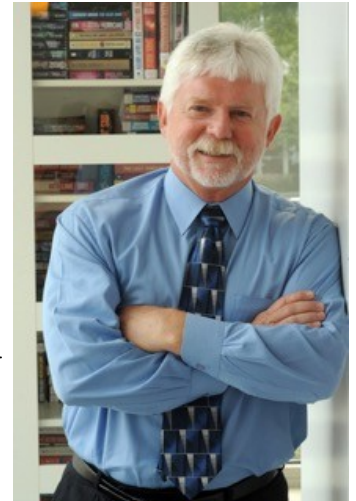
This month many chapters will be working on nominations for new officers and committee chairs for FY18. One of the tools we have available for members is our **Great Lakes Legacy Training** presentations. Housed on the Great Lakes Region website, they provide a look at the highlights of many offices, committees and/or keystone events. They were created for two reasons:

1. To help interested members decide if a certain position would be beneficial.
2. As a set of guidelines to those who have been successful in participating in an office or a committee to avoid each new volunteer from having to "reinvent the wheel."

These **Legacy Training** presentations show thoughts and duties from those who have done the job. I urge you to visit these if you presentations have ever thought about serving at a more active level.

If you have ever thought about doing more or have questions about what officer duties look like, then please visit the Great Lakes Region website at: <http://greatlakes.csinet.org/Main-Menu-Category/Short-Randy-Category/OfficerCommittee-Training>

My Father had a saying. "Leave it better than you found it." His simple words have guided me to act when there is an opportunity to make a small difference. We have hundreds of members in the Great Lakes Region. What will our Region look like if each member does just one proactive thing this year? So attend meetings and keystone events. Post a thought on the media tool of your choice. Make 2017 the year you leave it better than you found it. Bring in new members! Get certified!



Thad Goodman, Institute Director

AROUND THE REGION

SPRING CERTIFICATION EXAMS REGISTRATION IS OPEN

Take the next step in improving your professional career with registering, taking, and passing the Construction Document Technologist (CDT) Exam next April.

Registration is now available on the Institute website. CSI members realize reduced fees to register for the exams, but membership in CSI is not a requirement. The Final Registration ends February 28, 2017. The exams are taken this Spring. Several Chapters in the Great Lakes Region offer study classes to help prepare for the exams. Check your chapter's website. There will be a webinar of the Indianapolis's Chapter's classes upon demand. Contact me with any questions: Jack Morgan GLR Certification Chair. 317-508-4516 morwalsopladd1@gmail.com

MARK DORSEY COMING TO INDIANAPOLIS

Save the date of February 16, 2017, to hear Mark Dorsey, CEO of CSI discuss his vision for the future of CSI.

He will be in Indianapolis for the Chapter Meeting at the Willows Conference Center, 6729 Westfield Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46220. The Meeting will start approximately at 7:15 pm (eastern). The region is invited to attend.

There will be a telecast of Mark's presentation. After the successful telecast of the November Meeting from Indianapolis to the Evansville Chapter, the telecast will be expanded to focus on "At Large Members" (those without a Chapter affiliation). Any other Chapter wanting to see the telecast is welcome to sign up. See another article in this newsletter for more details.

REGION CONFERENCE AT AKRON-CANTON CHAPTER

The next GLR Conference is hosted by the Akron-Canton Chapter, May 18-20, 2017. If you are an incoming leader, this Conference is strongly encouraged for you..The Region is offering Stipends to incoming Regional and Chapter leaders. There are Stipends for non-leaders who also want to attend. Stay tuned for further updates. Bob Schrock bob.schrock@ppg.com is your Regional Conference Chair.

1. What technology is rapidly shifting emphasis from 2-dimension CAD drawings to 3-dimension thinking?
 - a. NCS (National CAD Standard)
 - b. BIM (Building Information Modeling)
 - c. UDS (Uniform Drawing System)
 - d. LEED (Leadership in Energy & Environmental Design)
2. Which of the following is not a construction schedule milestone?
 - a. Submittal Approval
 - b. Project delivery and team selection processes
 - c. Procurement (bidding/negotiating/purchasing)
 - d. Contract completion
3. Which of the following is a Stage of the Facility Life Cycle?
 - a. Preliminary Project Design
 - b. Facility Maintenance
 - c. Project Permitting
 - d. Project Conception
4. Under AIA A201, the responsibility to pay sales, consumer, use, and similar taxes for the work provided is by the:
 - a. A/E
 - b. Owner
 - c. Contractor
 - d. Installing Subcontractor
 - e. None of the above

Certification Quiz

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

GREAT LAKES REGION RAISES THE BAR--FEBRUARY 16TH--JOIN US



Ken Schmidt, President-Elect

The February 16th Indianapolis Chapter meeting will be "webcasted" to the Great Lakes Region's "at large" members, which was the original plan and goal our GLR President Hank Hondorp set before the GLR Excom last July! ("To improve communications to the GLR members") and beyond"!!! This time...we are going WAY BEYOND!

Since the Indianapolis Chapter's November "beta test" webcast to the Evansville, Indiana chapter was a total success, it was decided to "expand President Hondorp's vision and again webcast the Indianapolis' February chapter meeting when CSI Executive Director Mark Dorsey will be the guest speaker.

The GLR is sponsoring the Web Cast of the Indianapolis' Chapter's Meeting to:

- All 86 GLR "At Large" Members (personal invites have been sent)
- All 876 GLR Members from 13 Regional Chapters (published in the GLR Newsletter)

-All 10 nationwide Regional Presidents and President-Elects (personal invites sent)

-All interested CSI members (published on the Indianapolis chapter website)

AND...BEYOND:

-13 members of the Architectural Community located on the Island of Providenciales, Turks and Caicos Islands, BWI.

Host: Mr. Shane Outten, President, Outten Architects S.A., Graduate Architect, Ball State.

Shane has invited all the local Architects and Designer firms to join him at the Ocean Club Condominiums' Conference Room where they will be streaming the Web Cast. Outten.pcd@gmail.com (personally invited)

AND...WAY BEYOND:

-3 members of the Santiago, Cuba Architectural Community. Host: Mr. (Leo) Leandro Alvarez, Staff Architects, Architectural Graduate of University of Havana.

Leandro@manjua.com (personally invited)

AND...WAY, WAY BEYOND:

-9 members of the Havana Architectural Community. Host: Mr. Alfredo Pevida, University of Havana.

Aepevida25@gmail.com (personally invited)

AND

-Mr. Ariel Pevida, President of AP Travel Consultants S.A. Who introduced me to these two groups over the last 20 years during my visits to their communities.

Smtip@manjua.com (personally invited).

Again, the Great Lakes Region and the Indianapolis Chapter have raised the bar to expand the CSI **STORY** and extend an invitation to communicate, share the purpose of Construction Specifications Institute and the important role Specifications play in the Construction Industry **worldwide**.

Thursday, February 16, 6:00 pm Eastern Standard Time till 8:30 pm join the Indianapolis Chapter's 90 plus members with reservations, CEO Mark Dorsey, guests from across the USA and the Caribbean to hear Mr. Dorsey's vision of our dynamic CSI association.

Instructions for connecting to the Web Cast are published below, and in the Indianapolis Chapter's "WINNERS' CIRCLE." All Great Lakes Chapter Newsletter editors have been notified. Any additional folks you would like to invite please let the Indianapolis Chapter "Technology" Chairman, Henry Stellema, Hstellema@chacompanies.com know and he will make it happen.

CSI WEBCAST STREAM ACCESS:

Primary Link

<https://youtu.be/fRFpq1svy5s>

Backup Link

<https://youtu.be/ZneByoMnsiE>

GREAT LAKES REGION CHAPTER CONTACTS & MEETING TIMES

Chapter	President	Email	Meeting Date	Meeting Location	Meeting Time
Akron-Canton	Sean Barbina	sean@dsarchitects.net	Third Thursday	Various Locations	5 p.m.
Blue Grass	Scott Noel	snoel@n3dgroup.com	Fourth 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
Evansville	Mike Vannatter	mikevannatter@sigeom.net	Second Thursday	Various Locations	Various Times
Grand Rapids	Gregg Jones	gregg.jones@c2ae.com	Second Thursday	84th Street Pub & Grille	6 p.m.
Indianapolis	Ralph Pitman	rpitman@sebreearchitects.com	Third Thursday	Willows on Westfield	5:30 p.m.
Louisville	Brent Guilani	brent@bainesinc.com	Second Thursday	Various Locations	Various Times
Lansing	Charles Popovich Jr.	cpopovich@bergmannpc.com	First Tuesday	Mayotte Architects	Various Times
Metro Detroit	Joseph Hoffman	jhoffman@portaking.com	Second Tuesday	Various Locations	5 p.m.
Toledo	Martha Stack-Dreier	Martha@sfvservices.com	Third Wednesday	Scrambler Marie's	7 a.m.



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