

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS



Ken Schmidt, Great Lakes Region President

Good Morning, Afternoon or Evening...

WOW What a Convention...

Pictures say a lot and some things that should not be in print!

First, my apologies to the fine folks in Rhode Island, in my last message I made a disparaging remark about "why RI". Upon arriving at the Convention Center I was given 50 copies of a wonderfully written article titled RHODE ISAND- "Where to Dine and have some fun" Created by Mr. Michael T Owen FCSI, CSC, CDT (Former Institute President).

After I took the roasted CROW and my foot out of my mouth I read in detail looking at the article and thinking I just might be able to check out a couple of these places. WOW Again. I was glad to have reserved a later flight so my extra day in Providence turned out to be a wonderful visit to an amazing city. I will be back! Thanks to the Region, Chapters and all the CSI members, spouses and paid hands that made this Convention memorable.

This was my 41st Convention, I missed a few over the years, but this one was also special because I witnessed the elevation of Ms. Brandi Fry and Mr. Thad...ius Goodman to FELLOWSHIP! Great job and thanks for bringing pride to yourself, your

family, your Chapter and our Region. Special congratulations to Mr. Chuck Thompson for receiving the Prestigious Robert P Brosseau Award for the Advancement of the Construction Specifications Institute. The Indianapolis Chapter received the Outstanding Contribution Award for its Nationwide and International WebCasting of their February Chapter meeting. Grand Rapids was awarded the Communications Award for their Newsletter, "Rapid River Ramblings" and their subscription increased 2,000%! If that was not enough both the Columbus and Indianapolis Chapters also earned The Outstanding Chapter award..... what a TEAM, no kneeling with this group!!! WINNERS = WORKERS. MEMBERSHIP- There is too much activity going on to report in my column but what YOU the REGION are doing is FANTASTIC and needs to be acknowledged and promoted! We ARE expecting to increase our membership by 20% by Chapter!!! One way to increase membership is to share our accomplishments and what we are currently doing. Be recognized for this work and solicit help for what we have in the works. Potential NEW members want to be on a Winning TEAM. Chapter Presidents and Newsletter Editors or Secretaries, expect an email from me asking for a Chapter activities "update" that you want published in the November NEWSLETTER Telling us just ONE, ok or TWO amazing things going on in your Chapter and mention names so we can create awareness across the Region and especially to your dynamic, enthusiastic, energized and dynamic TEAM!!! Christmas is coming so Santa will be watching for those who brag about themselves and their CSI Chapters. In this case Bragging is Great!!!

Thanks again to the most amazing Construction Industry people and organizations I know. Be Proud of what you are accomplishing or get busy!

Thanks for allowing me to serve the Region

Respectfully,

Ken Schmidt

DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE – JACK'S THOUGHTS

CONSTRUCT 2017 was an enriching time for myself and many more in Providence, RI.

Notable education sessions, examples of cutting edge technology being used from the Keynote Address, where technology is going in the Name Changer session, many events to reacquaint with many friends, and make new friends, and have a good time were all highlights. Rhode Island may be small, but their hospitality was large. Providence is a nice town to walk around with many different architectural styles in evidence. Several good restaurants were close by to the Convention Center. Next year CONSTRUCT will be in Long Beach, CA. Convention Center October 3-5, 2018. I urge you to start making plans to attend now. Hotel reservations are already available online. Everyone should have a memorable time.

Before CONSTRUCT, I participated in my first face-to-face Institute Board Meeting. The entire board is focused on how to improve CSI to enable you as a member to improving your career. Some highlights:

CSI's financial outlook has improved. This will allow for the following:

- Progress in making the CDT a full Certification
- Promoting including the CDT Prep as part of a Community College Curriculum.
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- New education programs are being planned.
- Bringing back the CSI Academies.
- Consolidating the CSI brand and graphics in all our publications
- Redesign of all print and digital outlets..
- Improving Member Service.
- Expand more CSI Communities and Microsites.
- Improving the website to include more Chapter Tools and dashboards for leaders.
- Improving financial reporting and forecasting.
- Licensing the use of MasterFormat, UniFormat, and OmniClass.
- Chapter/Region Affiliation Project.
- Relocating the Headquarters offices for better efficiency and lower costs.



Jack Morgan, Institute Director

As reported last month, the GLR Speakers Bureau is now posted on the website. A place for all chapters to share their noteworthy programs and speaker's contacts to help other Chapters hold good programs, especially smaller Chapters. I encourage Chapter Program Chairs and/or Presidents to post their Programs and to check out the Programs listed.

What do you want from CSI? The more you are involved in your Chapter or Region Leadership, the more you will get back many times over. We all will be better for it.

Thanks! Jack P. Morgan, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, SCIP, USGBC, LEED Green Associate
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AROUND THE REGION

REGION FALL EVENTS

This fall, many chapters have outstanding activities planned:

- Columbus Chapter is holding their Design Columbus, October 10th at the Ohio Union in Columbus, OH. <https://designcolumbus.org/>
- Columbus State is planning another CDT Boot Camp Session, October 28th at Davison Hall Room 229, 8:00am – 3:00 pm.
- Grand Rapids Chapter is holding their West Michigan Product Expo October 26 in Hudsonville, MI.
- Congratulations go to the Grand Rapids Chapter celebrating their 50th Anniversary November 8.

ACCEDEMIC AFFAIRS UPDATE

- Academic Programs Chair Thad Goodman
- CONSTRUCT provided an opportunity to visit with Bill Ahren, Akron/Canton Chapter President about the status of Kent State, Akron U, and upcoming Stark Community College Students.
- Grand Rapids student champion Jeff Murphy and I shared information about the BE PREP program and its local advantages for CSI outreach to local community colleges.
- Columbus State Community College's Dean Bortz and I met with SE Region Conference's Chip Hayward, sharing vision of the SE region's U-Tube videos and study guides for CDT.
- Columbus State will have once again present their fall CDT Boot Camp Session, October 28th at Davison Hall Room 229 from 8:00 am till 3:00 pm.

INVITATION TO CHAPTER PRESIDENTS AND NEWSLETTER EDITORS

The GLR Newsletter is seeking information of events planned and those that have happened recently in your chapter. We want to inform the Region of what you are planning and have accomplished. We encourage you to submit every month. Submit to the editor of the GLR Newsletter. morwalsoplad1@gmail.com

INDIANAPOLIS CHAPTER TO BROADCAST OCTOBER MEETING

CSI Board Chair Ron Geren, FCSI, CCS, CCCA will be speaking at the October 19 Program on Drawings and Specifications Keeping Your Liability Carrier Happy. This will be broadcast to all ten Regions, CSI Next, Turks and Caicos Islands, Cuba, and all Chapters of Construction Specifications Canada (CSC). The U-Tube video will be posted to the Indianapolis Chapter Website for later.

Great Lakes Region Quizmaster

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

1. Mobilization typically occurs after:

- A. Receipt of a Notice to Proceed and following a Pre-Construction meeting.
- B. After a Site Mobilization Meeting and before a receipt of a Notice to Proceed.
- C. Receipt of a Notice to Proceed and before establishing Environmental Protection Requirements.
- D. After Site Safety Meeting and before receipt of a Notice to Proceed.

2. Which of the following is not a document for negotiating a contract?

- A. Invitation to Bid
- B. Request for Proposal (RFP)
- C. Drawings and Specifications
- D. Other Forms and Supplements

3. The document named "Available Information" is part of the:

- A. Instruction to Bidders
- B. Contract Documents
- C. Specifications
- D. Procurement Requirements
- E. All of the above

4. Which of the following is not a Construction Schedule Milestones?

- A. Submittal approval
- B. Project Delivery and Team Selection Processes
- C. Procurement (Bidding/Negotiating/Purchase) activities
- D. Contract Completion

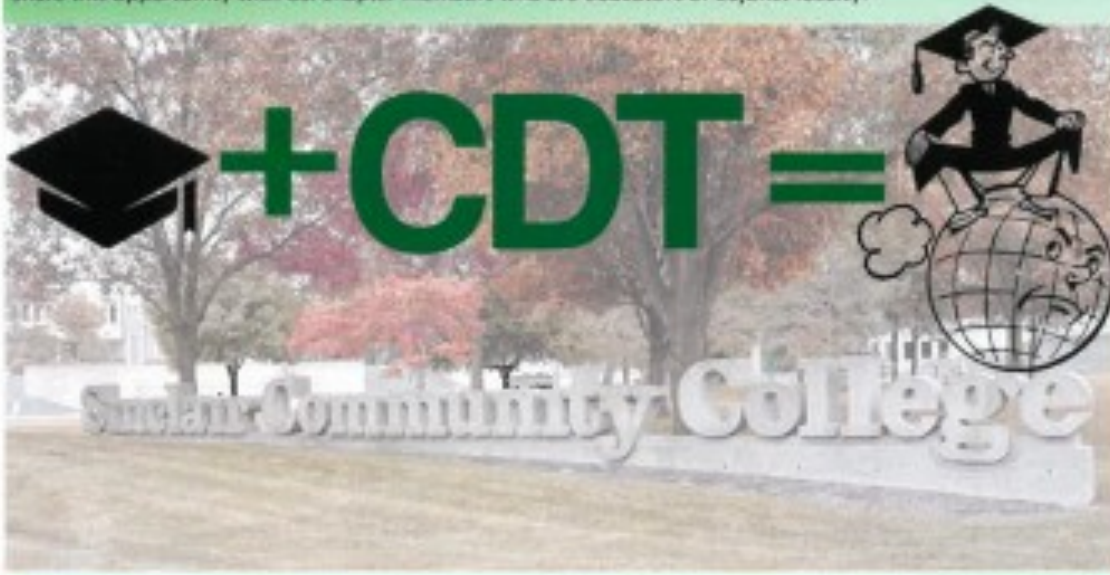
Increasing Technician Preparedness in the Built Environment

The project will transform associate degree programs by embedding critical STEM and industry standards from the Construction Document Technologist (CDT) into two-year education programs. The CDT credential was chosen because it is recognized by employers as a respected entry-level credential and it addresses significant gaps in undergraduate education. This program will help community college students earn the CDT credential while they are still in school.

The project will develop and disseminate new curricular modules for undergraduate students enrolled in architectural technician and construction management associate degree programs and provide professional development for community college faculty and staff. The project outcomes will be useful to other institutions with educational programs in the built environment that are struggling to diversify their student populations, and it will also be useful to those needing to update their curriculum to meet the changing needs in the industry. There is also direct value to student and graduate job-seekers who will be better able to certify their knowledge and skills to employers.

Help us promote the value of the CDT for students!

Share this opportunity with CSI chapter members who are educators or adjunct faculty!



IMPLEMENTATION PROJECT PARTNERS:

- Sinclair Community College (OH)
- Columbus State Community College (OH)
- Montgomery College (MD)
- The Construction Specifications Institute (VA)
- Institute for Women in Trades, Technology and Science (CA)
- Building Efficiency for a Sustainable Tomorrow (NSF ATE Center) (CA)

EVALUATION PARTNER:

- The Rucks Group (OH)

PROJECT GOAL:

Provide community college students, including underrepresented populations, an opportunity to master STEM competencies and industry standards in demand by employers and increase graduate employability in a variety of built environment jobs.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES:

- Update community college curriculum to address knowledge and skill gaps of graduates.
- Increase female and minority student enrollments in targeted undergraduate programs.
- Increase community colleges' capacity to meet employer needs.
- Increase graduate employment and preparedness of technicians in built environment industries.

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Professional Development Opportunity for Community College Built Environment Faculty

Summer Institute May 21 – 24, 2018

Spend four days on the Sinclair Community College campus developing and aligning enhanced curriculum modules to the seven Construction Document Technologist (CDT) knowledge areas to help students learn the basics of the CDT certification. Curriculum and content experts will help faculty align existing courses with CDT principles, as well as develop strategies for diversity and inclusion for built environment programs. There is no cost for participation in this Institute; however, faculty or their institutions are responsible for the cost of travel, accommodations, and per diem expenses. A \$1,000 travel allowance from the National Science Foundation grant will be provided for each faculty participant to help defray expenses. All or most of the expenses should be covered by the allowance.

Optional evening activities will be available and coordinated by the institute.

Meeting Facility:

Sinclair Community College
444 W. Third Street, Bldg. 12
Dayton, OH 45402
May 21 – 24, 2018, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM daily

Participation and Completion Stipends:

Institute completion stipend of \$100 per day for each faculty for four days.
Curriculum conversion stipend of \$500 for each faculty for implementing curriculum by December 31, 2018.
Project evaluation and reporting stipend of \$300 for each participating faculty.

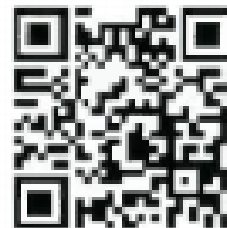
Accommodations:

Crowne Plaza Hotel
May 20 – 24 (discounted rate of \$99.00 plus tax)

Travel Allowance:

Each faculty participant will receive \$1,000 travel allowance to offset eligible travel expenses (transportation, parking, hotel, and IRS per diem expenses).

REGISTER NOW via MOBILE APP:



August Webinar

Participating faculty will attend a webinar in August 2018 to share best practices and success of new curriculum development. Plans for 2018 – 2019 implementation activities will be shared. Participation is required.

Community College Student Benefits

As colleges implement the enhanced built environment curriculum, their students will be eligible to take the Construction Document Technologist (CDT) examination at no cost for them. Students earning the CDT credential will have an industry-recognized acknowledgement of the quality and depth of their skills. Students will be reimbursed for the cost of the exam, regardless of their pass/fail result.

For additional information, contact:

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