



North Central Region

Newsletter

November, 2016

President's Message

It is already November. Soon we will be celebrating Thanksgiving, planning and attending other holiday events, coping with family visits, and in general dealing with overwhelming schedules. Without knowing how we got there, it will be mid-January and it won't be too much later before we need to start thinking about submitting nominations for chapter, region and Institute awards. There is still time before the submittal deadlines, but that time will go equally fast. It's not too early to look around and see who is consistently involved in developing chapter programs, teaching at certification workshops, writing articles for the chapter newsletter, or supporting chapter events in other ways.

Awards are the only tangible recognition we can offer, and a way of saying thank you, to our volunteer members for giving of their time and talents to the construction industry and CSI.

With the exception of Honorary Membership, Fellowship is the highest honor for which Institute members may be chosen. The qualifications for Fellowship require achievement above and beyond participating in ordinary Institute, region, and chapter events or performing normal duties as an Institute officer. A nominee for Fellowship must have been a member in good standing with the Institute for not less than five years, and have made important contributions in one or more of four categories: advancement of construction technology; improvement of construction specifications; education; or service.

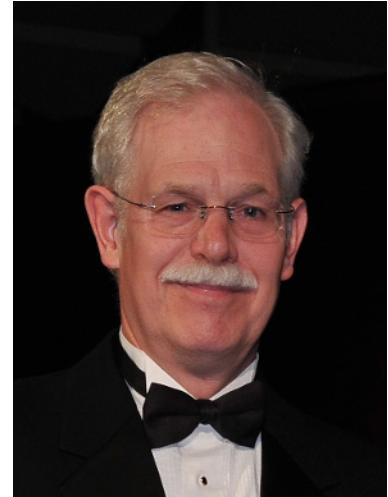
Do you know someone that has been teaching CSI material for several years at chapter programs or local colleges, selflessly volunteered for just about every position in your chapter, or written many articles on

construction technology? These are only a few examples. And chances are it won't be one thing that stands out as deserving. More likely it will be lots of smaller things over a lot of years. If you haven't already, I suggest that you start a "CSI resume" listing all the positions, activities, and awards in your CSI career. I think you will be surprised that you or someone in your chapter might qualify for Fellowship. And it doesn't matter if you are in a large or small chapter. We have some fantastically talented individuals in our region; we need to recognize them.

Which brings me back to deadlines. Start now. If you want to nominate someone (including yourself) for Fellowship, it takes time to create that CSI resume. For questions on Fellowship or to find a mentor to help with putting together a Fellowship package, contact our College of Fellows Regional Representative John "Grif" Griffith, FCSI at Grif@Empirehouse.com or 763-412-4513. You can also talk to any CSI Fellow and your chapter Awards committee.

Thank you for what you give back to CSI and the A/E/C community.

Jon Rao Papke, FCSI, CCS, AIA
North Central Region President



Director's Message - At Your Service

What We Do Matters

One could be forgiven for seeing the innumerable Committees, Chairs, Officers, Directors, Boards, Chapters, Regions, and national Staff of CSI as an inflexible pyramidal hierarchy of structural steel. Rather, I prefer to think of our organizational structure as a trellis – a strong but supple framework, firmly planted, to support the organic growth of an association of like-minded individuals intent on bettering themselves and their industry.

Ours is an association of ideas. An association of all parties to the design and construction of the built environment ‘at the same table’ – open to and actively seeking new ideas. Ideas we can discuss and debate, test and try, improve and implement. Ideas about the facilities we design, build, and operate.

We genuinely enjoy each others' company and have made life-long friendships as well as professional associations. However, that we take pleasure in our activities should not disguise the critical task of the Construction Specifications Institute and its Members. The implementation of our core mission – Improving Construction Communication – has a profound impact on every aspect of how we create the built environment here in our communities and far beyond.

The Members of CSI have made great contributions to our industry in:

- **Standards & Formats** – from OmniClass and UniFormat to MasterFormat, the organization of specifications, drawings, estimates, BIM models, and product information has facilitated the production of high-performance structures.
- **Education** – from the national Institute to local Chapters, CSI produces high-quality educational programs, seminars, and professional development.
- **Certification** – CSI certifications are the gold standard for our industry with their professional development programs:
 - **Construction Document Technologist**
 - **Certified Construction Specifier**
 - **Certified Construction Contract Administrator**
 - **Certified Construction Product Representative**



- **Diversity of Disciplines** – CSI is the only construction industry organization bringing together architects, product representatives, constructors, specifiers, facility managers, owners, engineers, and many others to improve construction communication. We are the epitome of integrated design and project delivery!

Among the many benefits of this ongoing conversation between the participants in the design and construction industry are clarity of communication, savings of time, money, and materials, greater productivity, and increased safety. The multi-disciplined diversity of the Membership of the NCR is such that more voices don't just make the conversation louder, but rather richer in content and in creativity. We can truly see the effect of our efforts in the skylines of our cities.

The North Central Region of CSI is a service organization. We labor lovingly in service to our industry, our communities, our Chapters, and especially to our professional peers and fellow Members. **We serve each other.** There is great satisfaction in that service.

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North Central Region News

2017 North Central Region Conference

Madison Wisconsin chapter invites you to “~~Capitol~~ Capital Ideas,” the 2017 North Central Region conference being held May 4-6, 2017 at the Park Hotel on the Capitol Square in downtown Madison. Information will be available soon, but you can view host chapter’s “save the date” notice [here](#).

Committee News



Cultivate new contacts in firms in your area— a receptionist, an admin, or someone who will agree to post flyers for your meetings and programs. Create a printable flyer for each program and request it be posted in each firm. You'll have to stay on top of this one – be sure to remove the old and replace with the new in a timely manner.

Remove the old one no more than a week after your meeting, and place the new one about a week ahead of the next. Don't just leave them up – people will get to used to seeing them and ignore them.

Communications Committee

NCR Website

If you have experience editing CSI's microsites and would like to help out with updating and expanding the content on the North Central Region website, please contact the Electronic Communications Chair at esaltz@esadesign.com.

Around the Region

The following is a list of upcoming events you can attend at North Central Region chapters. Some chapters did not provide information before the publication deadline. To get your chapter's information listed, please send it to esaltz@esadesign.com.

Central Iowa Chapter

November 15 - Chapter Program, "Care and Feeding of a Spec Writer"

December 12 - Chapter Program, "Fire and Smoke Dampers"

Central Missouri Chapter

November 4 - Chapter Program, "Echo Barrier Sound Mitigation Systems"

Chicago Chapter

November 9 - Technical Roundtable, "Metal Roof Edges: Design, Testing and Performance"

November 15 - Chapter Program, How to Win Friends and Influence People in the Digital Age

December 2 - Meet the Reps Roundtable: Paint

December 8 - Holiday Party and Benefit

Flint Hills Chapter

November 10 - Chapter Meeting, "PMMA Roofing & Waterproofing"

Greater Saint Louis Chapter

November 16 - Chapter Program, "Construction Administration"

December 1 - Intro to the CDT/New Member Orientation

December 14 - Chapter Holiday Gala

Kansas City Chapter

November 16 - EXLTUBE Plant Tour

December 6 - Chapter Program, Toys for Tots

Madison Wisconsin Chapter

November 8 - Chapter Program, "Mock-Ups / First Run Studies of Building Enclosures"

December 13 - Holiday Party

Minneapolis-Saint Paul Chapter

November 14 - Chapter Program, "Understanding Of Current Building Science Principles With Respect To Continuous Insulation And Ventilated Rainscreen Design."

December 12 - Chapter Program & Holiday Luncheon, "Cutting Edge Technologies and Materials"

Nebraska Chapter

November 14 - Chapter Program, "Submittals – Preparation, Review and Actions "

Northern Illinois Chapter

November 17 - Chapter Program, "The Commissioning Process for the Building Envelope"

December 15 - Holiday Party (Details TBD)

Red River Valley Chapter

November 16 - Chapter Program, "Cool Roofing, Fluid-Applied & Future of Roofing"

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