



Newsletter

January, 2019

President's Message

What a year it's been! I hope all of you have been as busy as I have. And as you may be aware, CSI Institute has been busy as well: New website, CDT Certification, Dynamic Chapter Initiative and FREE AIA-CEU registration, just to mention a few.

If you haven't logged into the site please do so to update your profile and select the communities in which you want to participate. Most new activities are distributed through these communities as well as some interesting (and often unique) group discussions. It is also critical to NCR and the Institute to have your latest contact information so you can continue receiving updates and other membership information.

The Dynamic Chapter Initiative is currently being utilized by half of the chapters nationwide and is making a difference in how chapters develop and promote programs and activities. If your chapter hasn't participated in the first round please consider doing so the next round which becomes available in January. Even if you don't actively submit program ideas it is useful to listen in to the conference call to get ideas on to improve your members' experience and hopefully gain new membership. There will be more about what the Initiative provides in this publication.

Also, if you haven't heard, CSI has negotiated an opportunity for chapters to acquire a CEU provider number free through Institute. The North Central Region will also have a number available for any chapter who does not have one. More about this also in this publication.

Your region leadership is here to support individual chapters and members to obtain information to improve their CSI experience and increase membership. We accomplish this in a number of ways but primarily through our Region District Coordinators and directly to your presidents during a monthly con-

ference call. If you have any concerns or issues with your membership, please reach out to your leadership and we will try to get them resolved. We also welcome any ideas which can be shared with all of the chapters in the region.



The Region Conference

is a great opportunity learn more about NCR and meet colleagues from around our region so please plan on meeting us in St. Louis in May. The Conference provides leadership training for all aspects of board responsibilities, great networking and CEU's. This is a great event even if you aren't in a Leadership position and I know the Greater St. Louis Chapter is working to provide great experiences so I hope to see many of you there.

As we enter into a new year and begin setting our goals for 2019, please encourage your fellow members to get their CDT and other certifications. I also encourage you all to promote the benefits I know I have enjoyed as a member of CSI. The primary being the connections to fellow professionals throughout the country, all of whom have embraced and promote what I believe everyone in the industry should: Building Knowledge and Improving Project Delivery.

Laura Jean Derrick, CSI, AIA
North Central Region President

Director's Message - At Your Service

We are thrilled to announce that CSI will now be an AIA CEU provider. This opens every chapter to the CEU program starting in 2019. 15 chapters have signed up for the pilot program, which is now in progress. This should be a wonderful way to increase attendance at your chapter meetings with the design community.

The Dynamic Chapter program started this October. I know everyone is busy with their CSI year, but I would highly encourage you to actively participate in the program. Cynthia D'Amour joins us the many years of experience building solid chapters. If need be, table some of your business and work with this program. Investing in yourself and chapter is time well spent and I trust you will enjoy your time spent with Cynthia.

Also starting in October 2018, your membership renewal letter will include a membership card.

Tracy Petrillo, EdH, CAE, our chief learning officer, continues to develop and advance our education and certification programs. She is working on a new faculty guide for the BE Prep Program in place in several junior colleges.

The CSI Resources website continues to evolve with our communities. If you have not joined this online experience I highly encourage you to participate. The discussions are lively and it's a great way to connect with all our members nationally. Please visit <https://www.csiresources.org/home> and join a community of interest today!

The volunteer portal has been refreshed and updated. If you would like to join a committee, please visit [this page](#)

I would like to congratulate all the winners of Institute Awards in 2018. Please know your service and commitment to CSI is appreciated by all. Please click on the [link to see all the 2018 award winners](#).

The next Master Specifiers Retreat is at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort in Coronado, California to be held from January 31 to February 3, 2019, followed by the MSR in Chicago at the Swissotel from June 19 to 21. Registration has closed for the January MSR and is now open for the June MSR. Specifier registration is open [here](#).

Our next board meeting will be held February 3 & 4, 2019, so if there are any items you would like me to have added to the agenda, please contact me.



Please note that retired or emeritus members must be voted on in person by the Board. I mention this now because most like to present this transition at your year-end awards celebration. If you would like to transition a member to one of these classifications, please follow the instructions provided in [this link](#) so it can be added to the February agenda.

If you have anything further, you would like to discuss do not hesitate to contact me at 224-698-7732 or via email at alan.itzkowitz@gmail.com

It's an honor to serve and I thank you for your support of CSI!

Alan Itzkowitz, FCSI, SCIP, CCS, CCCA, LEED AP
Institute Director from the North Central Region

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Program Committee Report

CSI has good news for chapters that provide education credits for their programs. Starting in January 2019, your chapter may submit educational programs to AIA-CES (Continuing Education System) under Institute's provider account at no additional subscription charge to your chapter. Many chapter leaders were concerned when AIA announced in late 2017 they would be quadrupling the fees chapters had been paying as subscribers to AIA-CES.

Many CSI chapters believe that providing AIA-CES credits helps increase attendance at programs. Availability of credits attracts not only architects and other licensed professionals, but also others in the AEC community who need continuing education to maintain their credentials. CSI's decision to transition CDT to a full certification means more individuals will be requiring continuing education in 2019 and beyond. And although AIA credits are not necessarily the only way to obtain continuing education, programs approved by AIA seem to be accepted by most construction-related groups that require continuing education.

If your chapter is interested in participating under Institute's providership umbrella, you will need to contact Cathy Stegmaier [chapterrelations@csinet.org] and provide the following information:

- Chapter name
- Name, email address and phone number of the primary contact for your chapter's learning programs. AIA will keep this name on file
- If your chapter currently has a provider account with AIA, that account number
- Whether you've already paid your AIA renewal for 2019 (If yes, AIA will refund your fee)

Your chapter will be responsible for managing your own submissions, reporting attendance, updating contact changes with AIA, and the requisite record keeping that goes along with being an AIA provider. Two of our region's chapters, Chicago and Milwaukee, were part of a beta-test of the system, and are currently up and running. I have registered Greater St. Louis with Institute, but as of this writing we have not been notified that we are active for 2019. Other chapters within the region also likely have responded to the notification of this program earlier in December, and are in a similar position to us.

North Central Region will be joining in this initiative and will be able to register programs, both for the region itself and for chapters who need assistance with the

process. I will be the contact person for the region, and will be available to answer additional questions your chapter might have. My email address is below, along with Beth Winkler from Chicago and Lynn Javoroski from Milwaukee/ Madison, who have generously agreed to be a resource for the region if you need assistance, suggestions, or advice on how the system works:

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**George A. Everding, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA
Program Committee Chair**

President Elect Report

The North Central Region is electing a new Institute Director in early 2019 who will serve for a three-year term beginning July 1st. A nominating committee from across the Region is currently seeking and evaluating potential candidates, and will submit between one and four candidates to Institute by January 14, 2019. Time is short, but if you are interested in running, or want to nominate someone who won't nominate themselves, please send the information to:

Jarrod.Mann@bgcons.com as soon as possible.

In other news, registration is OPEN for the 2019 NCR Conference in St. Louis, May 2-4, and the website is live at <https://www.csincr.org/conference>. And make sure to mark April 30-May 2, 2020 on your calendar for the 2020 NCR Conference in Lawrence, KS

**Jarrod Mann, CSI, LEED AP
President Elect**

Certification Report

CDT Season is coming up soon! Check with your chapter to see if they offer CDT preparation classes, because many do.

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Awards Report

The NCR Awards Guide has been sent out to the Chapters and is also on the website. The deadline for submission is March 1. I will be putting together the Awards booklet for the dinner in St. Louis in May. I am also looking for a successor, as I am planning to resign as Awards Chair effective June 30. If any chapters have a member they would like to be involved with NCR, I would be happy to train them and bring them on the Awards Committee as we start to gather the submissions and vote.

David L. Neuner, Jr., CSI, CDT
NCR Awards Chair

Membership Report

Region membership has risen over the year. Kudos to the chapter membership chairs!

Lynn Javoroski, FCSI, CCS, SCIP
Membership Chair

North East Region District Coordinator Report

Milwaukee: The chapter continues to hold meetings on the second Monday of each month. The chapter has experienced lower attendance at meetings for the last 6 months or so. It is also experiencing difficulty planning programs.

Madison Wisconsin: The chapter continues to hold meetings on the second Tuesday of each month. The chapter is maintaining attendance at meetings, with some tendency toward growth. Programs are planned ahead.

Fox River Valley: The chapter has held 3 meetings this year, two of those being tours. The last tour, of a school under construction, was related to the first meeting where the presenter talked about plans for the school.

All three chapters have signed on to Institute's AIA Provider Program

Lynn Javoroski, FCSI, CCS, SCIP
North East RDC

Secretary's Report

Greetings from the office of the Secretary. We recently completed our 6th board conference call on December 12th, so we are officially halfway through this new fiscal year. I hope all is going well with everyone and their chapters. Hopefully everyone is/was able to take a little time off for the holidays and recharge.

There is nothing for me to report really, the meeting minutes have been going out for review and we haven't had many issues. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please do not hesitate to let me know.

Steve Gantner, CSI, CCS, CCCA
Secretary

Treasurer's Report

The region is currently in the red by approximately \$5,000, which is primarily due to seed payments approved by the Board sent to conference host chapters for the next two years. As monthly Region Allocation Payments arrive from Institute, we will gradually trend toward the black. Copies of the current budget and Treasurer's reports are available upon request.

An updated reimbursement policy and reimbursement request form are available now on the ["About" page on the region website.](#)

Elias Saltz, CSI, CCS, SCIP
Treasurer

Communications Chair Report

Are you on Twitter? Follow the North Central Region's Twitter feed [@csincr](#). We regularly retweet notices from our chapters, members, and other interesting tidbits.

Elias Saltz, CSI, CCS, SCIP
Communications Chair

North Central Region Conference



CSI North Central Region Conference

Saint Louis, MO. May 2 - 4, 2019

Partnership Opportunities

Don't miss out....Join the Greater Saint Louis Chapter CSI for the opportunity to meet AEC Professionals from around the country, with 3 full days of networking, education and fun including a half day **Product Expo** !



The Chase Park Plaza Royal Sonesta St. Louis

Host to the 2019 CSI North Central Region Conference

Top Ten Reasons to come to Saint Louis for the NCR Conference

10. Great Return On Your Investment; Promote To A Large Audience !
9. Customers Visit You Rather Than You Traveling To See Them !
8. Great Place To Meet Your Colleagues From 9 States !
7. Opportunity to meet key design firm specifiers / decision makers !
6. If You're Not Here Your Competitor Probably Is !
5. Great Industry Networking Opportunities !
4. 200+ Of Your Best Friends Will Be There !
3. Your Absence Will Be Noticed !
2. Party Time St. Louis Style In May !
1. What else do you have to do !

We Welcome You To The Conference!

Please checkout the **SCHEDULE** and **PARTNERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES** on following pages.



CSI North Central Region

- 18 CSI Chapters
- 9 States
- 1326 Members

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North Central Region Conference



CSI North Central Region Conference

Saint Louis, MO. May 2 - 4, 2019

The Greater Saint Louis Chapter will be hosting the 2019 North Central Region Conference at the historic Chase Park Plaza Hotel in the Central West End. The hotel was built in 1922 and in its heyday played host to presidents, kings, celebrities, and athletes. The hotel is located on the east side of Forest Park, home of the 1904 World's Fair, Legendary St. Louis Zoo, Art Museum, History Museum, Muny Opera, Science Center, 27-hole golf course, and much more.



We welcome Architects, Engineers, Contractors, and Product Representatives from across the Midwest and invite you to explore our fabulous "Brick City". Our schedule includes three educational tracks, a bigger version of our annual New Product Show, tours, leadership training, and social events. Conference attendees who arrive early may include an all day seminar at no additional cost.

Come early and stay late to experience all the 2019 CSI North Central Region Conference has to offer.

Preliminary Conference Schedule

(* Learning Units (LU's) available)

Wednesday, May 1, 2019

Early registration
Dinner on your own (optional)
Hospitality suite

Thursday, May 2, 2019

All-Day Seminar (early start) *
NCR President-Elect Training (early start)
Conference begins with Welcome Lunch
Product Representative education track *
Companion tours
Evening Welcome Reception
Hospitality suite

Friday, May 3, 2019

Breakfast with keynote address *
Product Expo, with complimentary lunch *
Three educational tracks *
Companion tours
NCR Awards Gala in the Zodiac Room
Hospitality suite

Saturday, May 4, 2019

NCR Leadership Lounge and training
NCR Annual Meeting
NCR Board Meeting
Afternoon tours and activities (optional)



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Partnership Information

Art Museum Partner (limit 1)

\$5,000

Primary Conference Partnership

Included In Media and Listed in Brochure

One Product Expo Table

4 Full Conference Registrations

4 Parking Vouchers for the day of the Product Expo

Company Name/Logo On All Materials

Muny Opera Partner (limit 3)

\$3,000

Education Classroom Partnership

Included in Media and Listed in Brochure

One Product Expo Table

2 Full Conference Registrations

2 Parking Vouchers for the day of the Product Expo

Science Center Partner (unlimited)

\$2,000

Individual Class Session Partnership

Included in Media and Listed in Brochure

One Product Expo Table

1 Full Conference Registrations

1 Parking Voucher for the day of the Product Expo

SaintLouis Zoo Partner (unlimited)

\$1,000

Included in Media and Listed in Brochure

One Product Expo Table

1 Parking Vouchers for the day of the Product Expo

1 Full Registration (without awards banquet)

Interested in a partnership, please visit
csincr.org/conference

Product Expo Information

World's Fair Pavilion Partner (unlimited)

\$450 For One Product Expo Table.

1 parking voucher for day of Product Expo.

Listed in brochure.

DriveTraffic to your table with Free Parking

Become a **Parking Host** for an additional **\$150**.

Attendees receive a Free Parking Voucher for the hotel's attached garage by visiting Parking Host Tables at the Expo.

Additional Options

Additional Parking Vouchers **\$10** each.

NO other conference events are scheduled during the Product Expo

Interested in a tabletop, please visit
csincr.org/conference



Meeting rooms location of educational tracks



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North Central Region Conference



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Saint Louis, MO. May 2 - 4, 2019

Hotel Reservations

For more info visit ['Chase Park Plaza Hotel'](#)

Room rates are extended 3 days prior and 3 days after the Conference.

Conference Registration

For more info visit csincr.org/conference

Conference Attendee	\$145
Spouse/Companion Attendee	\$ 65

Partnership Opportunities

Yes, we will support the CSI NCR Conference 2019 at the following Partnership Level.

For more info visit csincr.org/conference

Partnerships are available on first come basis.

Art Museum (Limit 1)	\$5,000
Muny Opera (Limit 3)	\$3,000
Science Center	\$2,000
Saint Louis Zoo	\$1,000

Product Expo Reservations

Yes, we will support the Greater St. Louis Chapter CSI.

Product Expo Table(s)

8 foot table \$450 (no electric)

Add for electric \$100

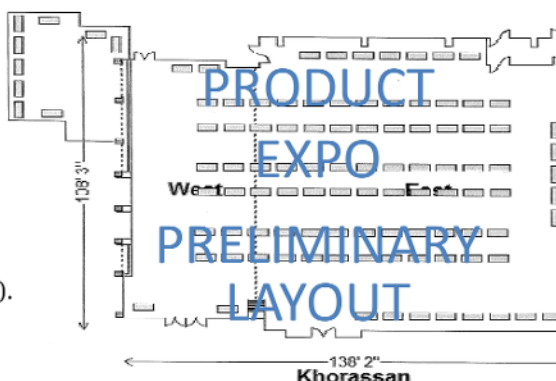
Parking Host \$150

Additional Parking Vouchers \$10 each

For more info visit csincr.org/conference to reserve a table(s).
Table selection is made at time of registration.

Table reservations are on first come basis.

Friday, May 3 - Noon to 3:00 pm



Payment is required to confirm your registration/reservation

Credit Card:

Visit csincr.org/conference fill out all required information. Payment will be processed through PayPal. A receipt will be emailed to you for your payment upon completion of your registration and/or reservation.

Questions: e-mail: nrc@stlouiscsi.org
Phone: 636-447-1357



Zodiac Room location of NCR Awards Banquet

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November Conference Call Meeting Notes



NCR LEADER'S TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Wednesday, November 14, 2018 @ 8:30 AM

1. Meeting was called to order at 8:30 am.

a. Roll Call: Steve Gantner (Quorum Reached 14 of 24 voting members present)

i. Officers

President	Laura Jean Derrick	P
President Elect	Jarrold Mann	
Treasurer	Elias Saltz	P
Secretary	Steve Gantner	P

ii. Institute

Institute Director	Alan Itzkowitz	
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iii. Chapters (Presidents or Directors)

Central Illinois	? (director)	
Central Iowa	Chuck Jansen (director)	P
Central Missouri	? (director)	
Chicago	Drew Clausen (director)	P
Crandic	Paul Nichols (director)	P
Flint Hills	Ron Ray (director)	P
Fox River Valley	David Atkins (Director)	
Greater St. Louis	David Neuner Jr. (director)	
Illowa	? (director)	
Kansas City	Sara Gilliam (director)	P
Madison	Ross Mori (director)	
Mid Kansas	Chris McCarthy (president)	
Milwaukee	Lynn Javoroski (director)	P
Minneapolis-St. Paul	Cynthia Long (president)	P
Nebraska	Stuart Poyner (president)	P
Northern Illinois	Fred Burr (director)	P
Red River Valley	Brandon Hopperstad (director)	P
Southwest Missouri	Paul Hulett (president)	P
Twin Ports	Todd Johnson (director)	

iv. Region District Coordinators

North East District	Lynn Javoroski	P
South East District	Fred Burr	P
Central District	Daryl Robinson	P
South West District	Mike Coan	
North West District	Kermit Duncan	

v. Committee Chairs

Awards	David Neuner Jr.	
Communications	Elias Saltz	P
Certification		
Programs/Education	George Everding	
Academic Liaison	Peter Grotenhuis	
Membership	Lynn Javoroski	P

vi. Others Present

Kansas City	Andrea Zawodny	P
Central Iowa	Mike Warner	P

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1. Minutes from Previous Meeting: Minutes from October 10, 2018 were reviewed and approved with no corrections.
2. Financial Reports – Elias Staltz
 - a. Individual review of financials prior to meeting, no discussion, no questions (copies attached).
 - b. Revised reimbursement policy to be distributed and discussed at the December meeting (copy attached)
3. President's Comments – Laura Jean Derrick
 - a. North Central Region Conference update.
 - i. Website is up and running for registration, partner information and expo registration.
 - ii. Flint Hills will be hosting the 2020 conference, April 30 - May 2, 2020. No new discussion
 - iii. Still working on dates with the Southwest Region.
 - b. Still have not received information regarding changes in chapter leadership which is to be sent to Laura and to Steve, also include dates of chapter meetings.
 - i. Laura will be attending the Flint Hills meeting on December 7 and Kansas City on December 4.
 - c. Information from Construct 2018:
 - i. Some Chapters have not had access to the AIA website for registering credits. Further clarification and direction from Institute is needed as some chapters have still received invoices from AIA and do not know what to do. George Everding to reach out to Kathy Stegmeier to get information for the Region and Chapters.
 - ii. Dynamic Chapter Program has been rolled out and both Laura and Lynn have been attending and will be putting notes together for the group.
 - iii. Volunteer link is up and running on the website. Reminder to check frequently and update your information.
 - d. RDC conference call to take place after December meeting.
 - e. Jarrod not present, working on the Nominating Committee for Institute Director, if anyone knows of anyone who is interested, let Laura know.
 - f. The Region is ordering nametags for those RDC's and Committee chairs that do not have them. If Chapters would like to join in the order, please let Steve Gantner know and he will get the information to you.
 - g. Annual calendar reminder, if your Chapter is increasing dues next year, now is the time to start discussing, as changes are due to Institute by February.
4. Institute Report – Alan Itzkowitz not present, no report.
5. RDC and Region Committee Chair Reports:
 - a. RDC Southeast (Fred): No report.
 - b. RDC Southwest (Mike): No report.
 - c. RDC Central (Daryl): No report.
 - d. RDC Northwest (Kermit): No report.
 - e. RDC Northeast (Lynn):
 - i. Milwaukee: Continues to meet on second Monday; holiday party planned for 12/10; uses "Trello" for communication; most committees have more than one member (the chair plus one or two); meetings seem to be growing in attendance; are considering changes suggested by the Dynamic Chapter program from the Institute.
 - ii. Madison: Continues to meet on second Tuesday; holiday party planned for 12/11; meetings well attended.
 - iii. Fox Valley: Tour planned for November; newsletter sent out with review of October tour and notice of November tour.
 - f. Membership (Lynn): Current member numbers emailed prior, listed below decreased membership by 1 over last month.
 - i. 1053 Professional
 - ii. 65 Student
 - iii. 83 Emerging Professional
 - iv. 56 Emeritus
 - v. 35 Retired

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NCR LEADER'S TELECONFERENCE MEETING MINUTES

- vi. 3 Distinguished
 - vii. 2 Lifetime – Affiliate
 - viii. 3 Staff
 - ix. 1 Lifetime
 - x. 1301 Total Members
 - g. Communications (Elias): No report.
 - h. Programs: St. Louis to broadcast their program on October 17, 2018, information to follow.
 - i. Awards (David): Not on call.
6. Andrea Zawodny has been exploring the possibility of forming a Past-Presidents committee. She has discussed this with several of the past presidents and they all feel it is a good idea. They would meet in the coming months to determine their scope and role. Funds to pay for the meeting would come from reserves. Currently looking to put the committee in place and determine the cost. Lynn Javoroski made the motion to put the committee in place and determine scope, role and cost. Paul Nichols seconded the motion. No discussion. Voice vote, no opposed. Motion passed to put committee in place.
7. Next Meeting, Wednesday, December 12th at 8:30 am.
8. Meeting Adjourned 9:06 AM.

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