

The SKY is the Limit



CSI Mission Statement

The Construction Specifications Institute advances the process of creating and sustaining the built environment for the benefit of the construction community by using the diversity of its members to exchange knowledge.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

2025 May 29-31 – [Great Lakes Region Conference](#). See Newsletter information.

2025 June 11 – [Take Me Out to the Ball game](#). CSI Cleve Cleveland Guardians Outing. See Newsletter information.

2025 July 17 – [Tiki Barge Cruise Awards Night](#)

2025 August 2 – AIA Sandcastle contest- Details to follow.

2025 September 11 – [Avery Dennison Plant Tour and AIA-HSW Course](#). See Newsletter Flyer.

2025 October 15-17 – [CSI National Conference](#), Cleveland, Ohio.



FREE CSI MEMBERSHIP

Contact Theresa DeVries
at tdevries@dsshowley.com.



Our 2nd annual SPECTacle Event success:

- Over 50 participants attended.
- Over 200 one-on-one sessions.
- Manufacturers expressed good experiences.
- Design professionals expressed good experiences.
- 3rd annual event is in the works.

Get involved, contact [Brian James](#) with your interest.





Presidents Message

Reflection

As my term as President of the Cleveland Chapter of CSI is approaching the end, I would like to reflect on the continuing activities of the Chapter.

Our 2nd annual SPEcTaCLE event was a major success as we had over 50 participants conduct over 200 one-on-one sessions. Both manufacturers and design professionals had good experiences. We will start planning our 3rd annual event soon. If you're interested in getting involved in the planning process or being involved in the event itself, contact [Brian James](#) with your interest.

We continue to provide educational opportunities with the most recent event, a great tour and presentation at the Terracon facility in Parma. Thank you Terracon! We have also been able to provide continuing education credits for a Progressive Field construction tour, a Playhouse Square behind the scenes tour, and the SPEcTaCLE lunchtime presentation. Upcoming CEU opportunities include a tour of the [Avery Dennison facility](#) in September and a tour of the renovated Cleveland Museum of Natural History in November.

While the learning opportunities are fun, we also have some good social activities coming up starting with the [Cleveland Guardians game](#) against the Reds on June 11. On July 17, we will have our Awards night and installation of officers on the [Tiki Barge](#). **Both events have limited availability so sign up before they are sold out.**

In October, the CSI universe comes to Cleveland as we will be the host city for the [National Conference](#). This is a great opportunity to become more involved on a national level and network with CSI members from around the country.

As you can see, we have become a very active chapter with a variety of activities to participate in. For easy access on what's going on in the Chapter, you may want to bookmark the [Chapter Calendar](#) which shows the events and has links to sign up.

Our Chapter is also growing as the Erie/Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter is officially being folded into the Cleveland Chapter. As a result of this, we will be working on changing the name of the Chapter to the North Coast Chapter. This reflects the reach of the Chapter from the Toledo area to Erie. We welcome the new members and look forward to their participation!

Brad Saeger of Moody Nolan will be taking over the reigns as President of the Chapter on July 1. He will hit the ground running as he has been heavily engaged in Chapter activities.

Finally, I would like to thank everyone who has helped make the past couple of years one of growth and increasing activities and participation. I appreciate the efforts of the Board to put the Chapter on a path of growth and improving activities and for performing well in your respective roles. I look forward to working with you in the position of Immediate Past President.



Sincerely,

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Become a CSI Member TODAY

The **Cleveland CSI Chapter** with the **CSI's Great Lakes Region Chapter Challenge** is open to new members. Invite your co-workers and other professionals you collaborate with, in the Commercial design & construction industry, to join our organization.

What is the *Chapter Challenge*:

It is an opportunity for Design & Construction Professionals to experience CSI for one year to highlight the value of CSI, with the goal of continuing membership beyond the Chapter Challenge year.

Who is eligible for the Chapter Challenge:

Members of an Architect, Engineer, Interior Design or GC firm who may not be familiar with CSI or have not been a member of CSI for at least three years. *Manufacturer Representatives are not eligible for this program.*

What does the Chapter Challenge cost:

New member – **FREE for the Chapter Challenge year**. The only cost is participation. Attend (4) educational meetings and report the value of being a member to the principal or decision maker in your firm.

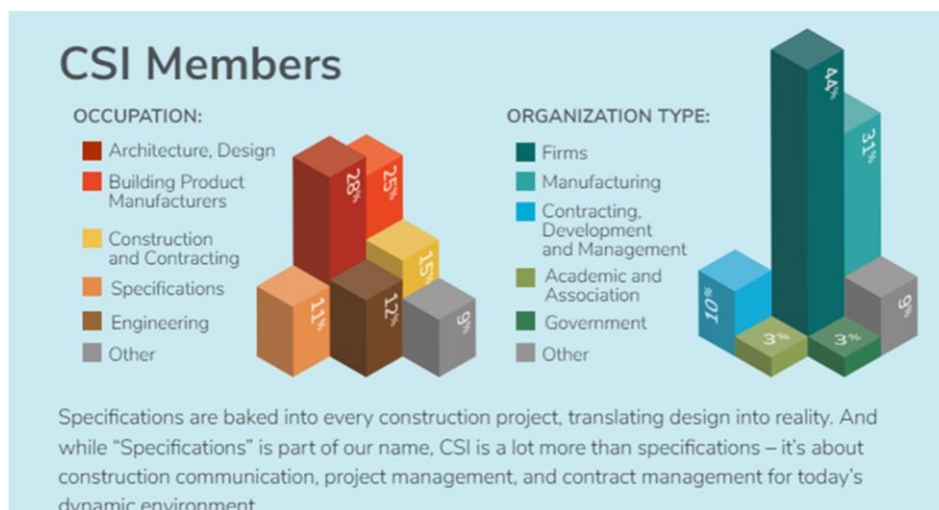
Complete the attached CSI Membership Application *Personal Information* section and email to Theresa DeVries at tdevries@dsshowley.com.

That's it! We will take it from there.

CHAPTER CHALLENGE

[Request Application Link](#)

JOIN CSI FOR FREE (ONE YEAR MEMBERSHIP)





BE A PART OF THE CSI BOARD

We are seeking exceptional leadership to join the Board of Directors and that is YOU!

Who is CSI?

CSI is a national association of more than 8,000 professionals. CSI members are experts in building construction and the materials used therein and are dedicated to improving the communication of construction information.

Please contact [John Workley](#)

ATTENTION MEMBERS:

ATTEND THE 2025 CSI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

Win a chance to attend the
2025 CSI National Conference in
Cleveland Sponsored by The CSI
Cleveland Chapter.
Details to follow.

CSI Cleveland Community Website

Visit our Website (Under Construction)
Advertise in the Newsletter and or Website - Contact
Newsletter Director: [Scott Taylor](#)

2025 SCIP Conference

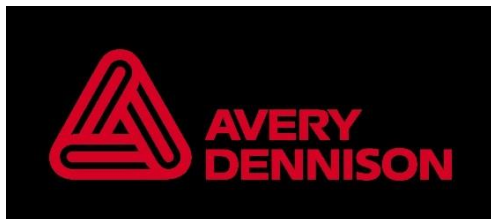
[Visit the Website](#)

June 8-10, 2025, Louisville, Kentucky

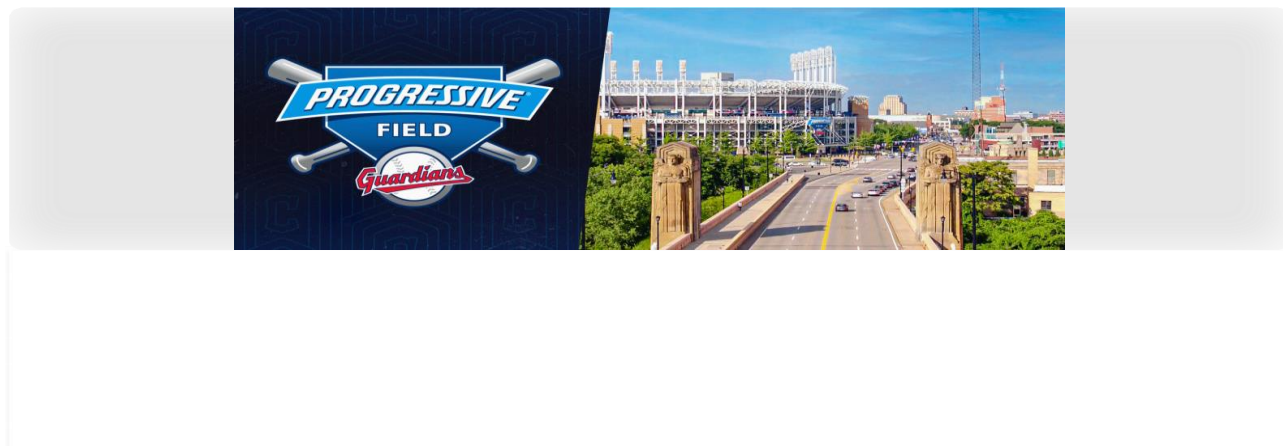
Every year, SCIP holds an annual meeting of the members.

This meeting has looked different throughout the years and has now evolved to a three-day conference with trade show, education, and networking of colleagues and sponsors.

Thank YOU Sponsors for SPEcTaCle 2025



Take Me Out to the Ballgame



Wednesday, June 11, 2025

1:00 PM - 4:00 PM EST

About this event

Join the Cleveland Chapter of CSI at the Cleveland Guardians as they take on the intrastate rival Cincinnati Reds game at 1:10 on June 11. Tickets are \$30 for CSI members and \$50 for non-CSI members. In addition to the ticket to the game, you will be given a \$10 rebate to use on refreshments at the game when you arrive at the ballpark. Tickets are limited to 20 so sign up early!

An added attraction is the opportunity to visit Terrace Hub, a lively beer hall style bar, which is the new venue in left field that our Chapter toured in October.

LOCATION

Progressive Field Cleveland Ohio

2401 Ontario St, Cleveland, OH 44115, USA

[**Register**](#)

Tiki Cruise - Register

Thursday, July 17, 2025

4:45 PM - 7:45 PM EST

About this event

Cleveland Tiki Barge Cruise to celebrate installation of officers and awards. There is a strict limit of 20 people allowed for this venue so sign up early!



Avery Dennison Plant Tour and AIA-HSW Course

Thursday, September 11, 2025

5:00 PM - 8:00 PM EST

About this event

The unique character of today's brands come to life with Avery Dennison high-performance, pressure-sensitive cut vinyl graphic films. Engineered for use with digital, screen print and sign cut applications—such as vehicle, building graphics, marine and fleet graphics, architecture and advertising—our comprehensive line of products are designed to meet every application need.

Learning Objectives:

1. Learn the differences between cast vinyl and calendared films
2. Understand how adhesives and liner are applied to graphic films
3. Finishing process of vinyl for final product manufacture
4. Understand how graphics products are tested before they leave the factory (QA)
5. Learn how graphic films can improve energy efficiency, bird-friendliness, and security in buildings.

Note - In terms of PPE it would be ideal to have participants bring hard hats or bump caps, hard-toed footwear, safety glasses, and high visibility clothing. They should be prepared to remove jewelry, tie up long hair and beards, and dress appropriately for a manufacturing plant. Personal electronic devices are also not allowed on the floor. If any of the tour participants do not have any of the following, we have covers for shoes, high vis vests, hard hats, and safety glasses available that we can provide them.

LOCATION

Avery Dennison Graphics Manufacturing

670 Hardy Rd, Painesville, OH 44077, US

[Register](#)



May 29, 2025 | 8:00 AM to 11:59 PM

Embassy Suites Grand Rapids Downtown

710 Monroe Ave NW, Grand Rapids, MI, 49503

2025 CSI Gr Chapter product show + Great Lakes Region leadership Conference

Navigating the Rapids of CSI Leadership

The CSI Grand Rapids Chapter is excited to bring back our product expo and host the CSI GLR Leadership Conference in the Spring of 2025. These will be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the Embassy Suites Downtown, conveniently located off of US-131 and I-196.

Our product expo will be held on Thursday May 29th and will include a full day of vendor tabletops and CEU sessions concluding with the **CSI GR Chapter Meeting** for all expo and conference attendees.

The **2025 CSI Great Lakes Region Leadership Conference** will be held on Friday May 30th & Saturday May 31st. Join us and CSI members from Michigan, Indiana, Ohio, and Kentucky for an opportunity for networking, education, vendor tabletops, and leadership development.

Combination package for both events will be available for all attendees.

Schedule (subject to change)

Thursday, May 29, 2025 - GR Chapter Product Show

- 7:30 - 8:30 am - Breakfast (hotel guests only)
- 8:00 - 9:00 am - Exhibitor setup
- 9:00 - 10:00 am - Registration and Vendor Tabletops open
- 10:00 - 11:00 am - CEU session - Marci Taylor, Tremco "Façade Restoration Options"
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm – Vendor Tabletops
- 12:00 - 1:00 pm - Lunch & CEU session - Mike Perry, Progressive "Universal Design"
- 1:00 - 2:00 pm - Vendor Tabletops
- 2:00 - 3:00 pm - CEU session - Michael Crall, Specified Technologies "Firestopping"
- 3:00 - 4:00 pm - Vendor Tabletops
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm - Happy Hour: Networking event with GR Chapter & Great Lake Region Conference

- 6:00 - 8:00 pm - Grand Rapids Chapter meeting: Dinner & Speaker

Friday, May 30, 2025 - GLR Leadership Conference

- 7:30 - 8:30 am - Breakfast (hotel guests only)
- 9:00 - 10:00 am - Leadership Session – Shane Napper, Rockford Construction "The Value of CSI"
- **9:30 am – 3:30 pm – Companion Tour – Meijer Gardens and Sculpture Park & lunch**
- 10:00 - 11:00 am – Vendor Tabletops
- 11:00 am - 12:00 pm - Leadership Session – Blair Reese, GLR Membership Chair "Serving Member Needs"
- 12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch & Vendor Tabletops
- 1:30 - 2:30 pm - Leadership Session – Amy Motta, re:Members "Billhighway and More"

- 2:30 - 3:30 pm – Vendor Tabletops
- 3:30 - 4:30 pm - Leadership Session – Lane Beougher, FCSI “CSI College of Fellows – Giving Back to CSI”
- 5:00 - 6:00 pm - Happy Hour
- 6:00 - 7:30 pm - Awards banquet & program

Saturday, May 31, 2024 - GLR Leadership Conference

- 7:30 - 9:00 am - Breakfast (hotel guests only)
- 9:00 - 10:30 am - Annual Meeting
- 10:30 am - Checkout

Hotel

Hotel Reservations can be made here: [CSI Great Lakes Region Room Booking Link](#)

Using the link above any conference attendee can get a special rate of \$259 per night plus tax (breakfast included). Or call 616-512-5700 (800-774-1500) and mention CSI Great Lakes Conference to confirm the special rate. The special rate ends 4/29/2025, so don't wait.

- Check-in: 4 PM
- Checkout: 12 PM
- Self Parking: \$15/night

Registration

- Product Show and Chapter Meeting - \$50.00
- Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference - \$150
- Product Show, Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference - \$200

Tickets

\$200 Product Show, Chapter Meeting, and Leadership Conference

\$50 Thursday Only - Product Show and Chapter Meeting

\$150 Chapter Meeting and Leadership Conference

\$1800 SOLD OUT - Gold Level Conference Sponsor

\$1200 SOLD OUT - Silver Level Conference Sponsor

\$750 SOLD OUT - Bronze Level Conference Sponsor

\$75 Companion Registration - Friday Tour, Lunch, and Awards Dinner

NEWS FLASH

CSI CLEVELAND

Our Cleveland Chapter Family NOW includes
CSI Members from Toledo to Erie

= WELCOME=

CSI Cleveland Chapter's **new name** (wait for it)

CSI North Coast Chapter

(Details to follow)