

**NEWSLETTER**

# GLR Region Conference 2026

## Dear Great Lakes Region Members,

**Hope all is well!**

On the horizon is the upcoming **Great Lakes Region Conference 2026**. Please save the dates. If you are not able to attend, make it a Chapter goal to send someone to have full Chapter Region participation. Details are coming in as the program and schedule are being developed. Sponsorship is available.

**Tentative Schedule** (subject to change)

**May 6** (evening):

- Hospitality gathering (conference venue or other)

**May 7** - Day 1 (full day):

- Breakfast buffet
- Vendor tabletops & CEU sessions/presentations (TBD)
- Lunch buffet
- Happy Hour/networking
- Dinner & presentation

**May 8** - Day 2 (full day):

- Companion Activity (TBD)
- Breakfast buffet
- Vendor tabletops, Leadership sessions (TBD)
- Lunch buffet
- Happy Hour/networking
- Awards banquet and Annual Board meeting

*Warm wishes as always,*

**The Great Lakes Region Board of Directors**



2026 CSI  
GREAT LAKES REGION  
CONFERENCE

DISTILLING  
EXCELLENCE

MAY 7 & 8, 2026  
LOUISVILLE, KY  
TEMPO HILTON  
LOUISVILLE



## SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

### DISTILLING EXCELLENCE

MAY 7 & 8, 2026

LOUISVILLE, KY

#### Exhibitor (\$1000)

- Includes a table, electricity, signage, reception invitation and meals.

#### Gold Sponsor (\$4,000)

- Recognition in promotional materials
- Recognition in conference materials
- Sign in conference room and recognition as the gold sponsor on the sponsor banner
- Verbal acknowledgement during opening & closing ceremonies

#### Silver Sponsor (\$2,500)

- Recognition in conference materials
- Logo and recognition as the silver sponsor on the sponsor banner
- Recognition at Friday morning breakfast

#### Bronze Sponsor (\$1,250)

- Recognition in conference materials
- Recognition on sign at all networking breaks

#### Refreshments Sponsor (\$2,500)

- Recognition near refreshment area
- Recognition in conference materials
- Logo on cups

#### Tote Bag Sponsor (\$1,750)

- Recognition in conference materials
- Logo on tote bags

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- Includes cost of lanyards
- Recognition in conference materials
- Company name on lanyard

#### Reception Sponsor (\$1,500)

- Recognition at reception
- Recognition in conference materials
- Welcome remarks to attendees

#### Lunch Sponsor (\$1,000)

- Recognition at the lunch
- Recognition in conference materials

#### Giveaway Sponsor (\$1,000)

- Recognition in conference materials and during the announcement of the winner

#### Materials Sponsor (\$1,000)

- Recognition on the cover of the manual
- Full page ad in the front and back of the manual

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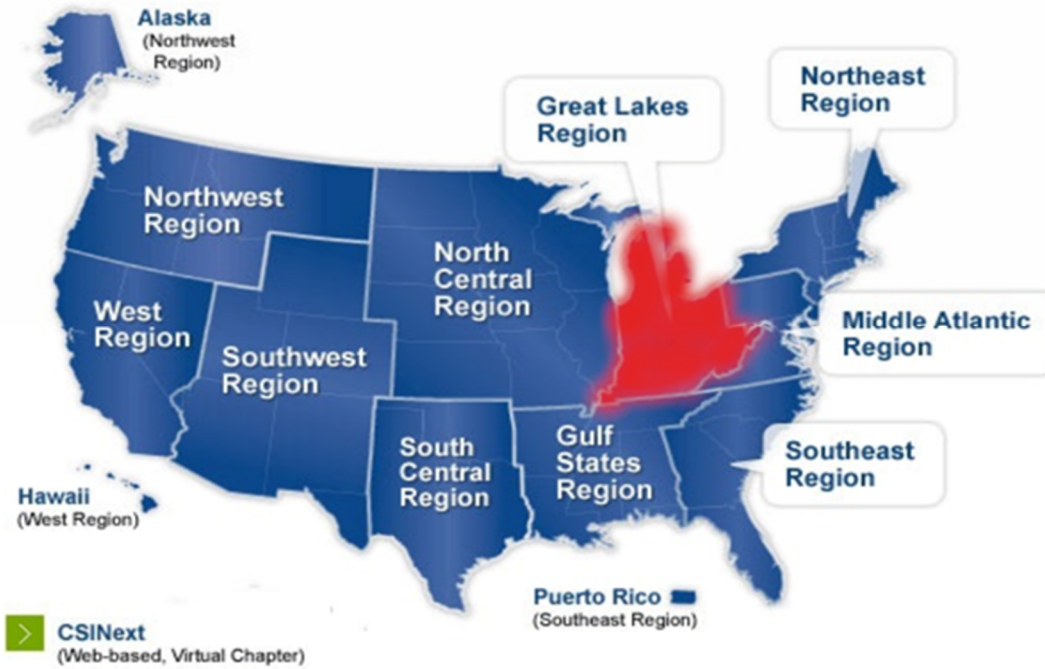
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**Our Mission**

To advance building information management and education of project teams to improve facility performance.

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Here are **some of the things your Region and Region Officers do** as part of the Construction Specifications Institution Structure:

**Leadership Training** If you've ever thought about applying for a Chapter Leadership position, it's as simple as looking <https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/training/leader-training> to see what kind of things are expected.

**Programs Bureau-** Programs Chairs have a place to go to fill up a hole or two in the annual calendar. If you see a monthly program that stands out, please pass those thoughts on to Scott Taylor, who oversees the submissions.

Visit the Speakers Bureau

<https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/training/new-item>

**Awards-** The format and organization of our Awards program is very robust and well thought out. It has been seen by other regions and used as a template for the creation of their awards programs. Please review it:

[https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/CSIRESOURCES/aee06327-4be3-4390-b3d6-90a05eef99a0/UploadedImages/GLR/GLR-Honors\\_AwardsGuide2016-5-05.pdf](https://higherlogicdownload.s3.amazonaws.com/CSIRESOURCES/aee06327-4be3-4390-b3d6-90a05eef99a0/UploadedImages/GLR/GLR-Honors_AwardsGuide2016-5-05.pdf)

to see how to reward active leaders in your chapter.

Contact Gregg Jones. [gjones@abonmarche.com](mailto:gjones@abonmarche.com)

**Chapter Challenge-** Introduced in 2018. It is a way to introduce your friends and colleagues to CSI. Share with them the career benefits.

**Member Relief Program-** Introduced December 2020, still in effect. Details and information <https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/mrl>

**We ENCOURAGE YOU to GET INVOLVED with the Region FOR 2026!**

**Please Join Us - We need YOU!**

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- **Is it time to renew YOUR MEMBERSHIP, let's get it done today!**
- the Great Lakes Region has a **Membership Assistance Program** for those who may be experiencing financial difficulties
- **Members** currently over **572** and counting Members in our Region
- **Chapter events:** Go to Chapter websites
- **Share:** Send to [staylo2021@outlook.com](mailto:staylo2021@outlook.com)
  - your CSI Chapter event photos for Newsletter
  - your CSI Master Specifiers Retreat (MSR) experience for the newsletter
  - your Certification Exam experience that you would like to share
  - your Spec-related photos with message for the Newsletter
- **Earn Learning Units.** Check out the CSI Learning Library for other courses offering Learning Units. There is a wealth of information and learning opportunities.
- There are many resources available to chapters and regions on the chapter and Region community at [CSResources.org](http://CSResources.org).
- Save the dates on National Calendar at <https://www.csiresources.org/institute/calendar>
- **Save the date GLR Conference dates: May 7 – 9, 2026, Louisville.**
  - Conference Hotel Venue: **Tempo by Hilton Louisville Downtown NuLu**
  - Defined Conference Theme: **Distilling Excellence**
  - Save the date SCIP date May 17-19, 2026, St. Louis, MS
  - Save the date CSI National Conference October 7-9, PHX, Az
- **Indianapolis Chapter:** Looking for additional committee volunteers.
- **Louisville Chapter:**
  - 2/27: Inside Scoop Virtual Meeting, 12:30
  - 3/10: Women in Design Panel Discussion, Venue: TBD
  - Joint AIA/CSI annual meeting & Facility Tour: FASTSIGNS, Louisville, KY
- **Metro Detroit Chapter:** 3/19 – Psychiatric Hospital Development Tour (Dinner - Granite City Brewery Northville)
- **North Coast Chapter (Cleveland):**
  - March 26<sup>th</sup> Tour of Garland Company
  - May 28<sup>th</sup> for SPECTaCLE
  - Week of June 15<sup>th</sup>, LBCC (Let's Build Construction Camp) sponsored by North Coast Chapter
- **Ohio Valley Chapter:**
  - Discussing potential Co-sponsored Ohio Valley & CSI Next event in April
  - Tuesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>, Mastering Operable Partition Design & Specifications
  - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Top Golf Outing in West Chester
- **New Great Lakes Region Committee Structure:**
  - Membership
  - Certification
  - Programs and Education
  - Leadership / Legacy Training
  - Region Conference
  - Awards
  - Futurizing

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- A reminder that Leadership Training powerpoint information is available. We encourage all new Leaders to please review the information. Look for your role here:  
<https://www.csiresources.org/greatlakesregion/training/leader-training>
- CSI Member Product Reps - please send us your Logos to get showcased in the GLR Newsletter. Contact [staylo2021@outlook.com](mailto:staylo2021@outlook.com)
- Newsletter Content. Say something! You have a voice. Sound off in the newsletter. Contact [staylo2021@outlook.com](mailto:staylo2021@outlook.com)
- **Chapter Presidents** – please forward the “in grace” Members to your Chapter Membership Chairs and ask them to personally reach out to the Members in your Chapter that are on the “in grace” list.

Any questions contact: [breese@ghafari.com](mailto:breese@ghafari.com)

## ARE YOU READY TO GET YOUR CDT CERTIFICATION?

Test your knowledge - CDT Certification Sample Quiz Questions – February 2026

Keeping the **Jack P. Morgan, FCSI, CCS, CCA, CDT**, Quizmaster Tradition going.

Edited and updated by Edwin L Avink, FCSI, CCS, CDT

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1. Quality Control activities occur:
    - a. Before or while accomplishing the work or service
    - b. During the work or service
    - c. After the quality assurance activities
    - d. During the fabrication
    - e. Before the fabrication
  2. Resource drawings serve what purpose?
    - a. Show existing Work to be modified
    - b. Show construction related to the Work, but which is not indicated in the Contract
    - c. Provide the Owner with a set of documents that will facilitate operation
  3. Section drawings cut vertically through and perpendicular to project materials to:
    - a. Show watertight construction
    - b. Show detailed arrangement
    - c. Show which surfaces are to be finished
  4. Fast-tracking is:
    - a. A scheduling technique
    - b. A scheduling and design technique
    - c. A project delivery method
  5. Which of the following is not an example of a contingency cost?
    - a. Construction delays
    - b. Contractor's overhead
    - c. Weather, labor, and material shortages
    - d. Regulatory restrictions
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### CERTIFICATION QUIZ ANSWERS

Answers based on the CSI Project Delivery Practice Guide, 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition:

1. – a [PDPG, 8.8]; 2. – b [PDPG 5.2.6.1]; 3. – b [PDPG 5.2.2]; 4. – a [PDPG 3.1.3.5]; 5. - a [PDPG 2.2.7.7]

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### Yearly Reporting Requirements

To ensure continuity in operations, including timely dues payments to chapters, and to acknowledge compliance with the affiliation agreement, every component is asked to complete two reports per year:

#### **May 31 Report**

Submit: Officer and leader roster for upcoming fiscal year

#### **September 30 Report**

Attest that:

- The component is in good standing to conduct business (current with state and current with IRS)
- Directors and officers' insurance is in place
- General liability insurance is in place
- Banking information is current

Identify:

Any enabling document that changed in previous fiscal year-

- Submit updated copies if have not already
- If bylaws were updated, must also confirm reviewed by independent legal counsel experienced with non-profit, tax-exempt organizations prior to adoption.

Submit:

- Financial documents from the previous year, including state of activities, balance sheet, and cash flow.
- Potential recruitment and customer lists

These reports will be available at least two months ahead of their due date and will be accessible through the Chapter and Region Leader Community.

In the case that a component is not able to meet one of these obligations, the component and CSI national will work together to create a plan to become compliant.



**To Those CELEBRATING**  
***YOUR CSI MEMBERSHIP Anniversary***  
***This Month!***