

**NEWSLETTER**

# GLR Region Conference 2026

## Dear Great Lakes Region Members,

**The Region Conference** is right around the corner.

Attending the conference ensures that your chapter has a voice in regional discussions and is prepared to lead confidently into the upcoming year. The knowledge, insight, and connections gained can be brought back and shared multiplying the value well beyond the event itself.

If you are unable to attend, we strongly encourage you to make it a **Chapter goal to send a representative**. Ensuring full chapter participation at the regional level helps maintain continuity, collaboration, and momentum across the Great Lakes Region. Every chapter benefits when someone is present to learn, contribute, and bring those insights home.

We hope you will join us—or support your chapter by sending a delegate—to continue building strong leadership and an engaged, forward-looking Region.

Conference information is part of this newsletter.

## Great Lakes Regional Conference in Louisville

### May 7-8, 2026

**Registration** - <https://csilouisville.starchapter.com/meetinginfo.php?id=196&ts=1775581042>

**Hotel reservations** - [https://csilouisville.org/Hotel Accommodations for GLR Conference](https://csilouisville.org/Hotel_Accommodations_for_GLR_Conference)

**Sponsorship** - <https://csilouisville.org/Sponsor>

*Warm wishes as always,*

**The Great Lakes Region Board of Directors**

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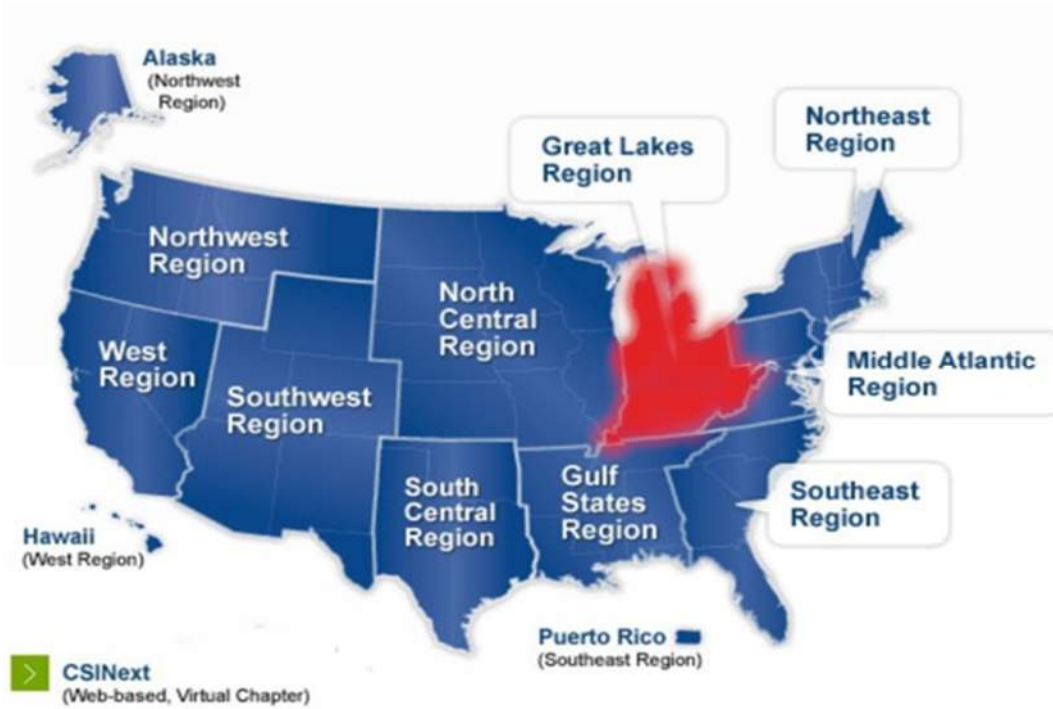
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**Our Mission**

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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- **Fiscal Year** Ends, June 30, 2026
- **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 **545** and counting Members in our Region
- **Chapter events:** Go to Chapter websites
- **Institute Level Elections:** April-21 to open for candidates
- **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>
- **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:**
  - 4/14: Joint AIA/CSI annual meeting & Facility Tour: FASTSIGNS, Louisville, KY
- **Metro Detroit Chapter:**
  - May - TBD
  - 6/9 – Annual Meeting and President's Dinner (Andiamo's)
  - 6/14: Fisher Building Tour (Dinner - Location TBD)
  - 8/20: Golf Outing at the Fountains
  - Sept/Oct: Ford Hub (TBD)
- **North Coast Chapter (Cleveland):**
  - May 28<sup>th</sup> for SPECtaCLE
  - During the week of June 15<sup>th</sup>, LBCC (Let's Build Construction Camp) sponsored by North Coast Chapter
  - July Chapter Picnic - TBD
- **Ohio Valley Chapter:**
  - Discussing potential Co-sponsored Ohio Valley & CSI Next event in April
  - April 30<sup>th</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Top Golf Outing in West Chester

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- **Grand Rapids:**
  - May 14th - Save the Date
  - June 3rd - 41st Annual James "Hojo" Hojnacki Scholarship Golf Outing
- **Lansing:**
  - 1st Tuesday every month lunch and learns
- **Spring 2026 CDT Bootcamp** last Saturday in April (4-25) via CSINext. \$95 fee
- **Chapter Presidents:** To ensure local chapter voices are heard and communicated, please send chapter updates to Secretary ([arawson@obe.com](mailto:arawson@obe.com)) before our monthly board meetings
- Let us know if you are receiving **phishing emails** from CSI emails.
- **Great Lakes Region Executive Committee – FY 2025 – 2026:**
  - President: **Mark Ogg**
  - President-Elect: **Mark Jacobson**
  - Secretary: **April Rawson**
  - Treasurer: **Scott Mitchell-Taylor**
  - Past President: **Kirk Paisley**
  - Institute Director: **Kirk Paisley**
  - Emerging Professional: **Kensington Tekely (2026-2027)**
- **Great Lakes Region Committee – FY 2025- 2026:**
  - Membership: **Blair Reese**
  - Certification: **Vacant**
  - Programs and Education: **Thad Goodman**
  - Leadership / Legacy Training: **Gregg Jones**
  - Region Conference: **Tony Butler**
  - Awards: **Gregg Jones**
  - Futurizing: **Kirk Paisley**



The CSI North Coast Chapter (formally the Cleveland Chapter) would like to invite you to participate in our upcoming event, SPECtaCLE, on Thursday, May 28, 2026 at the Hyatt Regency Cleveland at the Arcade.

This event will be a “speed-dating” type event and you will have the opportunity to have one-on-one discussions with 10-12 product manufacturers from leading suppliers to the construction industry. In addition to the one-on-one sessions, we will be providing breakfast (*starting at 8:00*), lunch, and a happy hour (*starting at 5:00*) for networking at the end of the day. In addition to a terrific event, one participating architect will receive a free one-year membership to CSI.

Here is the list of manufacturers that will be participating this year:

- Ametco Manufacturing Corporation (*Architectural fence and gate systems, railings, sunshades, grilles, screens, louvers, and perforated metal*)
- Raynor (*Garage door systems*)
- York Flashings (*Through wall flashings*)
- Polyglass (*Roofing & waterproofing solutions*)
- C.R. Laurence (*Hardware, glass, and glazing products*)
- PROSOCO (*Masonry cleaning, water repellents, finished concrete floors, air & water barriers, anchoring systems, green building*)
- Partition Systems International of South Carolina (*Toilet partitions, lockers and locker benches, washroom accessories, partition and locker hardware*)
- Foundations (*Commercial children’s furnishings, hospitality furnishings, children and adult changing stations*)
- FiberTite Roof Systems (*Roofing systems*)
- The Sova Company (*Commercial childcare products*)
- KOSTER America (*Moisture mitigation*)



- IMETCO (*Rainscreen, roof and wall systems*)
- Noble Company (*Extruded sheet membranes for the tile and plumbing industries*)
- *And more to come.*

Please let us know if you would like to reserve a space for the event by registering through this link ([2026 SPECTaCLE Design & Construction Professional Application Form](#)) so we can provide background information to the manufacturers' representatives. If you have colleagues that may be interested, please forward this information to them. Please complete your registration by May 18, 2026. If you have additional questions, please contact [Brian James](#), [Brad Saeger](#), or [Mark Jacobson](#).

Thank you in advance for your past support of the Cleveland Chapter of CSI and we look forward to seeing you in April.

Sincerely,

Brian James, CSI  
SPECTaCLE Chairman

Brad Saeger, CSI  
President, North Coast Chapter

Mark Jacobson, CSI  
Past President, North Coast Chapter

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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

March 2026 Rewind

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. If the contractor installs an item of work in accordance with the contract documents, knowing it is in violation of the building codes, without informing the A/E, who is responsible for the cost of correction?
    - a. The A/E
    - b. The Owner
    - c. The Contractor
    - d. None of the Above
  2. A Unit Price is:
    - a. A cost determined by the A/E
    - b. Amount determined by number of units multiplied by a unit cost in the Agreement
    - c. A cost listed on the Bid Form
    - d. A cost determined by the Contractor
  3. Marked up drawings that indicate changes incorporated into the work during construction are called:
    - a. As-built drawings
    - b. Record drawings
    - c. Shop drawings
    - d. Contractor-certified drawings
  4. Under Section Format, name the three parts:
    - a. General, Materials, Installation
    - b. Scope, Products, Execution
    - c. General, Products, Execution
    - d. Scope, Materials, Installation
  5. The Owner must sign which of the following:
    - a. Supplemental Instructions
    - b. Change Order
    - c. Addenda
    - d. Proposal Requests

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### CERTIFICATION QUIZ ANSWERS

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

1.- c [PDPG, 1.14.5]; 2.- b [PDPG 4.2.3.1]; 3.- b [PDPG 8.12.5.2]; 4.- c [PDPG 1.11.1.14]; 5.- b [PDPG 8.9.6]

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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.

The CSI North Coast Chapter is proud to support LET'S BUILD CONSTRUCTION CAREERS 2026, A camp for girls age 12-17. CSI Board Member and Founder & Director of LBCC, Shelly Higgins, is organizing the program's 5th year at the Mahoning County Career & Technical Center.

Join us in supporting Shelly's "mission to defy stereotypes and introduce girls to all aspects of the construction trades, including the basics of architecture". Volunteers, sponsors and donations allow this weeklong camp to be free of charge to the girls who attend.

**Help us lay the foundation and build careers for girls who participate in the LBCC camp.**

*For more information, to donate, volunteer or become a sponsor:*

<https://www.letsbuild.camp/home>



# 2026 SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

June 15-19, 2026

at

Mahoning County Career & Technical Center



## WHY SUPPORT LET'S BUILD CONSTRUCTION CAREERS - *Camp for Girls*

Together we can inspire youth in our community to enter the Architecture, Engineering, Construction, and Building Product Manufacturing fields.

**Let's Build Construction Careers** is a program designed for middle school and high school age students to attend a free week-long camp to explore **architecture**, **engineering**, **construction trades** and **manufacturing** through hands-on experiences and field trips.

**Why Girls?** Women represent only 10% of the U.S. construction workforce. **We Can Do Better!**

### CAMP OBJECTIVES

- Discover basic building design through hands-on experience in many industry trades with trade professionals.
- Create a construction company and build a structure from a set of blueprints.
- Explore industry careers, career paths, industry organizations and the power of networking.
- Understand the importance of teamwork, while developing self-confidence and leadership.
- Encourage a future career in the construction industry.



**They work hard. Help them see what they are capable of.**

All proceeds will help underwrite the operational costs and allow free access for students to attend. Your donation is **tax-deductible**. **LBCC, INC.** is a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

If you have any questions about sponsorship or Let's Build Construction Careers, please contact us at [info@letsbuild.camp](mailto:info@letsbuild.camp).

**Thank you for your support! We couldn't do it without you.**

# 2026 OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

## PREMIER SPONSOR

\$2,500+

- Company logo on promotional materials including, but not limited to print collateral, website, social media, and event signage.
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.
- Company mentioned in press releases for Let's Build Construction Careers - Camp for Girls.
- Opportunity to send volunteers, speak to camp attendees during camp week, and join us for End Camp Conversations & Celebrations.

## EXECUTIVE SPONSOR

\$1,750+

- Company logo on promotional materials including, but not limited to print collateral, website, social media, and event signage.
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.

## MENTOR SPONSOR

\$1,000+

- Company logo on promotional materials including, but not limited to website, social media.
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.

## DREAM SPONSOR

\$500+

- Company logo on website.
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.

## SUPPORTING SPONSOR

\$250+

- Company name listed on website.

## IN-KIND DONATION SPONSOR

- Donations of building product supplies in the following areas are needed to successfully complete projects: Carpentry (Rough & Finish); Drywall; Electrical; HVAC; Masonry; Painting; Plumbing; Roofing; Technology; Miscellaneous (carpenter crayons, safety products, sharpies, siding, sundries, tools, windows, etc.)
- Company logo or name on t-shirts given to camp attendees and volunteers.
- Company logo or name on website and/or signage dependent upon donation value.



Scan to donate  
by credit card

## SUPPORTER

- Donations of any amount will be used towards camp needs.

**We made the news four years in a row. Be part of the excitement this year!**

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Primary Contact: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Sponsor Level/Contribution Amount: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

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Sponsorship Deadline: 05/01/26

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- **Kensington Tekely** has been appointed to be our new Emerging Professional for Fiscal Year 26-27.  
**Welcome, Kensington!** 😊
- **Gregg Jones** is now Executive Committee Member at Large. **Congrats Gregg!**



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