



# Newsletter

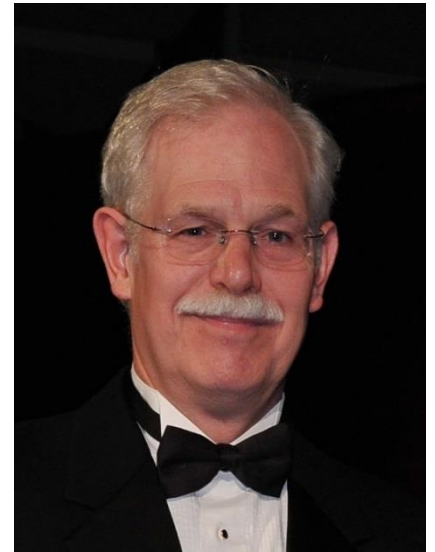
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## President's Message

Greetings fellow members of the North Central Region. This newsletter is our newest effort (and is part of a major goal of mine for FY'17) to improve communications between the region and the chapter members. The Region's primary purpose is to support the chapters. We do this through the efforts of the Region District Coordinators (RDC's) who call, email or visit the chapter presidents in their districts to offer advice and share tips on a variety of topics related to running a chapter. We have region committee chairs for programs, education, membership, certification, membership, awards, communications, and academic liaison that provide similar support for the chapter committees. The Region Board meets on a monthly basis via a teleconference which includes a Region Director and Chapter President from each of the chapters in the region. We sponsor the annual Region Conference and President-Elect Training that offers sessions on how to run a meeting, chapter finances, ideas for chapter committees, and much more.

The NCR program year kick-off with a Board/Chapter President teleconference in July. There was an Executive Committee planning session later in July held in Kansas City. We discussed the annual budget, FY'17 goals, updating the NCR Operating Guide, President Elect Training for next spring, record retention, and 2 struggling chapters. All in all, we are off to a good start.

2016 CONSTRUCT starts on September 7. It is a compressed schedule this year, with events planned from early morning until late in the evening



each day. There are several great seminars and a few CSI related events that I encourage you to attend. Our Region Caucus will be held the first day, Wednesday, Sept 7 from 5:15 to 6:15 pm in room 5ABC at the Austin Convention Center. There is no official business at this meeting. This is an opportunity for you, the members and chapter leaders, to bring comments and concerns to the Board and enjoy some additional networking.

Please contact me or any one of the other officers if you have questions. If you are chapter committee chair looking for some help, contact the region committee chair.

Wishing you a great program year.

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

## Director's Message

I have long been uncomfortable with the perception of a hierarchy within CSI. One hears that information must be passed up to Institute or worse, down to chapters and subsequently members. This stands directly in opposition to the fact that our members, the owners of our association, sit firmly at the top of CSI's organizational chart.

Kudos to those who have acted on the desire to serve and lead, but please recognize that the assumption of responsibility by a few, however laudable, may facilitate the disengagement by the many. Disengagement is the precursor to withdrawal.

We cannot and must not accept the withdrawal of our members. Nor can we allow untold thousands of our fellow design and construction peers, current and future, to go uneducated in the rules, roles, and responsibilities of our industry. Our mutual success and satisfaction depend upon a shared sense of mission in our projects and in our careers.

Constructing and constantly renovating that sense of mission is the responsibility of every component of our association. Committees and chapters nurture relationships of shared effort among professionals from disparate fields; regions and Institute reflect our desire to build systems to ensure that all members receive maximum value regardless of location and resources.

We recognize that variations in that delivered value exist despite our best efforts. The many changes we are witnessing in our Organization's governance, staffing, leadership, and communi-



cation are purposefully directed at fostering a sense of belonging to a greater group. CSI members need to know they belong to, and have access to, a national association of like-minded volunteer professionals.

Efforts are being made in creating a uniform CDT curriculum for community colleges, strengthening our professional certifications, developing a body of career education programming, establishing an agile two-way communication among our members, and providing anticipated and demanded tools for **“creating an environment conducive to the development of our members’ full professional potentials”**, as reads our new Board mission statement.

**JW Mollohan, CSI, CCPR, CEP, LEED GA  
Institute Director from North Central Region**

# North Central Region News

## **New Distinguished Member from North Central Region**

Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CSC will be elevated to Distinguished Membership by CSI during CONSTRUCT 2016. Distinguished Membership, CSI's most prestigious honor, is conferred on individuals who have performed distinguished services to the construction industry in fields of activity related to the purposes of CSI. Sheldon, a CSI member since 1987, was nominated by CSI's Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter for his service to the industry in numerous fields and advancing the mission of CSI at local, regional and national levels.

## **New Fellow from North Central Region**

Alan Itzkowitz, CSI, CCS, CCCA will be elevated to Fellow of the Institute during CONSTRUCT 2016. Alan, a member since 1987, was nominated by CSI's Chicago Chapter and selected by CSI's Jury of Fellows in recognition of his accomplishments in advancing construction technology, improving construction specifications, educating people in the construction industry and advancing the goals of the Institute.

## **Jerry Putnam Elected Institute Vice President**

Jerry Putnam, RA, FCSI, CCS of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter has taken a seat on the Institute board as Vice President, for a term expiring in 2018. Jerry has been a member since 1990.

## Committee News

### Membership Committee: Membership Matters

Membership relies on programs: Good programs bring in guests and guests are potential members. Think carefully about programs. Avoid offering "lunch 'n' learns". Instead, look for topics that only CSI can offer! Think Construction Documents or panel discussions involving all participants in a project!

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