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# ACADIANA CHAPTER

## Construction Specification Institute

# *The Addendum*

The Acadiana Chapter normally meets the third Monday at Don's Downtown, 301 E. Vermillion St.-Lafayette.  
Fellowship Begins at 6:00pm with meeting starting at 6:45pm. Guests are welcome

### January PROGRAM

Presenter: *National Gypsum*

Program: *Acoustically Enhanced  
Gypsum Board Designed for  
High STC Wall Assemblies*

#### Link to Details

Date: Monday, January 19, 2009  
Time: 6:00 PM. – Social  
6:45 P.M. – Meeting  
Location: Don's Seafood & Steakhouse  
301 East Vermilion Street, Lafayette, LA

**DINNER IS \$13 PLUS TAX AND TIP**

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### 2009 Calendar

January 19 - meeting  
February 16 – meeting  
March 16 – meeting  
April 14 & 15 - Region Conference,  
Ocean Springs, MS  
April 20 – Crawfish Boil, Girard Park  
May 18 – meeting  
June 15 – meeting  
July 20 – meeting  
August 17 – meeting  
September 21 – meeting  
October 19 – meeting  
November TBA – Fall Conference  
December TBA – Christmas Party

### Memberships Expiring Soon

NOVEMBER	JANUARY
Scott Somit	Kyle Keeler
	Mark LaLonde
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MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL FORM

#### Links to:

CSI Acadiana Roster  
The Monthly Leader

**January 2009**  
**CSI Acadiana**  
**President's letter**

Dear Members,

Let me start off by wishing you and your family a happy and prosperous New Year.

The holidays are over and your CSI Board has begun to set the 2009 calendar. Each month we will hold either a General Meeting at Don's Downtown or a special event, such as a Crawfish Boil.

The 2008 Seminar went very well and I hope that 2009 will be as good or better. Please put November 6, 2009 on your calendars for our CSI Seminar. If you have any suggestion for speakers, please let one of your CSI Board members know.

We have also begun to look at the incoming Board. If you are interested in becoming more involved this year, please let us know. Also, committee chairs are needed.

Best Regards,  
Mary Hays

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## Gulf States Region

Below are the chapters that make up the Gulf States Region of CSI.  
Click on the map to view the leaders and officers of that chapter, and other chapter information

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# 2009 Gulf States Region CSI Competition

CSI's Gulf States Region CSI Competition has recognized and rewarded technical excellence in written construction documentation and other categories related to Construction. You may enter "anything" in the Other Presentations and Creative Ideas (CATEGORY Z), as long as it is related to Construction. (Previous entries have included books, books on CD, computer programs, documentation of the work of a Mexican Architect, walk-throughs, Historic Surveys and even a town plaza). Look at what other participants have accomplished in the past 6 years:

**235 Entries - 37 Honor Awards - 142 Total Awards**

We are especially excited about opening our competition to "students" again this year and judging them along with all other entries (see below). ***Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!***

**To see some of the winners from the 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 Gulf States Region CSI Competitions, go to:**  
<http://earchitect.tripod.com/competiton/index.html>

## **2009 Gulf States CSI COMPETION CATEGORIES:**

### **CATEGORY A - Project Manuals:**

Requirements: Three (3) copies of each entry. Limit one free entry per person in this category. Additional entries are \$75 each.

### **CATEGORY B - Manufacturer's Product Binders:**

Requirements: Three (3) copies of each entry. Limit one entry per person in this category.

### **CATEGORY C - Outline Specifications, Short Form Specifications, & Preliminary Project Descriptions:**

Requirements: Three (3) copies of each entry. Limit one free entry per person in this category. Additional entries are \$75 each.

### **CATEGORY W - Models:**

Requirements: At least three (3) photographs each of the overall model, one or two details; and a check for \$75\* with each entry.

### **CATEGORY X - Renderings:**

Requirements: Submit one copy of each rendering and a check for \$75\* with each entry.

### **CATEGORY Y - Websites:**

Types: This can be anything including the website of an individual, a design firm, a manufacturer, an association, or an organization.

Requirements: Submit a one page letter giving the URL any other information you would like the judges to consider and a check for \$75\* with each entry.

### **CATEGORY Z - Other Presentations and Creative Ideas:**

Types: This can be anything from a report to a walk through - anything you are proud of and would like to share with the design community. It can be as simple as a building detail or as complicated as a design-build proposal for a multi-story building that you feel was well presented. An unusual, but acceptable, entry would be software to automatically co-ordinate CAD and Specifications. An entry CAN NOT be the design of an entire building (there are design awards for this type of entry) nor a complete set of working drawings.

Requirements: Three (3) copies and a check for \$75\* with each entry. Call if the entry is not a printed document or is more than 100 pages.

## **STUDENTS:**

Students are encouraged to enter any work they have done. Student entries will be judged along with all other entries. The project can be hypothetical. If there are 5 or more student entries, there will be a cash award of \$250.00 for the best student entry. If 12 or more students enter, there will be an additional second place award of \$150.00. A student's work in a team project is acceptable (include a note of exactly what you did along with the names and addresses of the other team members).

\* = The first entry (in Categories W, X, Y, and Z) for each student is free and each additional entry is \$25 (in lieu of \$75). A student must be registered at a University in pursuit of a professional degree.

## **AWARD LEVELS:**

- Honor Award:** CSI's highest award, recognizing outstanding achievement.
- Honorable Mention:** Exceptional entries with limited deficiencies.
- Merit Award:** Entries that use new or unusual approaches or handle specific conditions in a particularly effective manner.

## **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- You do not have to be a member of The Construction Specification Institute to submit an entry.
- Entries must have been produced after January 1, 2007; however, entries in Categories W, X, Y, and Z do not have a time limit.
- Deadline for submittals is a Monday, February 16, 2009 postmark.
- Make check (for each entry in Categories W, X, Y or Z) payable to "Gulf States Region CSI." (Multiple entries will be accepted)
- Decision of the judges will be final.
- Entries will not be returned. CSI GSR will not be responsible for lost or damaged entries.
- Winning entries will receive one award framed certificate. Additional certificates and frames are available for a nominal fee.
- Awards will be presented at the Gulf States Region CSI Conference Awards in Ocean Springs, MS on May 16, 2009.

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### **Membership Fee:**

\$195 Institute plus \$35 Chapter = \$230/yr.  
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## ACOUSTICALLY ENHANCED GYPSUM BOARD DESIGNED FOR HIGH STC WALL ASSEMBLIES



AIA/CES Registered Provider Program Summary  
Provider: National Gypsum  
Program Number: NGC025

**LENGTH:** 1 Hour

**CREDITS:** 1

**HSW:** Yes

### DESCRIPTION

Over the years sound transmission in wall partitions has been a difficult issue to resolve. The use of sound resilient metal channels, double stud and staggered stud walls filled with insulation was the design professional's choice. As a result of innovation and a better understanding of acoustics, additional products are now available for the design of high STC wall assemblies.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

Participants of this course will learn about the different sound resilient assemblies available for the design and construction of high STC wall partitions. We will also discuss fire rated assemblies, area separation walls and other wall partitions that require reduced sound transmission from space to space. At the end of this presentation participants will have a better understanding of conventional construction methods as well as an innovative means of decreasing sound transmission while increasing valuable square footage.

### HOW TAUGHT

The facilitator utilizes a PowerPoint presentation. Samples, test data and exercises are used based on the topic of discussion. The program concludes with an optional ten question quiz. This course may also be taken online at no charge. Go to [nationalgypsum.com](http://nationalgypsum.com) – click on **Continuing Education**.

### A/V NEEDED

Electrical power and a screen for the PowerPoint presentation.

### TARGETED AUDIENCE

Architects, Specification Writers, Design Professionals, Facility Managers, School Boards, Architecture and Design Students, Building Owners, etc. The ideal audience size can be one-on-one or over 50. This program meets every experience level, with time designed into the program for questions and answers.

### FACILITATOR QUALIFICATIONS

Certified presenters only.

### COST

There is no cost to bring this program into your firm or chapter.

### OTHER

NGC offers Certificates of Participation for reciprocating association members.

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### January 15

CSI Awards Nominations Due: Fellowship, Institute Awards, Dale C. Moll Student Activity Fund, The Michelangelo Award

### January 28

FREE CDT Certificate Informational Webinar

### January 29

FREE Leader Webinar: Selling at Combat Speed

### January 30

## New Year, New Career!

Happy 2009!

A new year means a new start for many people. Those who attend chapter meetings or events and do not join CSI are missing out on many benefits CSI has to offer.

CSI Leaders: share the following CSI membership promotion with prospective members in your chapters. The **deadline is February 28**. **Note: This offer is for new memberships only. It does not apply to renewals.**



### Change your career this year through CSI!

Whether you want to advance in your current field, or you're considering switching fields, CSI will help you develop the skills and network you need to succeed for only \$691—a savings of \$349\*!

Change your career in a year [now!](#) [Click](#) for details on how you can take advantage of this offer!

Through this limited time offer you'll save \$349\* and receive:

- **Registration for the Construction Documents Technology (CDT) certificate exam:** The letters "CDT" on your resume signify that you have a thorough understanding of construction documentation - a valuable skill for anyone who writes, interprets, enforces, or manages construction documents. Architects, contractors, contract administrators, material suppliers, and manufacturers' representatives are among the professionals who benefit from both the knowledge the CDT program imparts, and the recognition it brings. \$235 Early Bird Rate
- **A copy of the Project Resource Manual (PRM):** The PRM is the foundation of the CDT program and the authoritative resource for the organization, preparation, use, and interpretation of construction documents. It encompasses the entire life cycle of a facility from conception through facility management - and explains how you should deal with construction documentation every step of the way. \$236
- **Membership in CSI:** CSI members are a resource for any construction professional. Advance your career with networking opportunities at the local and national levels, and increase your technical knowledge through education programs and the opportunity to talk to other experts in your area. \$220
- **CSI Webinar - Writing Effective LEED Specifications:** Attend this webinar FREE on March 10, 2-3:30 pm ET, and learn specific and immediately applicable tools for writing effective LEED

Spring CDT and Certification Exams Early Registration Deadline  
**February 5**  
 Webinar: Construction Specifications Series - Part 1: Concept & Philosophy  
**February 12**  
 Webinar: Construction Specifications Series - Part 2: Relevance, Awareness & Relationships  
**February 19**  
 Webinar: Construction Specifications Series - Part 3: Contribution & Importance  
**February 24**  
 Webinar: Climate Change + Energy Initiatives Webinar Series Part 1: Climate Change + Implementations of Net Zero Energy Ready  
**February 26**  
 Webinar: Construction Specifications Series - Part 4: Use & Value  
**February 28**  
 Spring CDT and Certification Exams Final Registration Deadline  
**March 2**  
 Chapter Dues Deadline

specifications -- skills rarely presented in any kind of a straightforward, practical format to our industry. This 90-minute interactive education session provides you with convenient, quality learning - you'll be able to see materials, hear an instructor and ask questions in real time, expanding your knowledge. FREE!

[Get started](#) on changing your career! [Click](#) for details on how you can take advantage of this offer!

*\*Save up to \$349 by receiving the early bird member rate on the CDT, the member rate on the PRM, and the Writing Effective LEED Specifications webinar for free if you respond by February 28, 2009. Offer is good for new memberships only - offer not applicable for renewals and does not include chapter membership.*

While this promotion does not include chapter membership, chapters are encouraged to have their prospective members contact CSI Member Services at 800-689-2900 or by email at [csi@csinet.org](mailto:csi@csinet.org) to add chapter membership!

**Share this opportunity with the prospective members in your chapter and have them join CSI!**



### Does Your Chapter Serve the Industry?

*By: Richard A. Eustis, PE, FCSI, CCCA, CSC*

CSI's diverse membership makes it an ideal organization to serve the design/construction industry way beyond the local chapter. We are the only organization within our industry that will welcome anyone having any relationship to the built environment and as a result, our potential membership base is huge. However, having a diverse membership does suggest that we have a responsibility to serve the entire industry, not just those that are members.



### Appealing to Non-Members

[The Maine Chapter](#) (members pictured at right) took this into consideration when they decided to establish a chapter website. The chapter board knew it was important to be able to communicate with chapter members, but they also saw a responsibility to serve those that were not members. Chapter leaders saw an opportunity to attract new members and to serve the entire state's design and construction industries in a variety of ways. They saw an opportunity and possibility for both members and non-members to use the chapter website as a portal to any work-related information.

### Website Maintenance

The chapter also realized that the creation of a website was the easy part; much more difficult would be the required maintenance. Any website is the public face of the owner, and this is a place where first impressions are extremely important. If one visits any organization's website and the first view is an announcement of an activity that has already occurred or a listing of last-year officers, the impression is that the material is out of date -- so why look at other items? The chapter realized that it would be difficult to ensure that no obsolete information was ever displayed, but decided that by dating every page, the currency would be known.

### A Collaboration of Chapter Meetings

The chapter looked for information that would be of value to Maine's design/construction industry that was not readily available in other locations to put on the chapter's website or in its hot links. Chapter leaders

also asked the membership what would benefit the individual members if it was available through the chapter website. Although not every suggestion could be incorporated, a large number were. As a result, the Maine Chapter website includes:

- A listing of meetings of many other Maine professional organizations
- The only online information about the “Maine Construction Bid Depository System”
- Registration forms for the “Maine Concrete Testing Technicians” exam
- Links to a variety of national, regional and local professional and trade associations
- Links to a variety of information sources on construction products and construction regulations.
- It even includes links to computer virus and computer hoax information sources!

### **Increase Intra-Chapter Communication**

While attempting to serve Maine design and construction professionals, the chapter’s website has attempted to increase communications within the chapter and with other chapters. The website includes the chapter on-line newsletter in HTML format, which can be easily modified, if appropriate, between normal publication cycles. It includes chapter meeting information including “Meeting Reservation Forms”, and it includes the online directory of the chapter membership. If “Hot Items” are added to the website, the membership is notified by email of the new material. Notification of the posting of a new newsletter to the chapter website is distributed the chapter membership as well as to more than 150 individuals outside the chapter.

### **Online Surveys**

This past fall, the Maine Chapter did an on-line survey of its membership with a response rate of more than 40 percent. Every member that responded, even those that had not attended a chapter meeting during the previous 12 months, indicated they normally visited the chapter website on average, twice a month. The chapter’s website provider distributes an extensive monthly statistical report covering the use of the chapter website. These reports show that as a chapter of approximately 100 members, we average in excess of 750 unique visitors each month to the chapter website with only about 25% entering by way of the home page, which is the only page advertised. On average, more than 40 visitors return 5 or more times in a month.

### **Take Pride in Your Public Face**

It is clear from the monthly statistics and the comments received from both chapter members and non-members, the Maine Chapter is providing a service to Maine’s design/construction industry. It has attracted non-members to some of the chapter’s monthly educational programs and has contributed to the maintenance of membership levels.

If your chapter has a website, is it serving the intended audience and can you take pride in your public face? The Maine Chapter can take pride in its public face as it is accomplishing the original intent of the chapter board and is providing a service to Maine’s design/construction industry.

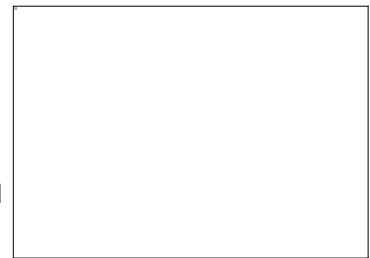
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## Ten Tips for Optimizing LinkedIn

By: *Barbara Safani*

With over 25 million members, LinkedIn has grown to become a very powerful business and career management tool. Many are using it, but few have really optimized its value. Here are ten tips for creating a strong online presence.



1. **Take the time to create a robust profile.** Write a summary section that clearly outlines your personal brand and value add and gets readers jazzed up about what you do. Build out the specialties section and make it keyword rich and industry relevant. Many profiles on LinkedIn are just a shell with a name and an abbreviated chronology. You would never submit a resume to a potential employer that only listed employment, so why would you use this tactic on-line when your information is available for millions of people to see?
2. **Use the endorsements feature to request and offer endorsements.** People are more likely to contact you if you can prove that others have been satisfied with your work, product, or services. Adding endorsements can expedite the decision making process.
3. **Keep your profile up to date.** People who use LinkedIn for a job search campaign often abandon the tool after they find new employment. By keeping your information up to date, you are more likely to keep your network strong and be able to reciprocate to others.
4. **Educate your connections.** If people join LinkedIn and don't invite others, they won't get as much out of the tool and will remain several degrees apart from the people they want to meet.
5. **LinkedIn doesn't replace traditional networking, it facilitates it.** Always supplement your on-line efforts with face-to-face networking.
6. **Use the questions and answers feature to start conversations, create community, and position yourself as a subject matter expert.** By answering questions, you are simultaneously endorsing your candidacy and expertise.
7. **Don't add a connection that you would not feel comfortable introducing to someone already in your network.** Having 500 connections doesn't have much value if you can't share the love.
8. **Don't use the invitation to connect templates.** They lack authenticity and are inferior when compared to a personalized message from you.
9. **Create a public profile.** This is an easy way to start building an on-line presence for yourself, since LinkedIn ranks high in the search engines. Add a vanity URL for greater differentiation.
10. **Take advantage of resources that can help you optimize your LinkedIn profile including:**  
<http://www.linkedintelligence.com>,  
<http://blog.linkedin.com>,  
[http://blog.guykawasaki.com/2007/01/linkedin\\_profile.html](http://blog.guykawasaki.com/2007/01/linkedin_profile.html), <http://www.happyabout.info/linkedinhelp.php>, and  
<http://www.happyabout.info/onlinenetworking.php>

You can keep your LinkedIn presence healthy and strong by reviewing and updating the content frequently, sending and accepting new invitations, offering and requesting endorsements, and posing and answering questions. Try to spend at least 30 minutes per week managing your LinkedIn presence. Your persistence will pay off.

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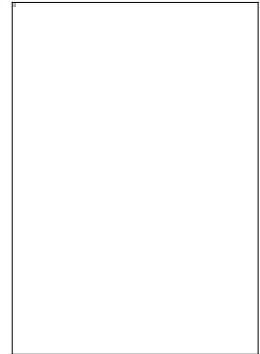
Join CSI's group and CSI's Specifier's Practice Group on LinkedIn! Visit [www.linkedin.com](http://www.linkedin.com), create a free profile, and then search for "CSI" under "Groups."



## CSI Strategic Planning - Some Quick Member Survey Results

A key component of this year's strategic planning process is ensuring that CSI members are providing as much input as possible. One opportunity for that input occurred in December when more than 2,300 CSI members (16% +/-) responded to an online survey.

Examining the survey results, it is immediately apparent that the main reason CSI members join and remain members is to keep informed on construction industry news/information and to have access to specific technical knowledge. I don't think this result is too surprising to any CSI leader. Yet, it is invaluable to have our gut instinct confirmed that CSI remains strongly rooted as a technical organization.



A second important finding is confirmation that CSI members highly value the chapter experience. Half of our members indicated that they derive their primary value from CSI at the chapter level; 25 percent indicated from national activities and 25 percent from both.

CSI chapters are essential in providing the highly valued networking and technical knowledge transfer that every CSI member needs to effectively grow as a construction professional.

Our chapters are CSI's delivery system to our members and the communities they live and work in. To many in local construction communities across the country, these chapters are their first stop for expertise in the things CSI is known for.

Everything a chapter does (welcoming new members, professional certification exam preparation classes, financial management, quality, local industry-related, education topics at meetings and seminars, etc.) contributes to the value of chapter membership...it is not the exclusive domain of the chapter membership committee (often consisting of one person) or the chapter president. All chapter leaders must realize their ability to contribute to CSI's success!

As a CSI leader you can continue to assist in the strategic planning effort by participating when feedback is requested and by encouraging your chapter members to participate, too. Our [strategic planning discussion forum](http://www.csinet.org/forums) (and many others) are open on CSINet at [www.csinet.org/forums](http://www.csinet.org/forums). (CSI members must log in to the strategic planning forum.) Additional surveys are likely in the near future to dig deeper on specific issues.

E-mail the Strategic Planning Task Team through Chairman and [Former CSI President Gene Valentine](#), FCSI, CCS, AIA or me at [wmarlowe@csinet.org](mailto:wmarlowe@csinet.org). The team appreciates your thoughts on what CSI is doing well, what we're not doing so well, and where we need to focus in the future.

Thanks for your continued leadership!

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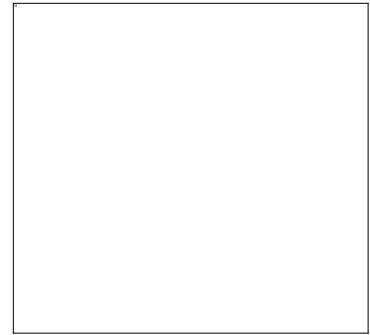
P.S. - If your chapter has done recent surveys or other market research within your area that could benefit the effort, please feel free to forward the information to my attention.

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### CSI FY 2010 Call for Volunteers Now Open

Are you interested in advancing your career, improving your professional skills, broadening your construction industry knowledge and increasing your professional network?

If the answer is YES, consider volunteering for a CSI national committee or task team!



CSI is now planning for the 2010 fiscal year (July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010). You can be part of the team! CSI is looking for dedicated members with diverse backgrounds and experience levels, and an enthusiasm for improving the construction industry. Time commitments vary depending on the committee or task team. Responsibilities may include a combination of email correspondence, online collaboration, teleconferences and face-to-face meetings.

The CSI Board is forming task teams and committees to address many topics, including:

- Sustainability
- Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Education
- Certification
- Membership Recruitment & Retention
- Technical Documents & Services

See a list of [committees and task teams](#).

To volunteer, go to [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org), login and click "Volunteer!" under your name. Applications will be accepted through February 15, 2009.

Member participation is the heart of CSI. We look forward to hearing from you!

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## Certification 101 for Chapters - Present This at Your Meeting!

Not all of your chapter members have attained the CDT, CCS, CCCA, or CCPR certifications. CSI credentials are evidence of professional commitment, credibility and reliability to employers, colleagues and clients.



Present this quick and easy PowerPoint in the first 5 minutes of your next chapter meeting to give your members and guests a quick overview or refresher course of CSI's Certification Programs.

[Download](#) the PowerPoint, available in the "[Download](#)" area" of the Chapter and Region Leaders section of CSINet. You can also download the PowerPoint to your FY09 Leader Flash Drive!

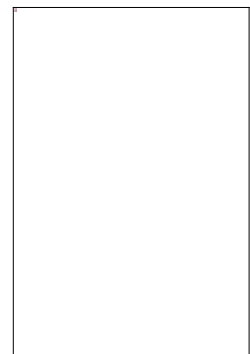
Invite your chapter members to attend a [FREE CDT Certificate Informational Webinar](#) on Wednesday, January 28, 2009 from 1:00PM to 2:00PM. The webinar will cover the benefits of the CDT certificate, as well as the resources and preparation involved in the examination process. [Register now.](#)



## Chapters Celebrating 50 Years in 2009!

Congratulations to the following chapters, celebrating their golden anniversaries!

- [Birmingham](#)—Chartered May, 1959
- [Denver](#)—Chartered May, 1959
- [Knoxville](#)—Chartered May, 1959
- [New Orleans](#)—Chartered May, 1959
- [Richmond](#)—Chartered May, 1959
- [Tampa Bay](#)—Chartered June, 1959
- [Memphis](#)—Chartered August, 1959
- [Baltimore](#)--Chartered September, 1959
- [Jacksonville](#)—Chartered September, 1959
- [Kansas City](#)—Chartered November, 1959



## Member Referral Update

Look who's on top this month! More than 240 new members have been recruited so far. Thanks for referring new members to CSI!

### Region

West: 30  
Middle Atlantic: 30  
Southeast: 27  
North Central: 26  
Northeast: 23  
Southwest: 21  
Northwest: 19  
Gulf States: 19  
South Central: 17



Great Lakes: 14

**Chapter**

Albuquerque: 10  
Suncoast: 8  
San Diego: 8  
Puget Sound: 7  
Chicago: 7

**Individuals**

Jason Burke, CSI: 5  
Dennis Hall, CSI, CDT: 4  
Scott Hewlett, CSI, CDT: 4  
Scott Tobias, CSI, CDT, AHC: 4

Information on CSI’s Member Referral Campaign can be found [here](#).  
Members who refer new members will be entered in a sweepstakes drawing.  
To be entered, ensure that your recruits include your member number on  
the [FY09 membership enrollment form](#) they complete.



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