



Hello CSI Phoenix Chapter

I bet you're all happy that Fall has arrived. I know my family and I am.

We have a fantastic event planned for this Thursday evening at Ironwood Mills. Come for an evening of socializing, food and drinks, and an exciting presentation by Scott Mills on the lifecycle and recycling of local problem trees into high-end furniture.

Additionally, CSI National Conference is this month. I'll be attending and accepting the Outstanding Chapter Commendation on behalf of all of you. We are part of a small group of chapters to have achieved Gold Level Status by winning this award for over 20 years straight. With all the hard work and planning that has gone into scheduling this years programs and events I'm sure we will win it again this year.

In our strive to increase Chapter membership, I'd like to announce our 2026 Membership Sweepstakes. We have an opportunity for our members to win a nice cash prize at our end of the year awards banquet simply by recruiting and sponsoring 1 or more new members during our fiscal year. New members are also eligible to win a cash prize.

Some basic guidelines of the Sweepstakes are.....

- Any current member that recruits a new member to our chapter gets entered into the drawing along with their new recruit.
- Unlimited entries. Recruit as many new members as you can.
- There will be an 80/20 split of jackpot between the Sponsor and their recruit respectively.
- A new member joining on their own initiative is eligible for 100% of jackpot.

I am currently seeking at least 4 more \$100 sponsors to provide a minimum \$500 Sweepstakes jackpot. Financial sponsors will receive recognition at our events and my newsletters with monthly updates. Thank you to APF Polymer Surfaces for making the first donation.

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