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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Magic CSI Eight Ball Says...

Kevin Vaughn



Wouldn't it be nice to know what the future holds?

Many of us may remember shaking the "Magic Eight Ball" to questions of our youth and getting answers like, "You May Rely On It", "Don't Count on It", and "Signs Point to Yes". If only we could shake an Eight Ball each day and get direction on our lives, our profession, and any other matters we question.

If we asked a Magic CSI Eight Ball about the future of our CSI Chapter, what would it say? I think it would say something like, "Outlook Good". Our Chapter certainly has its challenges, but all in all, we are moving along in a very positive direction.

We've just elected a brand new slate of leaders, each of whom brings enormous talent and enthusiasm to the Chapter. The annual ProSpec seminar, presentation, and trade show happened last week in Seattle and was yet another resounding success, due in large part to the efforts of Julie Taylor and her amazing ProSpec Committee.

This year we have had some great past events and the topics have been extremely interesting and informative. Each time we have a meeting, my only regret is that more of our members aren't there to see and hear these amazing presentations. Though a presentation was not scheduled this March due to ProSpec, it was a lot of fun to enjoy some purely social time with fellow members at the "St. Patrick's Day" themed social we held earlier in March, and in past months at the kickoff member social and the PSCCSI Holiday Party.

There have been plenty of challenges to be sure, but our Chapter is making progress and is moving at full throttle toward reinventing itself to increase its relevancy and to provide even more value to our membership.

My constructive and earnest advice to our members is to remind you all that if you are on the sidelines, watching invitations come into your inbox yet not attending, I encourage you to come to these presentations, get involved, get active with the Chapter. Attend one of these joint chapter events, reach out to board members, and see where your individual talents can be utilized for the benefit of our Chapter. In order to be successful, we need each and every member to be active and engaged. It's what makes volunteer organizations thrive.

So let's shake the Eight Ball once more and ask this question: "Do I as a member of the Puget Sound Chapter of CSI have something to offer the organization?" The Magic CSI Eight Ball says, "Without a Doubt"!

Looking forward to seeing everyone at April's Chapter Meeting!

SEEKING VOLUNTEERS:



All Volunteer Opportunities Listed are for the Communications Committee

POSITION:

Reporter #1, odd months.

• COMMITMENT:

Write 3 articles, 1 due every other month over a 6 month period.

POSITION:

Reporter #2, even months

• COMMITMENT:

Write 3 articles, 1 due every other month over a 6 month period.

Articles can be about anything: a building undergoing renovation in your neighborhood, what you learned exploring a local fabricator's capabilities, or you could make an appointment with a superintendent at their jobsite trailer to find out what that particular GC is doing from an innovation standpoint. The more local the content, the better!

POSITION:

Videographer or even an iPhone guru.

• COMMITMENT:

Record dinner meeting speakers, once a month for two months.

Fear not, the videographer will be assisted to ensure we capture intelligible audio and can be submitted to the Communications Committee unedited.

Let's talk about how CSI can make this a good fit for you; please contact: Leah Wollard, Communications Chair [EMAIL](#)

Save the Dates

April 13, 2019 Celebrate Earth Day with CSI

Location: Magnuson Park, 7400 Sand Point Way NE

Summary of Program:

- Do you feel like a kid again when you play in the dirt?
- Do you want to learn gardening tips you can bring back home?
- Are you passionate about Seattle and in preserving our public park systems?
- Are you interested in giving back to ensure a more sustainable future for our planet?
- PSC CSI is partnering with EarthCorps and the Green Seattle Partnership to volunteer in one of Seattle's greatest parks, Warren G. Magnuson. Located near a mile-long stretch of Lake Washington's shoreline in northeastern Seattle, the event will focus on restoring forested park land by removing aggressive weeds and spreading mulch. Bonus: It is a free workout!
- Afterward, come join us for no-host refreshments at the kid-friendly Burke Gilman Brewery.

- **Youth Policy:** Youth under the age of 14 must be accompanied by a parent, guardian, or responsible adult. All volunteers between the ages of 14 and 17 that are not with a parent or guardian must bring a filled out [Youth Waiver](#) the day of the event.

- **To Register:** Please email Erika Anderson at erika@anderson-specialities.com.

- Food and Drink No-Host Refreshments: Burke Gilman Brewery

- Parking, cost of parking, and/or list of buses serving location:
- Buses 52, 74 and 75 stop near the entrance.
- For parking options as low as \$3 per hour, go to DowntownSeattleParking.com

April 18, 2019 Lunchtime Chapter Meeting

Location: Kell's Irish Restaurant and Bar 1916 Post Alley, Seattle, WA 98101

Speaker is Richard Green, Principal of FRONT Consulting LLC and presentation is "Specifying Award Winning Facades"

More information to come.

2019-2020 Board of Directors Announcement

Congratulations to our newly elected 2019-2020 Board of Directors officers! Next season's Board of Directors will be:

- **Past President:** Kevin Vaughn, The Euclid Chemical Corporation
- **President:** Melissa Balestri, Applied Building Information
- **President-Elect:** April Stokesberry, Duradek Northwest
- **Vice President:** Mary Ann Shepherd, Applied Building Information
- **Secretary:** Erika Anderson, Anderson Specialties
- **Treasurer:** Justin Bise, MG2
- **Director:** Robert Temple, Hafele America Co.
- **Director:** Susan Williams, PPG Paints
- **Director:** Rudy Jarvis, Hilti North America
- **Director:** David Landrey, MASCO/Masons Supply Company
- **Student Affiliate:** Jake Reining, Lake Washington Institute of Technology

We're all looking forward to working with you next season!

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Technically...

John Aldredge of LMN on the Origin of Words

Recently I was thinking about geometry (which Architects do regularly) and got to wondering:

trapezoid - a quadrilateral (four-sided) plane figure having two parallel and two nonparallel sides. Trapezium in Britain. C18: from New Latin *trapezoidēs*, from Late Greek *trapezoidēs* trapezium-shaped, from *trapeza* table.

rhombus - an oblique-angled equilateral parallelogram; any equilateral parallelogram except a square. 1560s, from Late Latin *rhombus*, from Greek *rhombos* "rhombus, rhomb, lozenge; spinning top, magic wheel used by sorcerers; a spinning motion," from *rhembesthai* "to spin, whirl," from PIE **wrembh-*, from **werbh-* "to turn, twist, bend"

rumba - a dance, Cuban in origin and complex in rhythm. 1919, from Cuban Spanish

rumba , originally "spree, carousal," derived from Spanish rumbo "spree, party," earlier "ostentation, pomp, leadership," perhaps originally "the course of a ship," from rombo "rhombus," in reference to the compass, which is marked with a rhombus.

square - a rectangle having all four sides of equal length. C13: from Old French esquare , from Vulgar Latin exquadra (unattested), from Latin ex 1 + quadrāre to make square; see quadrant.

rectangle - a parallelogram having four right angles. 1570s, from Middle French rectangle (16c.) and directly from Late Latin rectangulum , from rect- , comb. form of Latin rectus "right" (see right (adj.1)) + Old French angle (see angle (n.)). Medieval Latin rectangulum meant "a triangle having a right angle."

circle - a closed plane curve consisting of all points at a given distance from a point within it called the center. c.1300, "figure of a circle," from Old French cercle "circle, ring (for the finger); hoop of a helmet or barrel" (12c.), from Latin circulus "circular figure; small ring, hoop; circular orbit" (also source of Italian cerchio), diminutive of circus "ring" (see circus).

parallelogram - a quadrilateral having both pairs of opposite sides parallel to each other. C16: via French from Late Latin, from Greek parallēlogrammon, from parallēlos parallel + grammē line, related to graphein to write

oval - having the general form, shape, or outline of an egg; egg-shaped. 1570s, from Modern Latin ovalis "egg-shaped" (source of French oval , 1540s), literally "of or pertaining to an egg," from Latin ovum "egg" (see ovary). The classical Latin word was ovatus.

ellipse - a plane curve such that the sums of the distances of each point in its periphery from two fixed points, the foci, are equal. It is a conic section formed by the intersection of a right circular cone by a plane that cuts the axis and the surface of the cone. 1753, from French ellipse (17c.), from Latin ellipsis "ellipse," also, "a falling short, deficit," from Greek elleipsis (see ellipsis). So called because the conic section of the cutting plane makes a smaller angle with the base than does the side of the cone, hence, a "falling short." First applied by Apollonius of Perga (3c. B.C.E.).

BONUS WORD: who the heck is the "Douglas Fir" named for? David Douglas, a Scottish botanist who first reported on its characteristics. Died under mysterious circumstances at age 35 in Hawaii in 1834.

[**Click here to see the full calendar of events on the website.**](#)

