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Newsletter of the Puget Sound Chapter CSI

President's Message

Bob Mandy, CSI, AIA

I would like to start my initial president's message by thanking the past presidents and CSI Board of Directors. Their hard work, dedication and foresight has enabled the Puget Sound Chapter to withstand some challenging times. I would like to also thank everyone in the chapter who has offered their support and encouragement as I begin my new role.



For those of you who don't yet know me, please allow me to introduce myself and provide highlights of my professional experience. My background includes over fifteen years of industry experience in architecture and construction, early in my career. Then in 1996, I relocated from the Hudson Valley (NY) to the Seattle area. For more than 20 years, I have held my current position as Professor at Lake Washington Institute of Technology (LWTech), where I cofounded the Center for Architecture, Design & Engineering. During my tenure at LWTech, I was responsible for the development of a fully transferable Associates of Applied Science Degree in Architectural Technology. As a result of my varied experience, I believe that I will bring a unique perspective to the chapter president role.

I feel very fortunate to have been a member of the Puget Sound Chapter since 1999, and to have had an opportunity to get to know so many great individuals along the way. The Puget Sound Chapter is comprised of a truly amazing and diverse group of caring professionals representing every facet of the built environment. My involvement with the chapter these past 18 years has benefited me

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EVENTS CALENDAR 2016-2017 Chapter Program Topics

September 20, 2017
Dinner Meeting : Seattle
Tunnel Project

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both professionally as well as personally. Thus I'm very excited, honored and humbled to lead our chapter forward. I would like our chapter to focus on several areas over the coming year including the following:

- Education- technical, innovation, applications
- Membership, outreach, emerging professionals
- Meeting venues and format
- Expanding our social media presence
- Expanding partnerships with other professional organizations
- Fun!!Lots...

"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much"(Helen Keller) I am grateful to be part of an incredible team. I am pleased to introduce the **2017-18 CSI Chapter Board Members:**

Our Past President, Bill Littler, ArchiTextures;

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We have begun planning topics for next year so please stay tuned, it's going to be an exciting year filled of learning activities! If you have not been involved with our chapter recently- please consider becoming an active member again! By doing so, you will open yourself to new professional opportunities, while also building both personal and professional relationships. You will be networking with the movers and shakers of the Puget Sound Construction Industry! If you are new to the Seattle area, or are an emerging professional, CSI is your opportunity knocking... One of our main goals is to provide value for your participation, while at the same time... have some fun!! Have a great summer and I hope we'll see you in September...

Save the Date - April 10, 2018

The keynote speaker has been confirmed and will be announced in September. Hint: The speaker is currently working on a project at the University of Washington.

Last year all exhibitor tables sold out before January. This year we are accepting four sponsors who want to step up their contribution to CSI and receive outstanding recognition in return. Becoming a sponsor is an economically efficient way to show your support for the Puget Sound Chapter of CSI. Standard and Premium Exhibitor opportunities are also available. Contact the ProSpec Committee Chair, [Julie Taylor](#) for more information.

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Articles must be

Attend the next CSI meeting for a ProSpec update!

The Value of Meeting Face to Face

Beth Stroshane

Every year I have the conversation with myself about the value of going to regional and national convention. As convention nears my family starts to get nervous about Mom being gone for a week and I try frantically to finish enough work so I can focus on education and networking while I'm there. I start to dread the plane flights and the cab rides and the feeling I get from too much food and too little water and exercise. I start to add up the cost for lost production hours, the hotel, the food and the plane flight and I start to question if it is really worth it.

Then I go to convention and I realize again that it is worth it. I re-connect with people doing the same thing I'm doing only in California, Canada and Florida. I learn about their new ideas that they arrived at because they are looking at the world from a slightly different perspective. I trade my preliminary project description files for specifications about delegated design. I get ideas from other chapter leaders that are doing new things in their CSI chapters. I present my ideas about the future of specifications and get feedback that allows me to broaden my thinking. I chat with an attorney about design assist over lunch and learn something I would never have figured out on my own. I wonder around the show floor and run into the product rep for roof pedestals and learn why I would spec one system vs the other. I see a product I didn't know existed that allows a project team to pour, stain, and polish underlayment over cross laminated timber so areas of a building can look like concrete. [Read More.](#)

Chapter Meeting Quick Pitches

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There are presently openings next Fall for 10-minute Quick Pitches for our chapter meetings. The cost is \$150. Any member or non-member can present. If interested, contact Dick Owen for questions or to reserve your date. This is a great opportunity to introduce our chapter members to you, your products, or services.

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September Chapter Programs

September 20th Dinner Meeting: Date Change

Due to **CSI Construct 2017** occurring on our normal second Thursday of the month, we have rescheduled our regular September meeting. The new date is: **September 20th**, please mark your calendars!

We are excited to announce our September Kick-Off Meeting begins with a site tour at the Seattle Tunnel Project, at 4:00 PM. Following

the tour, we will have dinner at Ivar's Acres of Clams, Pier 54. After dinner, there will be a presentation about the Seattle Tunnel Project. You're not going to want to miss this one! More information coming soon.

Other BIG news: The new location for our regular CSI - Puget Sound Chapter Monthly Meetings is: **Ivar's Acres of Clams** (PIER 54), 1001 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98104

Tech Talks and Tech Walks

We're not afraid to shake things up in the Education Committee, especially when it comes to Tech Talks and Tech Walks. Sometimes that results in something spectacular, like incredible tours of buildings under construction, and sometimes that results in spectacular failures, such as events cancelled because others aren't quite as excited to attend as we are (ie. due to lack of attendance). But we keep trying because we believe in quality programs that can help educate our industry. This season we want you to be so excited about our Tech Walks and Tech Talks that they're on your calendar months ahead of time. In order to do that, we need to know what you want to see, hear or do!

Each Tech Talk or Walk this season will be focused on the same Division as the dinner program. We're trying to steer away from your typical Lunch and Learn content and possibly throw in some interactive activities.

Though by the time you read this our Tech Talk and Walk topics will be determined, we still need your feedback. What do you want to see from us? Which buildings or plants do you want to tour (and do you have a contact there)? Do you want to sponsor lunch for a Tech Talk? Did you see any spectacular speakers you think our membership would enjoy? Please email your ideas to Melissa.Balestri@zgf.com with CSI in the subject line. Thanks in advance! We hope to make this a memorable year for CSI education. Have a wonderful summer.



The Puget Sound Chapter CSI has a separate organization, the Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation, established in 2007, whose purpose is to provide scholarships, fellowships, and grants to promote educational programs serving the interest of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute, the construction industry, and related endeavors, which support the objectives of CSI. The Foundation is administered by a volunteer board composed of willing past presidents of the Puget Sound Chapter. Brad Williamson is the current president of the Foundation Board. Any individual or organization can contribute tax deductible donations to the Foundation by sending a check made out to the Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation and mailing to the Puget Sound Chapter office: 2150 N. 107th St., Suite 205, Seattle, WA 98133-9009, Phone: (206) 382-3393 (The Foundation is a 501(c)(3) organization). Donations in the past have been used for scholarship awards to candidates selected on the basis of recommendations by the Foundation Board and by Chapter members. The Foundation is always interested in your fund raising ideas and financial support to promote the Foundations objectives.

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- A diversified membership base of allied professionals involved in the creation and management of the built environment. Join us.
- Continuous development and transformation of standards and formats.
- Education and certification of professionals to improve project delivery processes.
- Creation of practice tools to assist users throughout the facility life-cycle. Join a CSI Practice Group.

CSI is governed by a Board of Directors, a nationally elected body that provides long-range strategic leadership. The Board is composed of nationally elected CSI officers, including the board chair, president-elect, two vice presidents, the secretary, and the treasurer; elected representatives (directors) from each of CSI's 10 regions; and a director at large. CSI's CEO is a corporate officer.

For more information about or to join CSI, visit www.csinet.org/joincsi, or call 800-689-2900.

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