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Newsletter of the Puget Sound Chapter CSI

Upcoming Chapter Programs

February 7th Tech Walk:

"Super Cool Gyp Board Machine" Demonstration

A recent email to the Specifier Share Group linked to a video of a "super cool gyp board machine" that several contractors in Seattle are currently using. It's a revolutionary system that makes creating intricate shapes and assemblies from drywall much more affordable. Projects requiring a lot of manual cutting or complex curves have always been time-consuming. Now even the most challenging assemblies can be completed more efficiently with less finishing, less labor, and fewer materials.

Our tour will be held at and is sponsored by Mehrer Drywall, a 45+-year-old family-run company. They employ approximately 185 metal framers, drywall tapers, acoustical mechanics, stockers, drivers, and office personnel.

Check out this [Panel Max video!](#)

[**Register Today!**](#)

February 8th Dinner Meeting:

Cracking the Ceramic Tile Code

Our February 8th Dinner Meeting topic will be presented by Mike Ericson, who has 18 years of experience as a Commercial Sales Representative for Daltile and is the current President of Flooring Association NW. Mike has held a CFE Designation (Certified Fraud Examiner) from the World Floor Covering Association, has been a LEED Green Associate, and has earned a Certificate in Construction Management from the University of Washington.

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Mike will define ceramic tile products and usages, present industry standards and test methods, and discuss new industry guidelines for large format tile. Installation problems and how to prevent them will also be covered. This is your opportunity to get up to speed on what is happening in the ceramic tile industry, so plan on attending and bring someone as a guest from your office so they too can see the benefits of CSI.

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Get Social With CSI Networking Event - Learn About CSI

Join CSI Puget Sound chapter members for an evening of networking with industry professionals.

Thursday, February 22, 5:00 - 8:00 pm

STOUT Pub Capitol Hill

1530 11th Avenue, Seattle WA 98122

RSVP: Susan Williams (e) suwilliams@ppg.com

You should be a member of CSI if you are an architect, specifier, product representative, contractor, or any other kind of construction professional and you want to know more than your piece of a project.

President's Message

Bob Mandy, CSI, AIA

You've heard the Confucius saying: "Choose a job you love, and you will never have to work a day in your life." Passion for your work is all about motivation, taking pride in a job well done, and feeling rewarded for your efforts and achievements. Passion for your work can make an impact you may never experience if you choose to go about your work half-heartedly and with mediocre commitment. **There's**

something infectious and likable about someone who



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displays an obvious passion for their work, particularly when the enthusiasm is anchored in fixing, improving or innovating around something meaningful to others and to their industry. When reflecting on the role of Specifications Writer, I began seeking and questioning CSI members who outwardly show passion for writing construction specifications. Their leadership in the industry is not measured just by their own success, but by the wisdom and experience they share in setting the standards for future generations.

Thank you, Melissa Balestri, Beth Stroshane, Julie Taylor, Anne Whitacre, and Brad Williamson, for contributing by answering the following questions regarding your role relating to construction specifications! Collectively, their wisdom and knowledge total more than 100 years of industry experience. [Read More](#)

Save the Date!

March 7 Tech Talk: O.B. Williams Tour

[O.B. Williams Company](#) is the industry's benchmark for high-quality custom architectural millwork including cabinets, doors and windows, paneling and molding. Founded in Fairhaven, WA, O.B. Williams has been manufacturing custom architectural millwork of all descriptions for high-end private residences and landmark commercial buildings for more than 125 years. Please join us for lunch (sponsored by O.B. Williams) and a tour of their workshop. Space is limited to 15 people.

[Learn More](#)

CCPR Study Group: New This Year!

A virtual study group for CSI's Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR) exam will begin **Friday, February 16th** and will run for 7 consecutive weeks through **Friday, March 30th**. Time of day will be determined depending on participation.

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This new study group has been opened up to nationwide participation at the request of CSI and may involve participants from multiple time zones.

Make sure to join us by remote log-in on **February 9th, 12:00 PM** for an introductory webinar to get all the details!
GoToMeeting site
at: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/302129365>
Phone: +1 (646) 749-3131
Access Code: 302-129-365

January's Chapter: Meeting Minutes

Leah A. Wollard, CCS

January's joint CSI-ACI meeting started the year off the best way I know how-with videos of violent destruction in the name of progress! (And with a Quick Pitch showing a means of destruction-prevention.) After a good mingle to wet the whistle, catch up, and seek out the people you don't know but should, the dinner crowd was released to take what they may from the Ivar's spread-always hot, hearty, as healthy as you want it to be, and allergy-friendly. Here is what you missed:

Clay Goodrich, a Flood Hazard Mitigation Specialist, gave a 10-minute Quick Pitch on Smart Vent products. Clay familiarized us with a variety of foundation vent designs that open automatically, allowing flood waters to pass through, relieving hydrostatic pressure on the associated foundation. The highlight was his introduction to a point-of-use, rapid-deploying dry floodproofing "Flex-Wall"-Clay showed us a video of what appeared to be a corporate high-rise, saved from the onslaught of a 600-pound downed tree (read: dangerous debris) moving at 5 feet per second toward a quickly deployed membrane of polyester and Kevlar webbing. Having been in the military and held these samples, this is definitely something only Special Forces personnel would ever be lucky enough to have issued. Check out the [video](#) now! [Read More](#)



Chapter Meeting Quick Pitches



We currently have Quick Pitches openings for the February 8, April 12, and May 10 Chapter meetings. The Chapter charges \$150 for 10 minutes of time to present to those in attendance. A table to display your products during the social hour will be provided. Contact [Dick Owen](#) to reserve your date.

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- ProSpec
- Annual Awards Dinner

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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.

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