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**PROSPEC 2023**

### PROSPEC 2023 - Puget Sound Chapter Tradeshow



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Mark your calendars and visit the PSCCSI [event page here](#) to register for 2023 **PROSPEC**. This event has earned a reputation as the perfect combination of **technical learning, trade show presentations, and network interaction** for the AEC Puget Sound Community. Participants will engage in vendor booth displays and have opportunities to socialize, plus hear a before dinner seminar by speaker **Dawn Lehman** Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering at the University of Washington and after dinner keynote presentation by **Lakisha Ann Woods** Executive Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of AIA.

[Click here to register!](#)

**WHEN:** Tues. March 7, 2023 from 02:00 PM to 08:00 PM (PT)

**WHERE:** Bell Harbor International Conference Center | 2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98121

**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## 65TH CHAPTER ANNIVERSARY

PSC CSI was chartered on February 15, 1958

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## CHAPTER ELECTIONS

At the Feb 8th Board meeting, the Board recommended to the Membership that the **elections be postponed one month** because of a lack of a full slate of candidates. At the Feb 9 Chapter meeting the Membership agreed to the recommendation. **Nominations will now be presented at the Mar 7 Chapter meeting (ProSpec 2023)**, the Ballot will go out on or before Mar 30 and the Elections will close for tabulation at the Apr 13 chapter meeting.

The draft ballot current has:

- P – **open**
- PE – Nick Valdez\*
- VP – none (as proposed bylaws change would delete this officer)
- Sec Stephanie Shea\*
- Dir 1- 2023-2025 Charlie Calvano+
- Dir- 2 2023-2025 - **open**
- Dir- 4 2024-2025 – **open** (Nick vacating to run for PE) plus the proposed bylaws update.

Thank you new (\*) members and incumbent (+) members for stepping up! Board Leadership Training is available online here: [Board Leadership Training - Chapter & Region Leaders \(csiresources.org\)](https://csiresources.org/Board-Leadership-Training-Chapter-Region-Leaders)

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE





**David Axt, 2022-2023 PSC CSI President**

### **Why did I join CSI?**

Thirty years ago, (was it really that long ago?) I joined an organization call Puget Sound Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute. At that time, I was transitioning over from AutoCAD drafting to this thing called "specification writing". Lucky for me the older specifier left the firm and my boss was looking for someone to fill in his position. I wanted to try my had at specifying for a year or two, thinking that I need to be a more well-rounded architect.

Tim Hamilton (RIP), the Armstrong ceiling representative, invited me to a meeting of the organization at Meeker Building in the University of Washington District. There I met a lot of new and interesting people that could help me.

So here are the reasons why I joined CSI.

1. To meet other specifiers (and technical architects). I wanted to meet others in my profession that could teach me to write specifications. Since there was no senior specifier at my work, I needed to find one or two mentors in the community.
2. To meet building product representatives. I wanted to meet my local product representatives that I could call with issues or to help me specify products. As I said in my previous President's Message column, there were countless times where I met a representative one day and called them the next day for their help.
3. To learn more about products. Back then our Chapter had educational programs, technical talks, tabletops, dinner meetings and a trade show. If I was to specify products, I needed to learn as much as I could about those materials, or at least enough to be dangerous. I am still learning today.

Well, those same reasons, for joining CSI back then, still exist today. Sure, things have dramatically changed in the last 30 years. We now get a lot of our product information on the internet and online discussion forums. That said, **nothing beats a face-to-face meeting** with a real live person that has experience and knowledge and most importantly is there to help you.

The reverse is also true. I have found that older, wiser, and **more experienced members are more than willing to help educate others** and give back to the building community.

A great opportunity is coming up on March 7 at our annual ProSpec. Here you will have a chance to socialize with local product representatives, see their products and discuss issues. The local product representatives will have an opportunity to meet local design professionals who specify or will specify their products. There will be educational opportunities with a seminar and keynote speaker. More details on how to register are enclosed in this newsletter. Bring a bunch of business cards (do people still use those?). **I hope to see you there!**

**David G. Axt CCS, CSI, SCIP** *PSC CSI Chapter President 2022-2023*

## PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

### INTRODUCING: BOX RIB Precision Series Wall Panel Systems by Pac-Clad/Petersen

The Precision Series of architectural wall panels includes twelve profiles that provide architects and designers with creative flexibility by combining bold visual effects with easy, cost-effective installation. Multiple profiles are available with a variety of rib patterns in two depths. Each profile is offered in a no-clip (fastener flange) option, or a clip-fastened panel to accommodate thermal expansion and contraction. All Precision Series panels can connect to each other if desired.

Click on the image below to watch a YouTube video about this product.



Want more information? Contact Pac-Clad/Petersen.



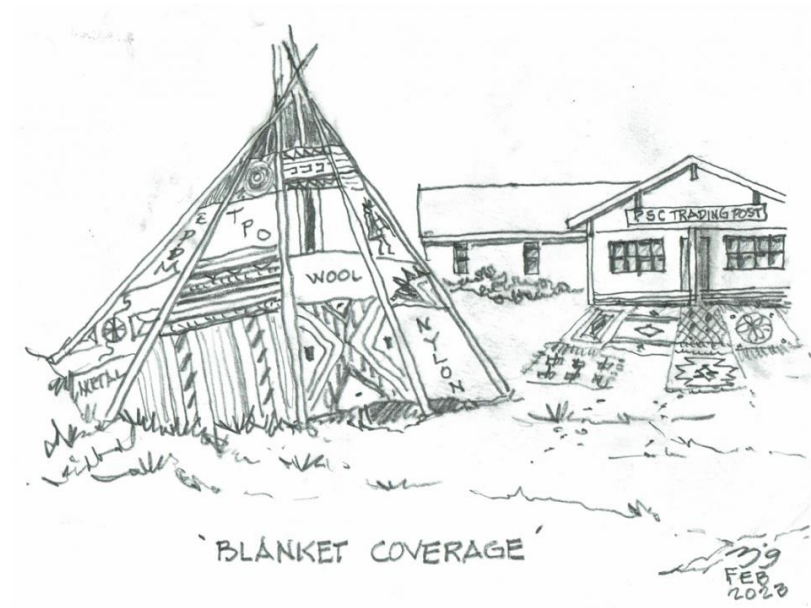
## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

2022-2023 Season events are currently being planned. Watch our website [psccsi.org](https://psccsi.org) for upcoming information on the following and more:

- [ProSpec 2023](#) - Chapter Tradeshow: March 7 from 2:00-8:00pm
- [Ballot Closure](#) - Chapter Meeting: April 13 from 5:30-7:00pm
- [Art of Designing Radio Stations by ORA Architects](#)- Chapter Meeting: May 11 from 5:30-7:00pm
- [Achieving Success](#) - Chapter Meeting: June 8 from 3:00-7:00pm

Additionally, monthly Board of Directors meetings will typically be held at noon on the second Thursday of each month and the Monthly NW Region Board Meeting will be held the third Thursday of each month. Please contact PSC CSI if you would like to attend these meetings as a guest.

## CHAPTER FUNNY



*Illustrated by Matt Gregory*

## INFORMATION CENTER

### **CSI MEMBER SUPPORT PROGRAM**

The Member Support Program assists members who are experiencing financial hardship resulting from COVID-19 or related economic impact, cannot pay CSI dues, and want to maintain their membership.

[Please click HERE for the FAQs.](#)

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### **VOLUNTEERS**

PSC CSI is looking for people to chip in to help plan and execute all kinds of things- even brainstorming! New or old, shy or bold... [EMAIL PSC CSI FOR MORE INFO!](#)

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## COVID-19

Restrictions are lifting and many events will be back in person. Please view [psccsi.org](https://psccsi.org) for more information about each event. We hope you're all staying healthy and safe.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

### CLICK BELOW TO DOWNLOAD MEETING MINUTES

- [January 2023 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [December 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [November 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [October 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [September 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [August 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [July 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
- [June 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)
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## CHAPTER LEADERS

## PSC CSI 2022-23 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

- **President:** David Axt\*, Axt Consulting LLC
- **President-Elect:** Vacant
- **Vice President:** Nora Vivarelli\*, Pacific Mat
- **Past President:** Matt Gregory\*, Architect-Planner-Specifier
- **Treasurer:** Ken Stillwell, D-SEVEN
- **Secretary:** Olivia Diaz, PPG
- **Director #1:** Charlie Calvano, Integrus Architecture
- **Director #2:** Chris Dixon, HMC Architects
- **Director #3:** Julie Taylor, Integrus Architecture
- **Director #4:** Nick Valdez, LiftMaster

\* Past Presidents

VETTED BY EXPERTS

## VETTED BY EXPERTS

To provide our members with the best return on investment, the Puget Sound Chapter has begun to accept top-rate articles, passed on from our industry experts to our members.

If you have read an article that you think would benefit others in our group, [please CLICK HERE to email us](#) to submit articles to be featured.

## HELP SUPPORT CSI'S MISSION

### PUGET SOUND CSI MEMORIAL FOUNDATION



In 2007, the Puget Sound Chapter CSI established the Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation, **a separate organization providing scholarships, fellowships, and grants to promote educational programs serving the construction industry** and related endeavors which support the interests and objectives of the Puget Sound Chapter. The Foundation is administered by a board of volunteers, composed of willing past presidents of the Puget Sound Chapter. Any individual or organization can contribute tax deductible donations to the Foundation. You can donate to the Foundation via our PayPal account:

**Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation, Inc.**

<https://www.paypal.me/PSCSIFoundation>

**Past donations have been used to award scholarships** 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 Foundation's objectives.

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- **Chapter Meeting** Sponsor
- **President's** Sponsor
- **Quarterly Product Spotlight** Sponsor

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