



## SPECTRUM

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Chapter CSI

### President's Message

*Bill Littler, CSI*

Benjamin Franklin said, "Tell me and I forget, teach me and I may remember, involve me and I learn." This is the heart of CSI - involvement and education.

The mission of CSI is to develop building information management systems and education of design teams to improve performance and function of renovated and new building construction. Education and involvement.



When I consider in whose footsteps I follow, and the diversity and talent of these former CSI presidents, I am beginning to realize what it is going to take to meet the measure of my peers' accomplishments! Many of these individuals have greater experience and a broader base of knowledge than I currently possess. However, when I consider the character of these members, it is their rectitude that encourages me.

They have the kind of character that is the heartbeat of CSI: a desire to educate others with "roll-up-the sleeves" involvement. A combination of wisdom, experience and organized support is what differentiates CSI from other organizations. CSI is not a "club" made up of elitists, but an association of diverse members committed to strengthening and improving our industry.

Many of you have expressed words of encouragement and offered your support for this coming year. You can be sure I appreciate both! My goals for this year are:

- See us encourage one another to grow professionally in our respective industries.
- See a greater role of participation by the members of CSI.

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- Come along side those coming up to take our places in our respective industries. To use today's vernacular - we should strive to pay it forward.

Let me explain. No, there is too much I could say. Let me sum up - collectively and individually we should live out the CSI mission of education and involvement.

Or in the words of Martina Navratilova, "The difference between involvement and commitment is like ham and eggs. The chicken is involved; the pig is committed." Be the pig!

## CSI Annual Awards Ceremony

*By Kelly Laleman, CSI, CCS*

The annual Puget Sound Chapter CSI Awards were held on Thursday June 9 at the Space Needle's Skyline Dining Room. After taking in the views and enjoying fantastic appetizers and dinner, awards were presented by David Landrey to the following:

**President's Citations:** *Vicki Long, Barclay Dean*

*Architectural, Melissa Balestri, ZGF, Kelly Laleman, NBBJ, Hugh Kuyper, Reid Middleton Engineering*

**Chapter Cooperation Award:** *Washington State Chapter of American Concrete Institute (accepted by Bruce Chattin on behalf ACI)*

**David E. Thomas Award:** *Jeff Herrmann, Georgia Pacific Gypsum*

Awarded to a product representative for accessibility and reliability, honest and fair product representation; willingness to render appropriate assistance in incorporation of the product(s); currency in awareness of applicable jurisdictional requirements, environmental impacts, durability, and options; dissemination of product-related knowledge; and efforts which effectively enhance the end result.

**Donald E. Paine Award:** *Julie Taylor, Integrus Architecture*

The highest award the chapter can bestow on an individual with the exception of Honorary Membership. It is awarded to an individual, excluding members of the Chapter Staff, who has rendered distinguished service to the Chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration.

The president's gavel was handed over to Bill Littler, who will serve as our Chapter president for the next year beginning on July 1. After awards concluded, there was more socializing and entertainment by the band Midlife Crisis from Maple Valley.

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View from the Skyline Dining Room.



Dave Sommer and Jeff Herrmann enjoy social hour.



Bruce Chattin of WA State Chapter of ACI accepts the Chapter Cooperation Award.



Jeff Herrmann receives the David E. Thomas Award.



Julie Taylor receives the Donald E. Paine Award.



The gavel is "handed" over to incoming Chapter president Bill Littler



Mary Ann Shepherd, Beth Stroshane, David Landrey, Julie Oxford, and Marc Chavez

Articles must be submitted by the 15th of the month for the next month's edition. Email submissions to [office@pscsci.org](mailto:office@pscsci.org).

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## Welcome New Board Members!

On July 1, our new Chapter Board Members take office. Our 2016-2017 officers are:

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## Chapter Meeting Quick Pitches



There are presently openings for 10-minute Quick Pitches for our fall 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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## Save The Date: CDT Study Group!

Seattle CDT Study Group Sessions with  
Marc Chavez, FCIS AIA - Technical Director at Perkins+Will  
Dates: 8/6, 8/13, 8/20, and 8/27  
Time: 8am - Noon  
Location: TBD  
Registration: Coming Soon!

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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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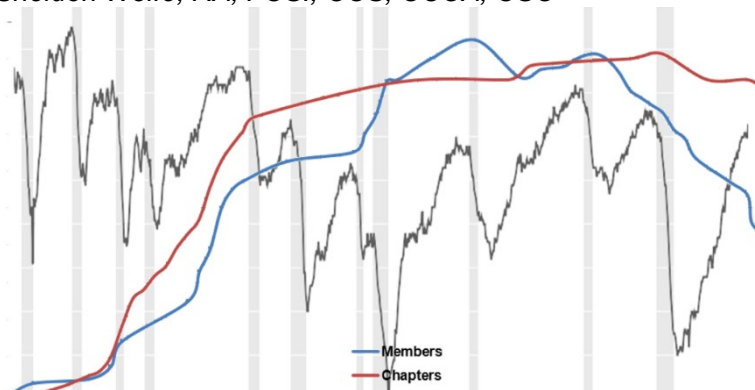
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## How Did We Get Here? Effects of the economy on membership, MythBusters edition

By Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CSC



Among the things that have been blamed for declining membership is the economy. By the time I was elected to the Institute board, membership had already fallen about fifteen percent from its peak in the late '90s, and it continued to decline. As we'll see in a moment, my

term of service on the board happened to coincide roughly with the Great Recession of 2007-2009. Membership did decline during that recession, though not as much as you might think. It's more significant that in the years leading up to that recession, the economy was good, yet membership was declining. [Read More](#)

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## Affiliate Events

### CSI Portland Chapter Annual Golf Tournament

**When:** August 25, 2016

**Where:** Lewis River Golf Course, Woodland, WA

[Learn more and register!](#)

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## About CSI

CSI is a national association of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors, facility managers, product representatives, manufacturers, owners and others who are experts in building construction and the materials used therein. They are dedicated to improving the communication of construction information through:

- 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 president, 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 executive director/CEO is a corporate officer.



For more information about or to join CSI, visit [www.csinet.org/joincsi](http://www.csinet.org/joincsi), or call 800-689-2900.

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