



## SPECTRUM

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Chapter CSI

### Upcoming Chapter Events

#### 2018 PSC CSI June Awards Banquet

The 2017/2018 PSC-CSI year is coming to a successful close. Please join us as we recognize the contributions and achievements of deserving Puget Sound Chapter members on **June 14th from 5:00 - 7:30 pm** at **Ivar's Acres of Clams**, Pier 54, 1001 Alaskan Way S., Seattle, WA 98104.

#### Our Chapter has much to celebrate, including:

- Our *Chapter Award Winning* Spectrum Newsletter, under the steadfast leadership of Leah Wollard & Hunter Bakke
- Our signature industry event, ProSpec, continues to be a great success under the leadership of Julie Taylor
- Our unique and informative TechTalks, under leadership from Melissa Balestri
- We continue to have great interaction with students under the guidance of Bob Mandy
- Our membership committee is under leadership from Susan Williams
- Our new format for our monthly meetings intentionally aligns with different divisions each month for our dinner program, led by Dick Owen & David Landrey, including partnering with several professional industry organizations.

Please join us to welcome the newly elected **2018/2019 PSC- CSI Officers**, celebrate awards given to the deserving, and kick off the summer with an evening of fun!

**REGISTER TODAY**

### President's Message

*Bob Mandy, CSI, AIA*

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I cannot fathom how fast the past year has flown by! I never imagined I'd one day be leading the Puget Sound Chapter as President when I first joined in 1999. I am not a specifications writer or a product representative, but an architectural educator. Over the years my students have greatly benefited from CSI's endless educational opportunities and often the organization has played a part in jump-starting their careers. I stepped forward to serve because I felt indebted to the chapter for the support of my students and have enjoyed a great year of continued success and am very optimistic about the future!



Drafting my final message as Chapter President, I acknowledge that I rarely find it easy to write the Presidential message. The best advice I received for writing is to *write what you know*. But what is the purpose? My role as an educator and as the leader of this chapter has been the same: to connect with the membership, to provide leadership and a vision, and to inspire and encourage members to grow, and achieve their career dreams. Nelson Mandela said, "*Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.*" Making connections is critical to educating each other and making positive change. Joining the chapter for the chance to meet new people and for CSI's networking opportunities throw us all into a melting pot within which each member in their differing phases of life and career become both a mentor and a mentee. Together we are broadening our collective knowledge and keeping current with industry innovations. There is power in numbers and together we stay motivated and inspired!

It truly takes a village to advance a chapter, and I am extremely grateful for all our members and for the student support that aids and promotes their journey into the AEC industry. This past year, I wanted to lead positive changes for the chapter and the AEC industry. Looking back, our chapter started the year out below our city's aging Viaduct, touring the new Seattle Tunnel. The year progressed with some very well attended meetings, including a sell-out crowd with our SeaBec partners. Moving the chapter forward and providing vision included researching a new meeting location. Our team selected the Kalakala Room at the waterfront's Ivars Acres of Clams. Everyone knows Ivar's and the story of [Ivar Haglund](#). He was a true Seattle character and icon. It seemed to be a fitting location. A new twist to the monthly dinner meetings was to align the meetings with CSI Divisions and to provide interesting and unique agendas as well as Tech Talks aligned with those Divisions.

It was another successful year for our signature event: PROSPEC, with keynote speaker Stephen Kieran, FAIA, LEED AP BD+C. (Keep reading for student Ayrice Young's perspective!) Kudos to the Prospec Committee for this huge undertaking and the positive response to the event. The increasing membership of the Puget Sound Chapter is a huge success story! Thanks to our Membership Committee's outstretched arms, we have enjoyed a nearly 30% increase in membership since July 2017. It's a barometer of the new energy and drive of our members, our Puget Sound

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**LINKS**

CSI Chapter! For the goals not met the past year, awareness is high! Challenges have been identified and conversations have been started!

Thanks to all of you who have selflessly contributed in supporting our vision this past year. *"Change will not come if we wait for some other person, or if we wait for some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek."* -Barack Obama  
Gratefully,

*Bob*

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## Student PROSPEC-tive

*By Ayric Young*

Although it was my first time attending I couldn't help but feel that PROSPEC 2018 was truly a special experience. I felt honored and humbled to enjoy a superb dinner sponsored by several of the outstanding trade exhibitors and I'd like to give a special thanks to Interior Technologies for my particular meal...and some great conversation around the dinner table.

As soon as my fellow student Trina and I arrived we hurried in to absorb the deeply informative Passive House seminar. Wow! We witnessed a really interesting and optimistic yet grounded perspective on the application and direction of sustainable technology in the AEC industry.

Zack Semke of NK Architects gave an auspicious presentation in keeping with the Passive House Northwest mission and clearly illustrated the connection between our values to live in a world of balance that achieves the highest standards of human and ecological health while still ably providing the resources for societies to achieve ambitious economic goals. He went on to make a strong case for how material choice, design, and use are integral to Passive House design. There were many heartening details in his presentation such as the study which reflected that overall economic costs in meeting passive house design standards in comparison to conventional standards are encouragingly similar. However, in the long-term, passive house design is clearly more beneficial.

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## Chapter Meeting Quick Pitches

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We currently have Quick Pitch openings for the September and November Chapter meetings, in the fall. 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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## Bob Sears in Memoriam

*Reflection by Anne Whitacre*  
From the Bay Area...

Bob Sears died this past August. There may be a few people in the chapter who still remember him; while he was a member of Puget Sound, he was a more active member in Phoenix after he moved there in the 1990's with his second wife. From Phoenix, Bob and Mary retired to just outside of Kansas City - a part of the country he swore he would never go back to, but he moved there with Mary just the same.

I met Bob when I started at NBBJ in the spec department in April of 1978. I'm still of the era of Northwest spec writers where I can trace my "lineage". John Finnegan was the original spec writer for NBBJ, and he trained Bob Hooper, who then trained Bob Sears and me, a little bit. Bob Sears taught me a lot about spec writing, about architects, about clients and about a lot of everything else. Anyone I've trained - even a little bit - has some of what Bob taught me. I've heard specifiers refer to our job as a "guild" and in this way, where work habits get passed on from person to person in a line, it's the most like that.

One of the best Bob comments I heard - and it was a long time ago - was this. He was speaking to a designer who seemed to think that the laws of physics were going to be suspended for his project. Bob had a habit of getting quieter the angrier he got - and when he was really angry, his nose would get white as all his circulation drained from his extremities. "You know", he said laconically - he also got more laconic the angrier he got "I don't care much if you're ignorant. We can fix that. But.... If you're going to revel in ignorance, well, I just can't help you and I would caution you not to come back".

[Learn more about Bob's life](#)

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## Sponsorship Opportunities

Don't miss the opportunity to get an edge up over the competition by sponsoring PSC CSI! Sponsorship at any level provides many perks, including exposure to your company and products. By signing up to sponsor the association early in 2018, you will extend your reach to key contacts within in the construction specifications industry. Check out the great list of sponsorship opportunities the chapter has to offer below:

- Spectrum Newsletter Advertising
- Website Advertising
- Quick Pitches
- Tech Talks and Tech Walks
- ProSpec
- Annual Awards Dinner

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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](#), or by mailing a check made out to Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation to:  
Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation, Inc.  
PO Box 82062  
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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.



## 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 practical tools to assist users throughout the facility life-cycle. Join a CSI Practice Group.

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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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