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UPCOMING CHAPTER MEETING - DEC. 8TH

2022 CSI Puget Sound - HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION

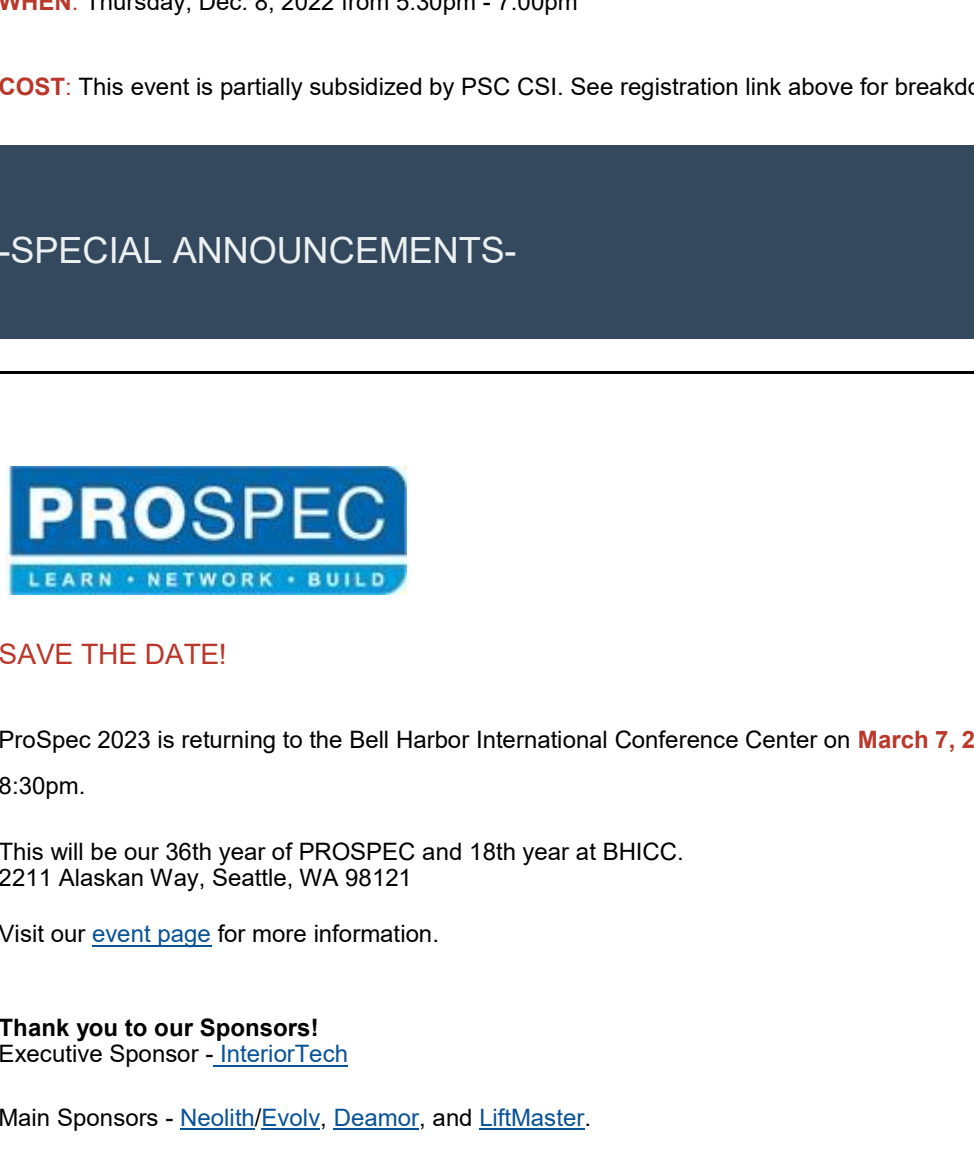


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Join us as we celebrate the Season at our annual Holiday Silent Auction. Past auctioned items include gift cards, baked good, sporting goods and more! All auction proceeds will be donated to [Northwest Harvest](#) supporting food banks, meal programs, and high-need schools. Drinks and hors d'oeuvres will be served and Seattle's own [Hans Brethner](#) will be joining us on piano as we celebrate the year with old friends and new.

[Click here for more information and to register!](#)

WHERE: [The Swedish Club](#), Viking Room (main floor), 1920 Dexter Avenue N. Seattle, WA 98109

WHEN: Thursday, Dec. 8, 2022 from 5:30pm - 7:00pm

COST: This event is partially subsidized by PSC CSI. See registration link above for breakdown.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENTS-



SAVE THE DATE!

ProSpec 2023 is returning to the Bell Harbor International Conference Center on **March 7, 2023** from 2:30pm – 8:30pm.

This will be our 36th year of PROSPEC and 18th year at BHICC. 2211 Alaskan Way, Seattle, WA 98121

Visit our [event page](#) for more information.

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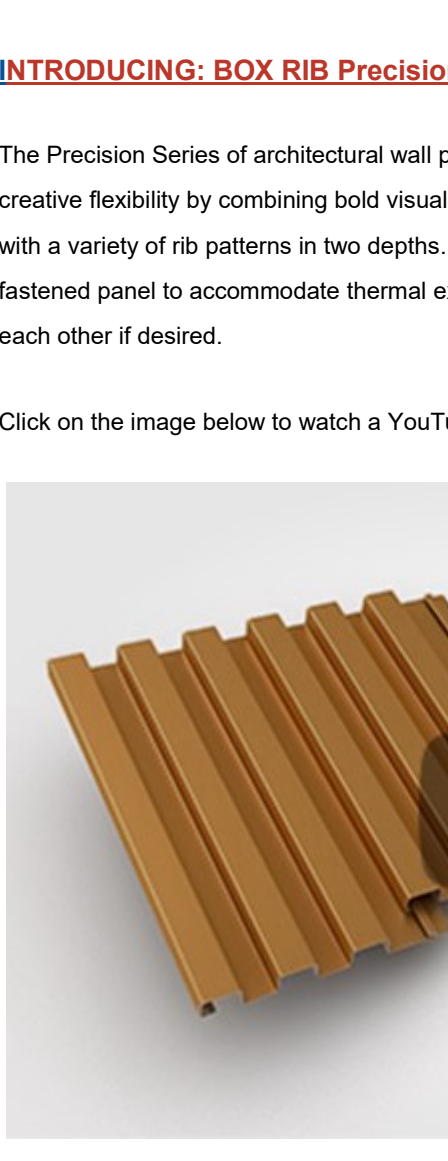
MEETING PRICE CHANGES

The CSI Puget Sound Board of Directors have voted and passed a new registration fee for all attendees. Effective immediately, meeting registration fees have changed from \$35 Member and \$45 non-Member to **now \$20 for both members and non-members**. Registration fees for Retirees and Students is \$10. This does not include registration for ProSpec. Visit our [Events page](#) to review our upcoming meetings and save the dates.

CSI NATIONAL - KEY DATES

- Fall 2022 Exam – Late Registration ends **Nov. 30th**
- Fall 2022 Exam window ends **Dec. 14th**

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



David Axt, 2022-2023 PSC CSI President

A ROBOT STOLE MY JOB

The robots are coming! The robots are coming!!

At the CSI National Conference in Denver this year there was a lot of talk about **skilled labor shortage**. Practically every seminar the presenters discussed the huge need for skilled workers.

It used to be that construction was a back-breaking, dangerous, low-paying profession. You would hear things like, "You'd better get good grades, or you will end up working construction!"

Well, construction trades have changed dramatically.

Safety first. The last thing an employer wants is to have a worker hurt or killed on the job. Not only is it unethical but a huge injury lawsuit could seriously financially damage a company or put the company out of business. Plus, the company has to replace injured worker and is already having a hard time finding any workers.

No longer is construction that dirty. There are health and welfare standards that dictate how dirty a site can be. A dirty, wet, icy jobsite is dangerous unhealthy jobsite.

As far as backbreaking, technology has also changed. More and more workers use machines to do all the 'heavy lifting'. Recently I was at a cabinet factory where they were testing out lifting assist technology. Those were robotic devices similar to the lifting robot in Aliens 2 movie that Sigourney Weaver wore.

Now for the kicker. Construction is no longer a low paying job! Construction workers can make a good living (and not have exorbitant student loans to pay off). When I walk onto a jobsite I well aware that I may be one of the lowest paid person there.

So how is the skilled labor shortage going to change? Two ways.

One, get more kids (and I do mean young children) interested in construction. There are many programs in the place where kids can build things or visit contractors or site tours. Not every kid wants or should go to college. Many kids enjoy working with their hands and being outside. The thought of working in an office may turn many kids off to a desk job career.

Two, technology. More and more construction tasks will be automated. From laying out chalk lines on slabs to building walls using 3D printers. Kids love their technology and having grown up around it they are very well versed at using all sorts of technological gadgets.

There will be an increased use of robotics on the construction site. Already contractors use drones to check out the site/progress, GPS for accurately getting coordinates, CAD, or BIM for clash detection or to assist in design. Subcontractors use lasers to cut materials, robots to assemble or finish items, bar codes to track components. Many of these items were only dreamed of 10 years ago.

If it is unavoidable that the work is dangerous, dirty, or unhealthy, then robots are the answer. Plus, they can work 24/7.

That said, there will always be a need for real live humans, but tomorrow's workers will be much more highly skilled than those of yesteryears. **This is not your father's (or mother's) jobsite!**

David G. Axt CCS, CSI, SCIP

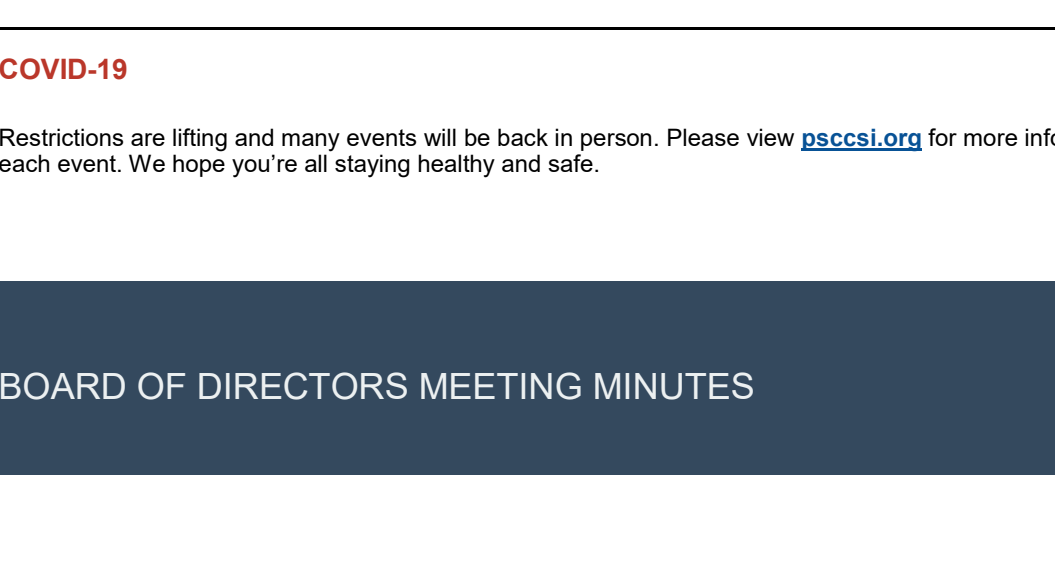
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PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT

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 [pcccsi.org](#) for upcoming information on the following and more:

[Holiday Party Time](#) - Chapter Meeting: December 8 from 5:30-7:00pm

[Unscrabble II](#) - Chapter Meeting: January 12 from 5:30-7:00pm

[ProSpec 2023](#) - Chapter Tradeshow: March 7 from 2:00-8:00pm

[The Lucky Bid](#) - Chapter Meeting: March 9 from 5:30-7:00pm

[Watershedding](#) - Chapter Meeting: April 13 from 5:30-7:00pm

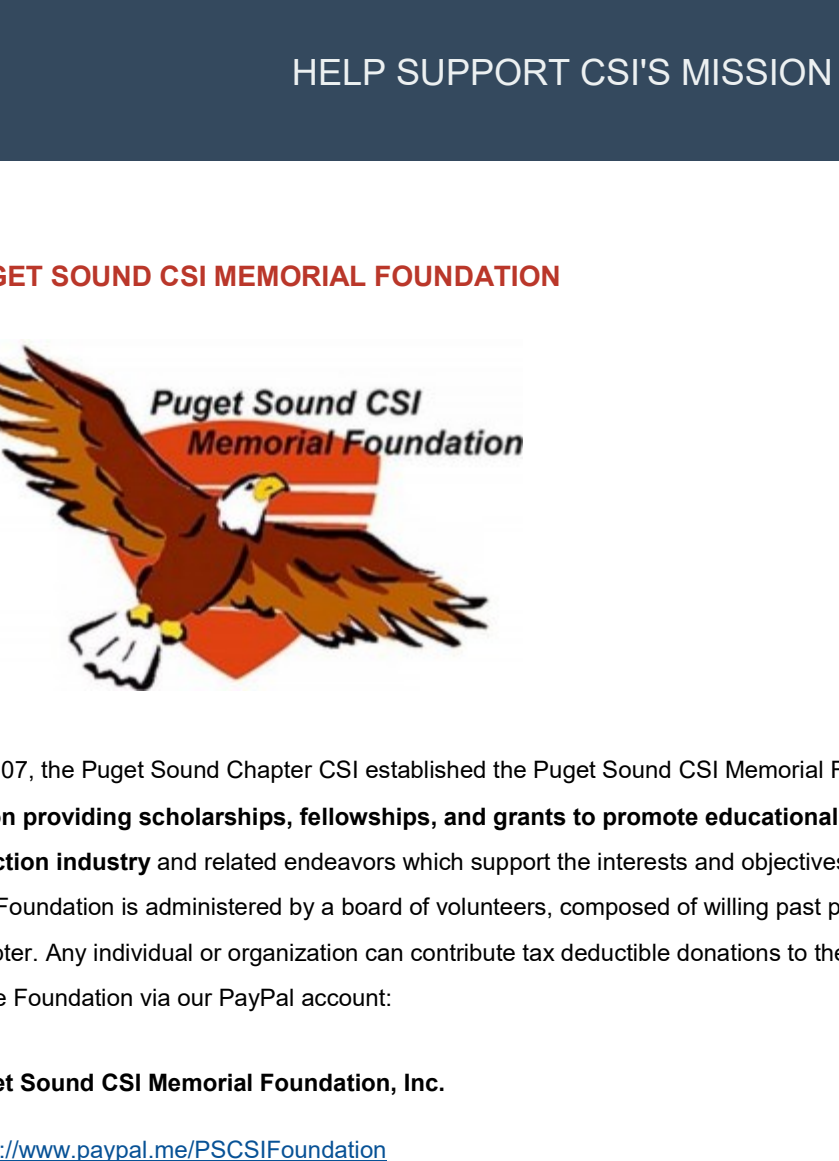
[Help Out](#) - Chapter Meeting: May 11 from 5:30-7:00pm

[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

ROBOTS



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.

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!](#)

COVID-19

Restrictions are lifting and many events will be back in person. Please view [pcccsi.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

[November 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

[October 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

[September 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

[August 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

[July 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

[June 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

[May 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

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[February 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

[January 2022 Meeting Minutes](#)

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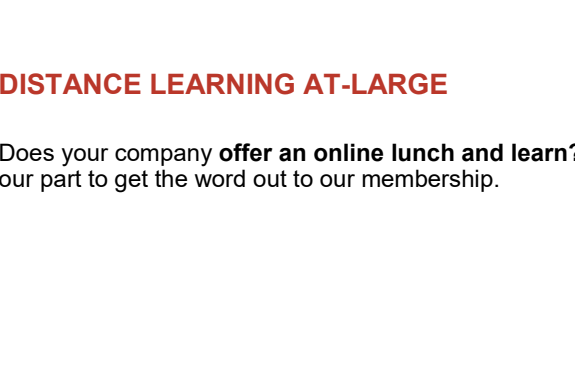
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To provide our members with the best return on investment, the Puget Sound Chapter has begun to accept top-rate articles, passed on from our industry experts to our members.

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**

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Get your name front and center and connect with CSI members!

Sponsor a portion of the Spectrum either on a monthly or quarterly basis:

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

If you're interested, please [CLICK HERE](#) to contact PSC CSI via email and we will get the word out!

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Does your company **offer an online lunch and learn?** Feel free to contact us at [office@pcccsi.org](#) and we will do our part to get the word out to our membership.