President's Message

Bob Mandy, CSI, AIA
Do you want to advance professionally? Do you have a plan?

In July's message, I discussed growth mindset, i.e., the state of mind of those who believe their talents can be developed and improved upon through hard work, good strategies, and mentor-ship from others. Individuals with a growth mindset are said to achieve more than those who believe their talent is static, merely an innate gift. Growth mindset is a state of mind that applies to everyone regardless of their age, stage in life, or profession. As an educator, I have had the good fortune to observe and teach more than a thousand students ranging in age from 15 to 75 years old. During my tenure I have witnessed how students of all ages and backgrounds approach learning, and the students who are fully engaged, who seek help when necessary, and have the desire to learn and improve always succeeded!

How does this relate to our chapter? As I previously stated, one of the central goals of my chapter presidency is to advance our chapter and provide more value to its members. When an entire organization embraces growth mindset, its members recognize the benefits of empowerment and commitment; the organization comes together, the members thrive, and our support system for collaboration and innovation strengthens and expands. Our chapter fosters and nurtures a growth mindset. We encourage all of our members to become involved in our CSI chapter to collaborate, and to support each other and our mission.
Volunteer participation is the engine that runs our chapter. A variety of opportunities exist for our members to contribute by choosing to play a small part or by serving on a committee, while at the same time growing professionally. As a volunteer organization, we depend upon our members. Our chapter provides networking, high-quality educational programs, and unique events. These venues allow members to share real-world solutions to current issues while fostering corroboration and support among our project teams. Those individuals willing to contribute their time and effort toward making our chapter a success are truly the heart and soul of our organization. These same individuals are in high-profile and prominent positions in their profession. Let their success be your inspiration!

The board members of CSI Puget Sound personally invite you to contribute to the success of our chapter! Please let myself, or any board member know if you would like to volunteer with CSI Puget Sound. Let this be your year. I am confident you will develop more than a few brand new and long-lasting professional relationships. You may be surprised at the growth of your knowledge and of our community. "We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give."(Winston Churchill)

ProSpec 2018 - Register Now!

Registration for tables and exhibitors for ProSpec 2018 is now open. Sponsors Deamor, Georgia Pacific, and Neolith are already on board. Sign up to exhibit and to host your guests on the Puget Sound Chapter's website. We hope you are planning on attending and are actively inviting your guests to join us for dinner and fun. ProSpec is a great time for product reps to educate architects and influence the specifications of future projects - maybe even the next big project! As an exhibitor, it is a sure way to show your commitment and expertise to the community.

Dinner is always yummy and education acquired will likely inspire and guide you throughout your career. See you there.

Chapter Meeting Quick Pitches
There are presently openings in February, April, and May 2018 for 10-minute Quick Pitches for our 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.

Upcoming Chapter Programs

Save the Date for the November Programs!

November 1st Tech Walk: Tour of Northshore Exteriors

Interested to see how one can manipulate metal though bending, finishing and perforating? Or are you wondering about properties...
and capabilities of various metal types? Join us in a tour of Northshore Exteriors’ fabrication shop.

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November 9th Dinner Meeting Program: Deep Dive into Division 05
What's new in metal material specifications? How should you coordinate finishes with your engineer? What is the engineer's perspective on how to design and specify Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel (AESS)? Join us as Tim Nordstrom, Senior Structural Engineer at JMN Consulting Engineers and one of the most entertaining structural engineers we know (some of you may remember his Earthquake Resilience Presentation from the CSI NW+W region conference), addresses metals and how to deal with them. Please bring questions, concerns, and comments that you've had with Division 05. Tim Nordstrom, PE, SE, LEED, CDT would like a lively discussion.

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