



DECEMBER SPECTRUM

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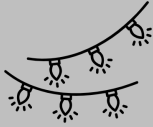
VOLUNTEERS:

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 PSCCSI FOR MORE INFO!**



COVID-19:

PSC CSI is committed to the safety of our members. As a result, in-person meetings will be rescheduled for a later date and/or will be moved to an online format. Please view Upcoming Events below for more information about each event change. We hope you're all staying healthy and safe.



FINDING HOLIDAY CHEER in 2020:

An interactive scavenger hunt
holiday party!

DECEMBER VIRTUAL CHAPTER MEETING

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th, 2020
5:00 PM - 6:30 PM

Proceeds will be donated to Northwest Harvest.

REGISTER HERE!

ACTIVITIES

- NW Harvest Donations contest
- Team Scavenger Hunt
- "I have the most" contest
- 2019-2020 Awards Ceremony
- Best Tasting Drink Contest
- Prizes



NOVEMBER CHAPTER MEETING RECAP: DON'T BE A TURKEY...LET'S GO BINGO!

Lia Alia Wollard, CSI, Spectrum Editor

November's Bingo Chapter Meeting *has been lauded by local professionals as some of the most fun they've had this pandemic in any online event!*

Tonia Sorrell-Neal of the Masonry Institute of Washington and International Masonry Institute was an outstanding emcee, entertaining the participants while teaching everyone the innerworkings of the masonry code (TMS 402!).

You could feel the tension between the remote contender's monitors until I ended up winning the first Bingo (thanks to dobbering, "Pink Floyd - The Wall!"), and was followed by the evening's



additional winners, Catherine Calvert and Erika Anderson. Congratulations to our winners and to everyone who played!

Games make learning fun. We'll see you at the next event!

Did you miss a portion of the call or just want to rewatch? [The video recording may be viewed here](#) (please note that the recording starts earlier than the meeting did - feel free to skip through the chit chat!).

DECEMBER CHAPTER MEETING SPONSOR



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The Puget Sound Chapter of CSI proud to announce that we received a **Silver Level Outstanding Chapter Commendation** from CSI Institute for our 2019-2020 season! Thank you to all our fantastic volunteers and dedicated members. We're looking forward to seeing you all in person, hopefully by the end of this season.

Which other Chapters received awards for their accomplishments? See below!

OUTSTANDING CHAPTER COMMENDATIONS



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PS Chapter Poll: WAITING FOR THE VACCINE

With AT LEAST several more months at home, what will you focus on in your off hours of 2021?

Dedicating time to my hobbies while the weather keeps me inside.

Select

Raising & educating my children with new or limited resources.

Select

Working! There is so much to do to get a solid start on 2021.

Select

Home Improvement....

Select

Good book or good music. Warm beverage. Cozy slippers.

Select

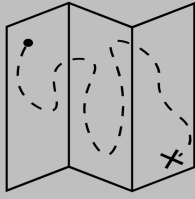
NOVEMBER PS CHAPTER POLL RESULTS

Positive Interaction

- 25% I'm a social butterfly and always checking in with someone.
- 50% I get to interact with other CSI folks daily!

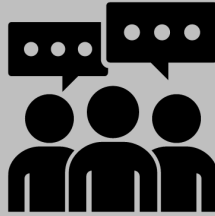
- 25% I get to interact with other CSI folks weekly!
- 0% I get to interact with other CSI folks monthly!
- 0% I need a 15-minute zoom call so I can meet some other members.

Online Event Schedule



SCAVENGER HUNT HOLIDAY PARTY

DECEMBER 10, 2020
[More Info Coming Soon!](#)



SHARED PROGRAM

JANUARY CHAPTER MEETING

JANUARY 14, 2020
[More Info Coming Soon!](#)



EDUCATION SERIES

JANUARY 26, 2020
[More Info Coming Soon!](#)

WINTER PRODUCT SPOTLIGHT



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Newest Members of Puget Sound CSI

WELCOME to the newest members of the Puget Sound Chapter of CSI!

We look forward to meeting you virtually through online meetings and soon in person!

October:

Susan Neaton, Rolluda Architects

Mark Ballentine, Builders Flux LLC

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. *aintgotnotimeforthat!*

MELODY STINSON of DELTEK:

- VIDEO!
 - Watch PCI's Education Session, "[How Precast Builds: Architectural Certification](#)" from the Architectural Record Innovation Conference
- A couple of recommended articles on Masonry from the Construction Specifier:
 - [Stone Attachments: The Challenges with Epoxy-Set Anchors](#)
 - [Lessons Learned in Masonry: Presenting 10 Useful Tips from the Field](#)

2020-2021 Season Calendar

Stay Tuned! As Washington State moves through phasing, PSCCSI will work to provide the highest standard of education programs while following current safety guidelines. Thank you for your patience. PSCCSI Tentative Season Calendar:

- DEC 10 **SCAVENGER HUNT HOLIDAY PARTY** - Chapter Meeting
- JAN 14 **SHARED PROGRAM TBD** - Chapter Meeting
- JAN 26 **TBD SEMINAR 4** - Education Series
- FEB 11 **FEB PROGRAM TBD** - Chapter Meeting
- FEB 23 **TBD SEMINAR 5** - Education Series
- MAR 11 **MAR PROGRAM TBD** - Chapter Meeting
- MAR 23 **TBD SEMINAR 6** - Education Series
- MAR 30 **PROSPEC 2021** - TRADE SHOW EVENT
- APR 8 **APR PROGRAM TBD** - Chapter Meeting
- MAY 13 **MAY PROGRAM TBD** - Chapter Meeting
- JUN 10 **AWARDS & INSTALLATION** - Chapter Meeting

President's Message

Happy Holidays!

April Stokesberry, PSC CSI President

Wow, 2020 am I right? It has kept us on our toes almost the entire year. As we work to wrap up this whirlwind of a year and enter what is supposed to be *the Most Wonderful Time of the Year*, I want

to wish you all a fantastic December! I see a lot of family and friend's Zoom meetings in our future for upcoming holiday extravaganzas; it will be a season to remember.

Moving into 2021 we are still very up in the air, but I assure you we will continue to bring fun activities and awesome content for you all! The Board of Directors and the Education Committee are working on some mashups we think you all will thoroughly enjoy. I do patiently await the time we can safely be together again, and I encourage you to join us virtually in the meantime.

I will continue to encourage you all to stay connected with your fellow CSI members, as this time can be harder on some than others, and just that little touch letting them know you're thinking about them can go so far. Whether it is a phone call or a Zoom meeting, or a hello at our Holiday Zoom party that may be all it takes to make someone's day. We will come out of this stronger than ever; we have such a great group, and I am so thankful for you all! There has been so much planning going on behind the scenes' and I want to invite you to become more involved with our chapter.

I also want to give you a quick reminder that the end of this month is the last time you will be able to access **Virtual Construct2020 OnDemand** courses, so please make sure to check that out! There is some amazing content in there and great representation from our area! I do not want anyone to miss out.

Stay safe and I hope to see you all at the **December 10th Holiday Party** this month and look forward to seeing you all safely soon! Many blessings to you and your families!



December Member Spotlight

Marc Chavez, FCSI
Deltek, Director of MasterSpec

Membership: Since 1997
Puget Sound Chapter President: 2002-2003

Bio:

Well, I come from Moscow Idaho, a small university town in northern Idaho just across the border from Pullman WA. My father was the head of Theater Arts at the University of Idaho and my mother was head of the English department at the high school. My first degree was a Double Major in Anthropology and Sociology with a minor in Psychology. Archaeology is fun and I was employed in that field for several years. I called a friend of the family after some years in the field and inquired if I could make a living in architecture (as archaeology was not making it) and he stated that "if you are good, you'll make a living but you'll never get rich!" I reentered school and graduated in 1988 remotely, while working in Las Vegas, NV.

I admit I was never the sharpest design tool in the shed but I could make AutoCAD stand up and dance. That got me my first jobs. I discovered later during my first job as the project manager/project architect that specifications were really needed and they had to be correct and that needed the detail- and technically-oriented outlook that I had. I decided to see if there was a class in spec writing and there was. At that time, you could take the CDT and the CCS concurrently. I did and passed both. Neither of them REALLY teach you to write a spec, but they both teach you the importance of the non-graphic documents and what to do in various situations. This helps you "write" a better document.



Armed with a CDT and CCS and on my own, I eventually found specifications as a pretty recession-proof aspect of architecture. There are many drafters, project managers and designers, but damned few specifiers or even people willing to take them on. I surmise that this is because so many architects don't seem to read or write if they can draw. I did survive several recessions and over the years worked with a bunch of great architects and other excellent specifiers.

As I've matured in the profession and as time has passed, I began to realize that architects have lost their primacy in the Construction business. They are unwilling to take risk and as a result, others- namely the general contractor- is doing everything they can to help the owner get a good building at a fair price. Delivery methods such as GC/CM, CMA, CMc, Design-Build, and Integrated Design place more responsibility where the risk is being accepted: with the contractor. I also came to see how architecture's top-down, old-school management was not working for the highly-iterative, incrementally-delivered world that we live in now. Iteration has always been paramount in design, but these new delivery methods and scheduling techniques such as "fast track," for example, have introduced us all to incrementally-delivered products. The software world has adopted *agile* concepts and *scrum* framework processes to deal with their very similar iterative and incrementally delivered products. These buzz words "Agile" and "Scrum" are not a panacea, but do hold hope for the management of YOUR work effort. There is no reason that you should be working all night and over the weekend for "last minute" design changes. Google those terms and dig around a bit. I believe you'll see what I mean.

I'm now working for Deltek, as Director of MasterSpec. I'm setting the direction for the MasterSpec content library of some 950+ sections and I manage the specifications-writing staff. We are working on databased software to replace the old Microsoft Word-formatted MasterSpec. It's fun working on software, but as they say about passing legislation, it's a lot like making sausage: not super pleasant to watch, but the results will be good.

Apropos of nothing other than this is a "profile," I have a wonderful wife who just retired from being a district court judge, and a super daughter going to medical school. I collect cheap, dirty roman coins and I clean them up and identify them. I rebuild old Vacuum tube audio amplifiers, I enjoy the history of technology and the history of typefaces and print, as well as the history of our profession. I collect drafting instruments and have some from as far back as the 1850's.

My favorite architects, writers, or thinkers in no particular order are: Antonio Sant'Elia, Giovanni Battista Piranesi, Lebbeus Woods and Étienne-Louis Boullée, Thomas Kuhn, Alberto Pérez-Gómez and Edward Tufte.

Chapter Funny



Inspired by the following article:

Is There a Difference Between LEED Certified Building and Green Building?

Illustration by Matt Gregory

Technically...

John Aldredge of LMN on the Origin of Words

One of the perks (short for perquisite) of the job is having folks send you words they have discovered. Here are some from 2020:

fenestration - 1870 in the anatomical sense, noun of action from Latin fenestrare, from fenestra "window, opening for light," a word perhaps from Etruscan. Meaning "arrangement of windows" as a design element in architecture is from 1846.

logorrhea – pathologically incoherent, repetitious speech. Excessive use of words. Wearisome volubility. 1878, from logo- "word, speech" + ending from diarrhea. from Greek diarrhoia "diarrhea" (coined by Hippocrates), literally "a flowing through," from diarrhein "to flow through."

tralatitious – having a character, force, or significance transferred or derived from something extraneous. passed along as from hand to hand, mouth to mouth, or from generation to generation: handed down. Latin tralatitius, tralaticius (from tralatus, translatus, suppletive past participle of transferre to transfer). In Ray Bradbury's Fahrenheit 451 there are people who have (illegally) memorized entire works of literature so as to pass them along to others – that practice is an example of the word.

perquisite - an incidental payment, benefit, privilege, or advantage over and above regular income, salary, or wages. mid-15c., "property acquired other than by inheritance" (c. 1300 in Anglo-Latin),

from Medieval Latin perquisitum "thing gained, profit," in classical Latin, "thing sought after," noun use of neuter past participle of perquirere "to seek, ask for," from per "thoroughly" (see per) + quærere "to seek" (see query (v.))

defenestrate - 1620, "the action of throwing out of a window," from Latin fenestra "window." A word invented for one incident: the "Defenestration of Prague," May 21, 1618, when two Catholic deputies to the Bohemian national assembly and a secretary were tossed out the window of the castle of Hradshin by Protestant radicals (the pair landed in a trash heap and survived). It marked the start of the Thirty Years' War.

paranoid - one suffering from paranoia, a mental disorder characterized by systematized delusions and the projection of personal conflicts, which are ascribed to the supposed *hostility* of others, sometimes progressing to disturbances of consciousness and aggressive acts believed to be performed in self-defense or as a mission. Baseless or excessive suspicion of the motives of others. C19: via New Latin from Greek: frenzy, from paranoos distraught, from para- 1 + noos mind. The prefix *para* came to designate objects or activities auxiliary to or derivative of that denoted by the base word (parody; paronomasia), and hence abnormal or defective (paranoia).

Help Support CSI's Mission

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.

Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

Board Meeting Minutes:

- [September 11](#)
- [October 22](#)
- [November 12](#)

Chapter Leaders

BOARD MEMBERS

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Affiliate WEBINAR Events

Click on Session Names below to Register



Automation and Craft
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2020
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM PT
1.0 LU/HSW



MASS TIMBER: TOWARDS A BIOGENIC CITY
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020
4:30 PM - 6:00 PM PT
FREE OF CHARGE



**Floor Flatness Requirements of
Ceramic Tile and Stone**
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2020
9:00 AM - 10:00 AM PT
1.0 LU/HSW



**Understanding the Differences in Thermal and Acoustical
Insulation**

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
10:00 AM - 11:00 AM PT
1.0 LU/HSW

Ask Me Anything: Masonry Edition
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020



APA National Conference: "Raising Awareness"
WEDNESDAY-THURSDAY, JANUARY 27-28, 2020
TENTATIVE AGENDA
CEs/LUs Available



Out-of-Plane Walls, Quality Assurance, Constructability, Limit Design
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 3rd
4:00-6:30 PM PT

Column Design, In-Plane Walls, Masonry Veneer
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10th
4:00-6:30 PM PT

Distance Learning At-Large

Does your company **offer an online lunch and learn?** Feel free to contact us at office@psccsi.org or lia@appliedbuildinginformation.com and we will do our part to get the word out to our membership. Offerings will run in the monthly Spectrum and in mid-month announcements for 2 months.



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Interior Tech is scheduling FIRM-SPECIFIC, live/virtual CES courses through the end of 2020 !

[Click here to view courses and to schedule.](#)

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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

Contact Lia if you're interested and we will get the word out!

