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UPCOMING EVENTS

JUNE CHAPTER MEETING:

AWARDS BANQUET AND BOARD INSTALLATION

Thursday, June 13, 2024
Social 5:30-6:00PM
Dinner and Presentation 6:00-8:00PM
13 Coins - Pioneer Square
255 S. King St, Seattle, WA 98104
Join us for our **Annual Chapter Meeting (per Bylaws Article VIII)** on Thursday, June 13 at 13 Coins - Pioneer Square. We will look back at this year’s accomplishments, acknowledge the service of the outgoing 2023-2024 Board, and welcome the incoming 2024-2025 Board. The Puget Sound C.S.I. Memorial Foundation may have student scholarships to present. We will thank the Foundation’s retiring officers and welcome the new ones.

The June meeting will also be a time to recognize David Axt, third term as President, acknowledge successful committee work, and give out special Puget Sound Chapter awards. Be sure to join us for a fun celebration!

**REGISTER HERE!**

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**SPRING CERTIFICATION EXAM CYCLE**

The spring 2024 exam cycle is now open. Stand out as an authority and show your expertise with a CSI credential!

**REGISTER HERE!**

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Go Mariners! RSVP today! Email Bridgette Dodge, bdodge@masonryinstitute.com, or call (425) 214-7476.

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BOARD MEETINGS

Monthly Board of Directors meetings are typically held at noon on the second Thursday of each month. The monthly NW Region Board Meeting are held the third Thursday of each month. Please contact office@psccsi.org if you would like to attend these meetings as a guest.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
Because I was away at a SCIP conference and got sick, I thought I would let my assistant write my president's message this month. No, not my cat! He was too exhausted. Instead, I let my Artificial Intelligent Assistant do my work. I typed “Write a president's message for Puget Sound Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute” into ChatGPT, and below is what it produced. There were some grammar mistakes, and the language was stilted, so I sent it through Grammarly. Here is the result:

Dear Members of the Puget Sound Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute,

As we embark on another year of innovation, collaboration, and excellence in the construction industry, I am honored to address you as your President. Our chapter stands as a beacon of professionalism, integrity, and expertise in the Pacific Northwest, and I am truly humbled to lead such a distinguished group of individuals.

The past year has undoubtedly brought challenges, yet we have continued to thrive through perseverance and adaptability. Despite the disruptions caused by the global pandemic, our commitment to advancing construction standards and best practices has remained unwavering. Whether navigating new regulations, implementing cutting-edge technologies, or fostering sustainable practices, our collective efforts have contributed to our industry's continued growth and resilience.

Looking ahead, I am excited about the opportunities that lie before us. As the construction landscape evolves, so must our approach. By staying at the forefront of emerging trends and embracing innovation, we can position ourselves to meet today's needs and shape our profession's future.

Central to our mission is the cultivation of knowledge and expertise. Through our educational programs, workshops, and networking events, we empower our members to stay ahead of the curve and deliver projects of the highest caliber. Our commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion also ensures that all voices are heard and valued, creating a more vibrant and inclusive community.

As we embark on this journey together, I encourage you to seize the opportunities before us. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or just starting out in your career, your contributions are invaluable to the success of our chapter and the industry. Together, we can build a prosperous and sustainable future for generations.

Thank you for your dedication, passion, and continued support. I am confident that together, we will achieve great things in the year ahead.

Warm regards,
Puget Sound CSI Chapter President

**PROSPEC TRADESHOW & CHAPTER MEETING**

ProSpec 2025 will be here before you know it! If you or anyone you know would like to help with planning, please join the ProSpec Committee. We have a couple of open vacancies for 2025. Contact us at office@psccsi.org.

Visit our [website](#) which shows all 2024 exhibitors. Be sure to thank them the next time you need help with your project using their products.

**MEMBERSHIP**

**Welcome new and renewing members!**

*Jenelle Melchior*, Project Manager, Consolidated Supply

**Members in the news!**

*Chris Hills*, CPP, CISM, CSM, PSC CSI Director 4 2023-2026, recently got his MBA from NW University and is this years recipient of the “Partner of the Year” award from ASIS Region in Oregon.

*Melissa Falcetti*, PSC CSI President 2019-2020, serves on Seattle AIA Board as a Director and is a candidate for AIA Seattle Board President-Elect.

*Bob Mandy*, PSC CSI President 2017-2018, was recently promoted from Lake Washington Institute of Technology's Architectural Technology Program Instructor to Interim Dean of Instruction and is featured in LWTech 2024 Transformations magazine.

**In Memory...**

*Ken Dzioba, CSI CDT*
Ken Dzioba, 58, passed away March 3, 2024. Ken was a long-time Puget Sound Chapter member and was the Northwest District Manager for Atlas Roofing Corporation, where he represented polyiso roof and wall insulation. Ken had previously worked for GCP Applied Technologies, Parex USA Inc., L&W Supply, and Calportland. He was a fun-loving guy who loved to golf. He will be missed.

CHAPTER FUNNY

Illustration by Matt Gregory

CHAPTER LEADERS

Puget Sound Chapter CSI 2023-2024 Board of Directors
President: David Axt

President-Elect: Vacant

Past President: David Axt

Treasurer: Ken Stilwell

Secretary: Stephanie Shea

Director #1: Charlie Calvano

Director #2: Marty McGarrigle

Director #3: Julie Taylor

Director #4: Chris Hills

Report and Certification of the 2024 Ballot

Ballot Process

The Bylaws were followed for the election process. The Ballot was delayed one month upon recommendation by the Board and approval at the February chapter membership meeting due to a lack of nominees at the prescribed time to conclude the election by March 14th. Ballots were issued electronically by StarChapter Survey on March 28, first in the morning and then corrected by noon, with the first suspended. Ballot results were tracked and tabulated by the chapter software (StarChapter) anonymously concluding on April 11. Results will be reported by the President and Secretary to CSI National and Northwest Region CSI.

Ballot Totals

Officer - President, one year term 2024-2025: Julie Taylor

Officer - President Elect, one year term 2024-2025: Charlie Calvano

Officer - Secretary, one year term 2024-2025: Stephanie Shea

Officer - Treasurer, two-year term 2024-2026: Ken Stilwell
Director - 1, one-year term 2024-2025 (second half of two year term vacated by Charlie Calvano): Mary Ann Shepherd

Director - 3, two-year term 2024-2026: James Howeth

Director - 4, two-year term 2024-2026: Chris Hills

2024 Board Proposed Bylaws Amendments: Yes

Continuing on the Board without election:

Officer – Immediate Past President, David Axt, one-year term 2024-2025

Director - 2 - President, Marty McGarrigle, two-year term 2023-2025

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

2023-2024 Agenda and Minutes

- May 2024 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- April 2024 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- March 2024 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- February 2024 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- January 2024 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- December 2023 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- November 2023 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved
- October 2023 Agenda and Meeting Minutes - approved

HELP SUPPORT THE CSI MISSION
In 2007, the Puget Sound Chapter CSI established the Puget Sound C.S.I. Memorial Foundation, a separate non-profit 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.

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 fundraising ideas and financial support to promote the Foundation's objectives. Learn more here.

RESOURCES

EDUCATIONAL SERIES

Click below to watch classes in The Taming of Specs educational series on YouTube:

CLASS 1: For Beginners-Writing/Editing Specs

CLASS 2: For Design Practitioners-Working with a Specifier

CLASS 3: Roundtable Discussion-Submittals and Substitutions and RFI Oh My!

VOLUNTEERS

PSC CSI is always looking for people to help plan and execute meetings, events - or even just brainstorming! Whether you are new to CSI or experienced, shy or bold... Email PSCCSI for more info!

VETTED BY EXPERTS

If you have read an article you think would benefit PSC CSI, please email office@psccsi.org. We may feature it in an upcoming newsletter!

LEARNING AT LARGE

Are you a Puget Sound Chapter CSI member with an educational event you'd like our subscribers to know about? Email a print ready PDF and JPG with information about your event and we'll include it in our Local Events section in an upcoming Spectrum newsletter. Deadline to submit is the 25th of the month. Newsletters are published the first of the month. Email or questions: office@psccsi.org.
Help Build Nickelsville a New Kitchen!

Nickelsville is a self-managed, tiny house village that serves our unhoused neighbors in Seattle's Northlake area. Their shared kitchen is an open canopy that was badly damaged late last year during a windstorm. AIA Seattle’s Committee on Homelessness (COHO) has been working with the residents to design, fund, and build a new kitchenette and gathering shelter.

Please consider donating HERE to help Nickelsville build this necessary amenity. In-kind donations are also much appreciated.

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EVENTS AND LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Visit AIA Seattle or your local AIA chapter for upcoming events and learning opportunities.