President's Message

David Landrey, CSI

Dear CSI Members,

I have two really high priority favors to request of all Puget Sound Chapter members.

Complete the Tech Talk Planning Survey
This survey will take less than 4 minutes! Do I even need to say that your input is critical to providing relevant education tracks? This is really at the heart of CSI and the atmosphere of our chapter. Education Committee Chair, Melissa Balestri, has worked hard with the other Education Committee members. This is their proposal for you to weigh in on and help us prioritize.

Please share your thoughts on the direction of chapter education! Complete the survey here.

Attend a Dinner Meeting and Bring a Missing Member
While we are a very “healthy chapter” in almost every measure, there is one area in particular that I see massive room for improvement. Last year, only about 50% of our chapter members actually attended a dinner meeting or Tech Talk. While “Specifier” magazine is a great read, those other 50% who don’t attend any educational Tech Talks or dinner meeting are missing the best part of being a an active CSI member. Ask any involved member and they will tell you that meeting vested industry colleagues and personally knowing ‘who to call’ in the Puget Sound area for any topic is the greatest asset.

I respectfully beg and ask that all the ‘old reliable’ at our dinner meeting to reach out, phone, or email a dormant CSI member who has not attended a dinner meeting in the last year. The food at Mirabella is consistently great and the bar is well-stocked. The **first 5 people who recruit a dinner attendee for the September**
10th meeting should email me for a complimentary dinner. david@davidlandrey.com
Fine Print: The free dinner incentive for recruiting a dormant CSI member is contingent on them being a CSI member and registering for dinner prior to September 8th. Email me if you have any questions.

Here’s to the closing of a record-breaking, hot, dry summer and the opening of a new season for the Puget Sound CSI dinner programs! Hope to see you at the Mirabella on September 10th and October 8th.

Quick Pitches

There are openings for ten-minute Quick Pitches at our Chapter meetings next fall at a cost of $180.00. Contact Dick Owen to sign up.

September Chapter Programs

September 10th Chapter Dinner Meeting
Social Hour: 5:00-6:00 pm, Dinner: 6:00-7:00 pm, Program: 7:00-8:00 pm
$35 members/$40 non-members/$25 students/$0 sponsored students (after 9/7/15, prices will be additional $10)

Welcome to the first 2015-2016 Puget Sound Chapter CSI dinner meeting. Our program will be presented by Rob Harrison cPHc, a principal of HARRISON architects. Rob will present an overview of Passive House, the most rigorous energy standard in the world. He’ll show a number of examples of Passive House buildings across the United States and in Europe and the logical extensions of passive elements being incorporated in multi-family and mixed use building design.

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Rob was a founding member of the Northwest EcoBuilding Guild and an active early participant in AIA Seattle's "What Makes it GREEN?" program. In 2009 he became one of the first 100 Certified Passive House Consultants in the United States. He was the Passive House Consultant on Park Passive, the first certified Passive House in Seattle, and permitted the first Passive House projects in Okanogan and Pierce Counties. He successfully lobbied for the inclusion of Passive House as an incentive for a FAR bonus in Low-Rise zones in Seattle. He is consulting now on the first affordable multifamily Passive House project in Washington State. Do not miss this opportunity to bring a guest and learn more about passive house energy and design.

Register for September Chapter Dinner Meeting!

Tech Talk Tour: September 24
Tour leaves at 6:00 pm
$29 per person
Kick off the season with us on a ridiculously hilarious Duck Tour of Seattle, supplemented with architectural commentary. See the city from a different viewpoint (the middle of Lake Union), learn about some of Seattle’s building history and listen to your neighbor sing along. The Duck leaves at 6:00 pm on Thursday, September 24th from the “Ride the Ducks of Seattle” spot at Seattle Center. Lot parking is available nearby.

Topics and dates for the rest of the year’s Tech Talks will be announced in the October Spectrum.

Register for Tech Talk Tour on September 24!

Save the Date for ProSpec: 03.29.16
The speaker has been booked and the date is set for this year’s ProSpec. It will take place on Tuesday, March 29th, 2016 at the Bell Harbor International Conference Center on the Seattle waterfront. So mark your calendar now!

What is ProSpec?
ProSpec is the Puget Sound Chapter CSI’s premier annual event when members of all types come together for the evening. The event kicks off with an educational seminar, followed by a tradeshow, and then is capped off by dinner and a keynote speaker. Manufacturers and product representatives sponsor design professionals, specifiers, and contractors to attend as their guests.

Who is the speaker?
Here are a few hints…
- The speaker is female.
- She leads her own firm focused on the creative integration of design and technology.
- She is working on a pro bono project in Senegal.

Attend the next Puget Sound Chapter meeting for a ProSpec update and to find out who the speaker is!

New, Renewed, and Lapsed Members
The following lists are new, renewed, and lapsed members of Puget Sound Chapter CSI for the month of July 2015. After implementing an updated process of how we receive membership information from Institute, we are happy to be publishing this information in the Spectrum again.

Be sure to say hi and welcome our new members when you see them. If you see a friend’s name on the lapsed list, call them to let them know they need to renew. You may unexpectedly see yourself on the lapsed list. While Institute upgraded their system last year, members did not receive reminders that they were due to renew. If this happened to you, renew today! If you’re like Kelly Laleman (the very person writing this) and wait until the day your membership expires to renew, you might appear lapsed because it didn’t process in time. You’ll appear as renewed next month.

To check your membership status, log into your Institute CSI Portal Here.

New Members
- Tim Meek, Northclad Rainscreen Solutions
- Jillian Gile

Renewed Members
- Melissa Balestri, ZGF Architects, LLP, 5 years
- Tim Cox, OregonDoor, 2 years
- David Smith, ASSA ABLOY Door Security Solutions, 4 years
Paul Volkoff, Homasote, 4 years
Paul Adelman, Performance Contracting Inc., 1 year
Kelly Bryant, Soprema, Inc., 7 years
James Shanahan, 4 years
Fritz Anderson, Anderson Specialties LLC, 29 years
Patrick Kelly, Tremco Incorporated, 2 years
David Hills, Freiheit & Ho Architects, 12 years
Eric Peterson, Anderson Specialties, 25 years
Matthew Gregory, 38 years
Steve Heath, 12 years
William Pelke, Covestro (formerly Bayer MaterialScience), 11 years

Lapsed Members
George Pfeiffer, Coastal Specified Products
Shanna Ross, Johnsonite
Gail Fisher, Metropolitan Hardwood Floors
Jeffrey Cole, Assa Abloy Door Security Solutions
Corey Wright, Integris Architecture
John Ittes, Atlas Supply, Inc.
Gary Edmonds
Rick Jordison, Rick Jordison
Ken Dzioba, Parex USA Inc.
Rick Grimes, Freiheit & Ho Architects
Josef Mecko, Cornell Iron Works Enterprises
Dennis Milsten, Westmark Products
Herb Ahten, Verco Decking, Inc.
Lawrence Ginsberg, Arcadia Inc. (Northwest)
William Cardott, Tremco Incorporated
Kelly Laleman, NBBJ
Don Mackay, Fish Mackay Architect LLC
Stan Mitchell
Travis Glick
Jody Moore, DeaMor Associates, Inc.
Jeffrey Greene, Greene - Gasaway Architects, PLLC
Don Davis, Wetherholt & Associates, Inc.
Robert Stein
Joan Schaefer, Solatube International, Inc.

Scheduled to Lapse in August
Ben O’Harra, Metal Sales Manufacturing
John Cochran, John C. Cochran, LLC
Gene Fosheim
Vicki Long, Barclay Dean Architectural Products
Beth Stroshane, Applied Building Information LLC
Brian Henry, NBBJ
Sandi Susanto
R. David Jackson, R.D. Jackson & Associates
Scott Thomas, Dependable Construction Supply
Jeffry Delplain, Neogard
Loren Brandford, Nicholson Kovalchick Architects, PS
Robert Drucker, Red Cottage Studios
Are You in the PSC CSI Roster MasterFormat Listing?

A couple years ago, we moved the Puget Sound Chapter Membership Roster to an online format. All current PSC CSI members are automatically listed in this general membership listing. The previous printed version also included an optional section for members to be listed under a MasterFormat Listing, which is also now available online! This is mostly utilized by product reps, and is a great way for architects and specifiers to find out who represents what products, especially when reps carry several lines. Members may be included in the MasterFormat Listing by completing our online form. The first listing is free for members, and each additional MasterFormat listing is $28. Listings are active for one year from the date you join. Please contact the PSC CSI office with any questions.

Tell me again, part 1

*Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CSC*

I’m sure you’ve heard the Army way of presenting information: Tell them what you’re going to tell them; tell them; tell them what you told them.

While that may be a practical way of doing some things, it has no place in construction documents. For those, we have a different rule: Say it once in the right place. I think it’s safe to say that specifiers believe this rule, though convincing those who create the drawings is difficult; the result often is that the specifications may state things but once, while it’s common for drawings to repeat things many times, and it’s also common for drawing notes to repeat what is stated in the specifications.

So what’s the big deal? Why not repeat things? I believe the intent is good, and that everyone working on drawings or specifications simply wants to make sure the contractor knows what is needed. That’s the theory, but what really happens? In the next couple of articles, we’re going to look at unintentional redundancies.

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

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