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Newsletter of the Puget Sound Chapter CSI

CDT Course Preparation

The Puget Sound Chapter will be hosting a two-day CDT course in preparation for the Spring 2019 exams and we're looking for sponsors! If you're interested, please reach out to Melissa@AppliedBuildingInformation.com.

President's Message -The CSI Test Lab

Kevin Vaughn



What a week! As I write this missive, I am sitting on the patio at the Tacoma Elks overlooking the picturesque Allenmore Golf Course. What's amazing is the fact that I can actually see clear blue sky peeking out after days of smoky, LA smog-like conditions. I've never seen so many people walking and driving around in dust masks.... Here's to hoping the "smoke storm" of 2018 is almost over!

On the drive back to the south end today, I had a great conversation with the incredible President-Elect, Melissa Balestri, about the best way to characterize this coming year that will align with the Chapter's collective move forward.

WARNING: If you are a person that's highly resistant to change, this might be a good time to stop reading this article.

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The truth is that our organization, like many professional organizations today, has been struggling to re-invent itself. Far from an existential crisis, it's one that challenges us to re-think what we want to achieve and how we want to do it.

As a member of several organizations, both fraternal and professional, this issue is not unique. The fact is, demographics and technology have changed the world around us and will continue to do so at an alarming rate. The "new" generation coming into the workforce is no longer new; the "millennials" we've been talking about for the last decade are now running projects and some of them are just a couple of years from their fortieth birthdays. Some have said the younger generations are not "joiners," of professional organizations or otherwise, but it seems there is just more information, more awareness...more to choose from. As Bob Dylan said back in '64, "The times they are a-changin,'" and the Puget Sound CSI Chapter is thinking outside of the box...

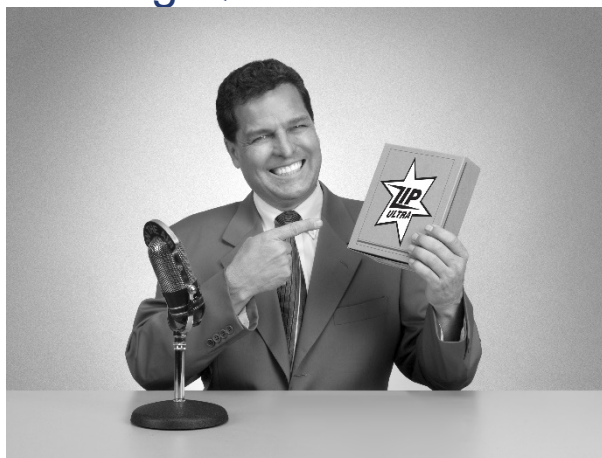
So what does all this mean? It means this year our organization will be trying different things. Throw-out the old rule book and give new ideas a chance; and these are not radical ideas! But they are new and they involve changes to the way our chapter approaches meetings, hands-on training, social media, networking, and even friendly get togethers (like BBQ's, group hikes and even CSI intramural teams). Who said we are limited to monthly meetings about technical subjects?

Monthly meetings are important and a primary goal is to continue to raise the bar in offering quality educational programs about professional topics. However, this is not a rigid framework; we can also get together as colleagues and enjoy each other's company at social and networking events, such as new member happy hours and the "speed networking" functions I've written about in earlier messages.

By expanding the range of our offering, we can capture the imagination of all generations of design and construction professionals. CSI is ready to make a variety of offerings worthy of your attention and time. I say, let's consider this year a CSI test lab to see what works and what doesn't.

As they say, nothing ventured, nothing gained. This is as true today as ever!

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Sponsorship Opportunities

Don't miss the opportunity to get an edge up over the competition by sponsoring PSC CSI! Sponsorship at any level provides many perks, including exposure for your company and products. By signing up to sponsor the association early in 2019, you will extend your reach to key contacts within in the construction specifications industry. Check out the great list of sponsorship opportunities the chapter has to offer below:

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