

## SPECTRUM

Newsletter of the Puget Sound Chapter CSI July 2019 VOL 67

### Welcome to the Incoming 2019-2020 Board of Directors!

The first day of our 2019-2020 season starts July 1st, which is when our new Board of Directors (BOD) start their term. Please welcome our incoming BOD and introduce yourself to them at our next meeting!



#### Past President:

Kevin Vaughn, The Euclid Chemical Corporation

*Kevin Vaughn was PSC CSI's President for the 2018-2019 season and the Vice-President for the Pacific Northwest Chapter of ICRI (International Concrete Repair Institute, Inc). He is the NW Technical Sales Representative for The Euclid Chemical Company.*

**President:** Melissa Falcetti Balestri, Applied Building Information

*I've been involved with the PSC CSI at the leadership level since 2012. I'm a native Washingtonian, a licensed Architect, a CDT and CCS, co-founder of a sustainability collaborative, and have been specifying since 2009. My Uncle Pat, a residential General Contractor, introduced me to the field of construction when he acted as GC for a number of "barn-raising" type projects – we all came together with family labor to build several homes for my immediate and extended family in rural Washington. He taught me to use power tools and sparked my interest in this industry.*

#### President-Elect:

April Stokesberry, Duradek Northwest

*My name is April Stokesberry and I am the Architectural Liaison at Duradek Northwest. I started this position officially in March of 2017 but have been around the Duradek product since I was a child. I helped my dad put on my parent's deck when I was 8 years old, it is still the deck on their home today! Duradek Northwest is an independent manufacturer's representative of the Duradek product, and our territory is WA, OR, top of ID, MT and AK.*



*Wanting to get more involved in the construction world around my city, I joined the Puget Sound Chapter of CSI April 2017. Not really knowing what to expect I did a lot of observing my first couple years. This year, that's all about to change! I live in Auburn, WA and have been married to my husband Brad for 3 years. We have a little (old) puppy named Lillian who completes our family for now. In my spare time I love to hang with my whole family!*

*Before working for Duradek Northwest, I was a DJ/KJ at bars around the area for about 6 years, singing my heart out and making sure everyone was having a great time. Singing is my passion; I have been in a few bands over the years. Now I mostly just sing/lead worship at church every other month. I went to school for Medical Assisting and worked as a MA while I was DJing as well. After that I became a caregiver which was so rewarding, I truly loved it. All the amazing stories I heard from my patients were my favorite.*

#### **Vice President:**



Mary Ann Shepherd, Applied Building Information

*I joined the CSI Puget Sound Chapter in 2013. The first couple of years were all about networking, putting a face to a name, as well as trying to find where I fit in CSI. I learned about developing relationships with Trusted Advisors and that CSI wasn't just for specification writers, there were members from all areas of the industry.*

*The initial intimidation I felt when I joined CSI and the Puget Sound Chapter slowly changed to anticipation and excitement. I know that whenever I attend an event, whether locally or regionally, there will be someone new to meet and to find out what role they provide in the industry that I can email or call one day for assistance. There's a certain comfort now in seeing familiar faces and catching up whether it's industry related or just saying "How are you doing?"*

*I volunteered with the PSC Education Committee, initially behind the scenes, and it wasn't until I helped manage the 2017 NW + W Region Conference in Seattle that I realized I wanted to do more as a CSI member.*

*I went from being clueless about CSI in 2013 to six years later serving as VP for the Puget Sound Chapter, Secretary for the NW Region and recently joined the Mt. Rainier Chapter. I have met so many people over the years and not only have I developed professional Trusted Advisor relationships but also friendships.*

#### **Secretary:**

Erika Anderson, Anderson Specialties

*Erika Anderson joined CSI in 2018. As an active CSI member, Erika is looking forward to continuing her work with the CSI*



*team. At Anderson Specialties LLC, Erika is a product representative for Airolite, Alaco Ladder Company, The Bilco Company, Duvinage, MM Systems, Pawling, and Sharon Stairs. Erika enjoys partnering with architects, specifiers, and general contractors for architectural specialty needs. In her free time, Erika enjoys working on home projects and spending time outdoors.*



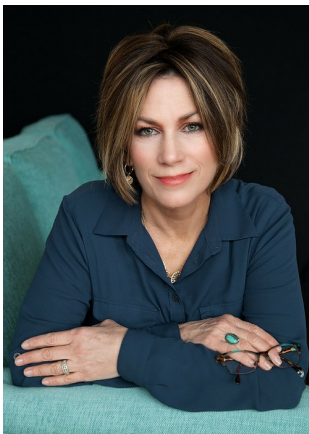
**Treasurer:**

Justin Bise, MG2

*Justin Bise moved to Seattle after receiving his Master's in Architecture. He began working in the world of specifications for NBBJ before moving over to MG2. He has been with the local CSI Puget Sound chapter for three years and is now eager to take on the role of Treasurer.*

**Director:** Robert "Wick" Temple, Hafele America Co.

*Wick Temple has been a board member since 2016 and is always "Here to help!" as he says. Wick has been a Dealer Sales Representative for Hafele America Company since 2000. He has extensive knowledge in the interior, architectural hardware products and industry. He has been a tremendous asset to architects, specifiers, interior designers, manufacturers, contractors, contract hardware distributors and dealers in the Pacific Northwest. Wick lives in Everett, WA and covers WA, OR, ID, MT and WY. In his spare time, he likes to collect old hardware found in antique stores, dabble in old and new "hardware" art projects, boat and hike with his wife of 30 years Colleen and their dog Leo.*



**Director:**

Susan Williams, PPG Paints

*Susan Williams is the Architectural Specification and Color & Design Manager serving the Puget Sound area for PPG Paints. She has been in the paint and coatings industry for over 20 years and brings a wealth of experience and expertise in color, fabrics, furniture, and design.*

*Susan brings a unique combination of sales, customer management, and color theory and product specifications to the design industry. She has provided design solutions to a variety of commercial and residential customers throughout her career. Susan earned her bachelor's degree in business from Immaculata University. She also has her Design Certificate from Moore College of Art in Philadelphia.*

**Director:** Rudy Jarvis, Hilti North America

*I moved to Seattle in February of 2018 to start my career with Hilti as a Field Engineer. Prior to my move up here I lived in Northern Nevada where I received my degree in Mechanical Engineering from UNR and worked as a Project Engineer overseeing industrial construction projects. My role with Hilti has allowed me to meet and work with several professionals in the commercial construction industry here in Seattle. I have*

*learned a tremendous amount in the short time I've been here and have enjoyed becoming a part of the construction community. I look forward to getting more involved in the CSI Puget Sound chapter and continue to learn from and support the community!*

**Director:** David Landrey, MASCO/Masons Supply Company

*David Landrey, CDT, LEED AP is the Manager of Construction Chemicals and Powders at MASCO Masons Supply Company, and was PSC CSI's President from 2015-2016.*

## Board Minutes

[Current Board Meeting Minutes](#)

## President's Message

Welcome to the 2019-2020 season of the PSC CSI! I'm Melissa Falcetti Balestri, this season's Chapter President. As with last season, a lot is changing this year and I'm excited to share it all with you.

*"Only a fool learns from his own mistakes. The wise man learns from the mistakes of others."*

-Otto von Bismarck

Let's put a positive spin on this. Instead of focusing on others' mistakes, **let's learn from their successes**. This season, we're going to learn from the success of past seasons. Last season's social events were well received; this season we'll offer a geocaching activity at our September kick-off meeting, a 1920s themed holiday party and auction, and a mini-golf tournament. Some of this chapter's most well attended seasons have been because the calendar was made available all season, allowing people to pre-plan. By the time you read this article most, if not all, of our events, meetings, dates and locations will have already been determined. You'll see the full season calendar by September. Joint chapter meetings have been some of our most well-attended events over the years; this season we'll hold joint meetings with other industry organizations, such as SeaBEC and the HMC. AIA Seattle offers extremely successful course series on specific topics, like project management. Similarly, our seminars this season will be split into two multi-class series. Due to popular demand, the courses will focus on the topics of Project Delivery (CDT Prep!) and Intro to Specifications. We'll be learning from the success of Institute's Dynamic Chapter Program by applying their principles to every meeting and event we can. In other words, look forward to seeing many punny and clever (we hope!) event names.

As for our direction, this season **we're going back to our organization's core mission**, which is "to advance building information management and education of project teams to improve facility performance." We'll be focusing on education with the goal of helping make you the best practitioners and professionals around. If you have any ideas on specific meeting topics or how we can help you be the best in your firm, please reach out with your ideas!

Additionally, **there's one major change in our organization this season that you should be aware of**. PSC CSI is a 501(c)6 organization, which means that we're a non-profit that exists to serve the needs of its members. A good portion of our member fees have always gone to an association management service that runs much of the behind-the-scenes work for our organization. Based on a series of events and raising fees, the 2018-2019 Board of Directors determined that we could no longer justify the costs of hiring an association management company. As a result, **we've separated from our management company and are becoming an organization that self-manages itself through volunteers and select hired individuals**. You may see growing pains as we implement this change, but over time we believe we can create a better overall experience

for members. This change allows our organization to be come more resilient and adaptable over time. Our management costs will lower substantially, so we'll be able to pass along or create additional benefits to and for our members. We'd love to hear your feedback and receive suggestions as the season progresses. If you'd like to help determine our Chapter's future and turn it into the type of organization you want interact with, please reach out. We'd love to get you involved.

If you haven't attended an event or meeting for a while, please consider reconnecting with us this season. Our incoming Board and Committees are full energy and ideas, and we think you're going to enjoy this season. In the meantime, have a wonderful summer! We'll see you in the Fall.

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## 2018-2019 Season Award Winners!

Congratulations to our 2018-2019 Season Award Winners!

**Chapter Cooperation Award:** Awarded to a trade association, trade union, contractor association, professional association, or an individual firm, for exceptional liaison work with the Chapter, or for outstanding support of the Chapter's objectives.

- Awarded to: Applied Building Information, LLC

**Chapter Craftsmanship Award:** Awarded to a firm or individual for superior craftsmanship in the construction industry within the Chapter's area.

- Awarded to: Matt Paonessa, Andersen Construction

**Donald E. Paine Award:**

- Awarded to: Mary Ann Shepherd, Applied Building Information, LLC

**Donald H. Schuman Award:**

- Awarded to: Julie Taylor, Integrus Architecture

**Chapter Technical Citation:** Bestowed on an individual who has rendered distinguished service to the Chapter in advancement of the Chapter's technical program, or who has shown distinguished accomplishment in the field of technical research or education.

- Awarded to: Melissa Balestri, Applied Building Information, LLC

**David E. Thomas Award:** Awarded to an Industry member of the Chapter who has rendered distinguished service to the Chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration.

- Awarded to: Susan Williams, PPG Paints

**President's Citation for Education:** Chapter President's Certificate of Appreciation given by the Chapter President, at their discretion, to Chapter members for exceptional work performed in behalf of the Chapter.

- Awarded to: Melissa Balestri, Applied Building Information, LLC

**President's Citation for Trusted Advisor:** Chapter President's Certificate of Appreciation given by the Chapter President, at their discretion, to Chapter members for exceptional work performed in behalf of the Chapter.

- Awarded to: Robert Mandy, Lake Washington Institute of Technology

**President's Citation for Contributions:** Chapter President's Certificate of Appreciation given by the Chapter President, at their discretion, to Chapter members for exceptional work performed in behalf of the Chapter.

- Awarded to: Beth Stroshane, Applied Building Information, LLC

**President's Citation for NW Harvest:** Chapter President's Certificate of Appreciation given by the Chapter President, at their discretion, to Chapter members for exceptional work performed in behalf of the Chapter.

- Awarded to: Wick Temple, Hafele America Co.

**President's Citation for Communications:** Chapter President's Certificate of Appreciation given by the Chapter President, at their discretion, to Chapter members for exceptional work performed in behalf of the Chapter.

- Awarded to: Leah Wollard, Applied Building Information, LLC

Additionally, we took advantage of the opportunity to honor some of our Chapter's recent retirees. Congratulations to:

- Brian Keil
- Bob Simmons
- Brad Williamson
- Chuck Weldy
- Dick Owen
- Ed Storer
- Hugh Kuyper
- Jeff Herrmann
- John Jeffcott
- Lottie Eskilsson
- Vicki Long

## Save the Date

### **Tentative Date: Sept 5th GEOCASHING & NEW MEMBER SOCIAL**

Location: TBD

Time: 4:30pm-7:30pm

## Affiliate Event: Façade Tectonics Forum: SEATTLE

Façade Tectonics Institute (FTI), a non-profit member organization dedicated to providing a platform for knowledge-sharing and active communication between industry silos on façade-focused topics, is coming to Seattle for the first time to present the **Façade Tectonics Forum: SEATTLE** at the **University of Washington** on **Tuesday, July 16** from **8:30 AM** to **5:00 PM**.

FTI is bringing its celebrated regional Forum series, ***Material Matters: Emerging Strategies and Design Practices for Façade Systems, Buildings, and Urban Habitat***, to Seattle for a full day of expert-led panel discussions to address industry trends, practices, and issues as they relate to the Seattle community. Attendees are eligible for 6 AIA LU|HSU credits.

Seattle Event Page: <https://facadetectonics.org/ftf-sea19/>

Seattle Registration Page: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/facade-tectonics-forum-seattle-tickets-60625446342>

Sponsorship Opportunities: <https://facadetectonics.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/FTI-2019-Conference-Sponsorship-Form.pdf>

**[Click here to see the full calendar of events on the website.](#)**

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