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Golf Outing Success

Thank you to the 75 golfers and 12 guests who joined us at Bloomingdale Golf Club on June 26 and helped make the day fabulous. Many thanks also goes out to all the sponsors who supported this event and our fundraising efforts for the CSI Chicago Student Scholarship Fund. Read the event recap to learn how much money was raised!

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Separating Cool Roofing Myths from Facts

Summer Roundtable: Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 12:00-1:00pm

Hitting the Wall - Installing Fenestration in the New Exterior Insulated Wall Systems

Summer Roundtable: Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 12:00-1:00pm

SAVE THE DATE

Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, September 25, 2018, 5:00pm

Roundtables: Regular roundtable series begin again in September.

President's Letter



Dear Esteemed CSI Chicago Members,

From my days as an architecture student, along with every step of my professional journey, CSI has been a cornerstone in my understanding of construction. Because CSI has had such a clear and profound impact on me I have always felt compelled and excited to share and promote the organization and our Chapter whenever the opportunity presents itself. While the professional benefits and education through CSI are incredibly valuable, when I think about the organization I immediately go to the relationships I've built and the amazing amount of perspective and knowledge we have throughout our membership. I want to thank all the people who have encouraged me in CSI; including Past-President Melissa Gibson, Jeremy Olsen, Alan Itzkowitz, Joe Stypka, Scott Conwell, Larry Nordin, Renee Doktorczyk, and Elias Saltz to name just a few.

I'm truly honored to be taking on the position of Chapter President this month and am excited to get this year started. My own personal goal for this year will be to meet each one of our members, so please introduce yourself at events when you see me to make that goal a little easier.

We have a very exciting slate of topics for this year's chapter programs. Programming Chair, Andrea Baird, and the Programming Committee continue their work bringing in high level speakers and constructors to discuss the most relevant subjects in construction. Our position as the organization improving project delivery, places us in a perfect role as educators in the industry, and we are working on topics this year that will continue to attract a wide range of construction professionals.

Robert Moretti, and the rest of the Membership Committee have grown our numbers with diverse voices that provide great perspective on modern approaches to construction challenges. If you have not in the past, I encourage you to get engaged this year by attending one or more of our roundtables, which provide a more intimate and focused topic discussion.

While we have done an excellent job in promoting connections to other outside organizations, we have sometimes missed opportunities to be more efficient and connect our own communities when their efforts align. Through grouping committees, we can organize and expand upon our successful efforts and events, as well as find new ways to bring exposure and energy to our lesser known benefits. An example would be to organize our Social Media, Newsletter, Website and Communication teams together to strengthen the consistency of our message and how we reach out to our membership. Brad Schwab and the Communications Committee will continue to refine our outreach.

This year we will establish the CSI Chicago Foundation to help bolster our charitable activities. This will help continue and strengthen the efforts of our

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President's Letter (cont.)

Student Outreach as well as the great work done by Guadalupe Casimiro with Rebuilding Together. We will continue to work on involvement with all Architecture related programs at local colleges and universities in the Chicago area.

We are currently reworking our CDT Study Class to adapt to changes in the certification program and the Project Delivery Practice Guide. We will continue to promote the CDT certification course as a benefit to all members of the construction process, especially to students and younger professionals.

I believe that we have an exciting year in the making, with great speakers and events with compelling and relevant topics. I also hope that I see you all at one of the many great social events or fundraisers we have planned for this year, as we expand our own construction networks and keep giving back to the Chicago community.

We are always looking for companies and individuals to get more involved in our chapter. Our organization is a great place to invest your energy and build your network. Please reach out to me or Beth Winkler at csichicagochapter@gmail if you have any questions about getting involved. We have a wide range of sponsorship opportunities and volunteer commitments. Thank you again to those who remain involved and support the Chapter. I'm looking forward another successful year with you.

-Peter W. Grotenhuis, CSI, CDT



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Lunchtime Roundtables

Summer Roundtable: Separating Cool Roofing Myths from Facts

Wednesday, July 11, 2018, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

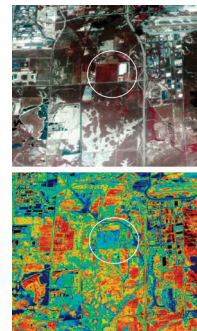
Presented by: Tyler Sweeney, CSI | Midwest Technical Sales Representative | Sika

With the popularity for “Cool Roofs” growing, it is natural that roofing manufacturers who sell dark colored roofs will try to discredit cool roofing benefits. This presentation takes a look at some of the cool roofing arguments and helps to understand what is really fact from fiction.

[Complete event listing.](#)

Location: Thornton Tomasetti,
330 N Wabash Ave #1500, Chicago, IL

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Summer Roundtable: Hitting the Wall - Installing Fenestration in the New Exterior Insulated Wall Systems

Wednesday, August 15, 2018, 12:00pm - 1:00pm

Presented by: Chris Carpenter, CSI, CCPR, Affiliate AIA | Pella Windows & Doors, Inc.

Moving or adding insulation to the exterior improves wall performance, but it can affect the flashing and attachment systems for wall penetrations. How do you take advantage of the benefits of exterior wall insulation without compromising window and door options? Fenestration openings are a critical component of the building envelope, especially in today's sustainable, energy-efficient buildings. Join us to discuss the impact of exterior insulation on fenestration installation design. Alongside industry experts, you'll get a chance to explore solutions for a wide variety of wall system variations. [Complete event listing.](#)

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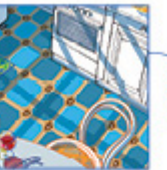
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Reiner Pligge, RA, CSI, CDT, AIA, ALA, NIBS, RLA

Written by: Rachel Nava, CSI, CDT

Reiner Pligge is no stranger to the A.E.C. industry. He has over 35 years of experience and is well known in the industry and he is a member of AIA, Building Enclosure Council, and CSI Chicago to name a few. Reiner is a Chicago native graduating from Lane Tech High School before going on to the University of Illinois – Chicago Circle (now UIC). This almost didn't happen! He had accepted a full-ride Basketball Scholarship to play Point-Guard at Kansas in 1972, but then changed his mind when the Coach said that he could not play basketball and be an Architecture major.



While attending U of I Chicago Circle, an instructor realized that Reiner was very gifted in Architecture and encouraged him to become an Architecture Apprentice in lieu of completing college. His architectural knowledge was due to his completion of a rigorous Architecture program at Lane Tech. This program included classes such as Wood Shop, Electric Shop, Foundry, and House Framing.

In his spare time, Reiner is an avid volunteer. Donating his time to efforts such as the Hurricane Harvey recovery in Houston in 2017. He was one of the first five Emergency Relief Vehicles to go on "Search and Feed" missions. He was out on the "front-line" with Sugarland Kitchen, conducting routes twice daily, loaded with 500, 3-course, healthy, fresh meals and desperately needed life-saving supplies.


Family holds a huge place in Reiner's heart. This is his favorite place to spend his time. His family enjoys camping, hiking, and nature. They have visited almost every National Park in the United States.

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The following is a list of members of the Chicago Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute that are volunteering for construction industry activities beyond the Chicago Chapter of CSI.

I hope to receive information regularly to expand this list and keep it current so that we can all be informed as to the breadth of member activities. Please send your construction industry volunteer activity information to me at: josephstypka@gmail.com or joseph.stypka@perkinswill.com.

Thank you,
Joe Stypka

Member Activities Beyond

Randy Chapple

Construction Specifications Institute Delegate to the Tile Council of North America (TCNA) Handbook Committee and to the ANSI A108 Accredited Standards Committee for Ceramic Tile
Member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 189 on Ceramic Tile
Committee member of ASTM E2751/E2751M "Design and Performance of Supported Laminated Glass Walkways"

Larry Church

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Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute: active member with the Parking Structure and Sustainability Committees

Scott Conwell

International Masonry Institute (IMI) Delegate to the Tile Council of North America (TCNA) Handbook Committee and to the ANSI A108 Accredited Standards Committee for Ceramic Tile
Member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 189 on Ceramic Tile

Jeff Diqui

Building Enclosure Council – Chicago chapter, Program Director
Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) Terminations and Flashings Committee

Renee Doktorczyk

Member of CSI North Central Region, Institute Director Nominating Committee

Frank Heitzman

Construction Specifications Institute, UDS Program Task Team

Alan Itzkowitz

Construction Specifications Institute, Director from the North Central Region
Construction Specifications Institute, Certification Committee
Specifications Consultants in Independent Practice (SCIP), Vice President

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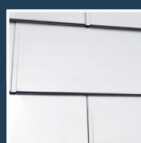
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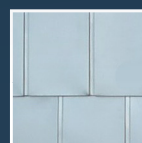
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Welcome New Board

The new [officers and directors](#) officially took office on July 1, 2018. We welcome them as our chapter leaders for the next year.

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President-elect: Andrea Baird, CSI, CCCA, AIA, P.E., LEED AP

Vice President: Heather Rice, CSI, CDT

Vice President: Jennifer R. Friedland, CSI, CDT, LEED GA

Secretary: Chris Carpenter, CSI, CCPR

Treasurer: Elias Saltz, CSI, CCS

Membership Officer: Robert Moretti, CSI, CDT

Past President: Melissa Gibson, CSI, CCS, CCCA

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Brad Schwab, CSI, CDT

Randall A. Chapple, CSI, CCS, AIA, SE

Guadalupe Casimiro, CSI

NCR Director: Drew Clausen, CSI

Welcome to all our new and returning [committee members](#) as well! If you are interested in becoming more involved in the chapter, please reach out to new President, [Peter Grotenhuis](#), or Executive Director, [Beth Winkler](#), to learn more!

We look forward to another year at CSI Chicago!



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Event Recap

Golf Outing - Tuesday, June 26, 2018

As the golf committee arrived at Bloomingdale golf course, concern took over as we watched the pouring rain from the clubhouse deck. We remained hopeful and were glad to see the storms give way and dry the course in time for the 10am shotgun start. The rain held and made for a perfectly comfortable day to be on the course.

Before the golfers took to their carts, the competition beginning at the marshmallow drive kept everyone well entertained with Chris Walsh of Inpro taking an early and strong lead that held as the golfers were sent out on the course.

As golfers made their way around the course, there was more fun to be had within in the groups and at the hole contests. Thank you to all our companies that helped out with the sponsorship:

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Event Recap Golf Outing (cont.)

The groups finished their round and the crowd eagerly awaited the helicopter ball drop, while the competition continued as new marshmallow drive leader, Barry Koncel of Jensen & Halstead, held his lead strong and in the end took home the prize! Since a helicopter wasn't in the budget this year, we were happy to have the help of Matt Hartman of Georgia Pacific, to execute the releasing of the golf balls.

The golf and contests were followed by a late lunch and the announcement of all the contest winners. We finished the day out by awarding some wonderful raffle prizes to those of all golfing abilities. Thank you to all the companies that donated a prize for our raffle:

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This year our golf committee elected to dedicate proceeds from the helicopter drop, marshmallow drive, mulligans, and split the pot raffle to the CSI Chicago's Student Scholarship fund. We are so very thankful to the many generous people that helped us raise \$1,250!

Every event takes many hours of planning before the big day and many helpers at the event making sure it all goes smoothly. Many thanks to the committee and the many volunteers to helped us make the day go so smoothly:

Nolan Day, Life Safety Hardware - Committee Chair
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We hope every golfer, guest, and volunteer enjoyed their time that day as much as we did and found it a worthwhile outing. Thank you to every person who attended as it wouldn't have been the same without you!

Photos courtesy of Drew Clausen, Elaine Szot, and Chris Walsh. More pictures from our event posted on our [Facebook page](#).


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Event Recap

Baseball Outing - Friday, June 15, 2018

A huge thanks to everyone that came out for the 7th Annual Summer Outing Tailgate and White Sox Baseball game. Under the hot sun, we were able to tailgate with our friends at AIA Eastern Illinois and AIA Chicago. for ths joint event We had record attendance year with 217 tickets sold! Dewain Peterson's daughter would like to thank all who helped her raise \$231 for the Honor Flight charity. A special thanks to [ASSA ABLOY](#) for sponsoring the tailgate and Dewain Peterson for all his coordination efforts! We look forward to seeing you all back again next summer...and the summer after that! More pictures from our event posted on our [Facebook page](#).








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For more information on all our marketing and sponsorship opportunities, [visit us online](#). To book your sponsorship, please contact us at csichicagochapter@gmail.com

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SEEKING LOCAL ARCHITECT SPEAKERS: Do you have a building enclosure case study or facade-related presentation you want to give?

We would like to add about eight local speakers in a special track aimed at "architects presenting to architects." Speakers in this track get free conference registration and are not required to submit a conference paper. Case studies, design processes, collaboration, materials, specifications - anything that architects would want to learn about - but no sales presentations, please. Contact track organizer Prof. Douglas Noble, FAIA, Ph.D., USC School of Architecture, to learn more about this special track at dnoble@usc.edu.

Design Considerations for Back-Ventilated Rainscreen Cladding Attachment Systems

Monday, August 13 or Tuesday, August 14 | 11:30am - 1:30pm

Presented by: Steve Taylor, National Sales Manager, Knight Wall Systems

Intended for Architects, Engineers and General Contractors, this presentation will have a focus on how design decisions for back-ventilated rainscreen cladding attachment systems related to cladding type, orientation, weight, etc. can have an impact on attachment system layout, economics, structural capacity and constructability.

Continuing Education: 1.0 AIA/CES HSW/LU

Cost: \$10, includes lunch

Locations: Monday at International Masonry Institute (2140 W. Corporate Dr. Addison)

Tuesday at AIA Chicago (35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 260 (Wabash Room) Chicago)

Learn more and registration for Monday, August 13: <https://goo.gl/wj2XkZ>

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Choosing Insulation for Masonry Cavity Walls: Learning from the Ancient Greeks

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The Ancient Greeks believed five basic elements made-up the Universe: earth, water, air, fire and aether (the so-called “classical elements”). And, coincidentally, the Ancient Greeks were among the first cultures to build masonry cavity walls.

It turns out that masonry cavity walls help defend buildings against several of the classical elements: water, air and fire. As the Masonry Advisory Council (MAC) explains:

“Today, masonry cavity walls are used extensively throughout the United States in all types of buildings. The primary reasons for their popularity are superior resistance to rain penetration, excellent thermal properties, excellent resistance to sound transmission and high resistance to fire.”

A Closer Look at Masonry Cavity Walls... [Read full article at Building Enclosure online.](#)



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Epstein was the architect of record as well as civil, MEP/FP, and structural engineer working with a team of designers which included Pierre-Yves Rochon and the Puccini Group on Gellar Investment Company's office-to-hotel redevelopment of Chicago's 101 East Erie. In this role Epstein helped the Gellar Investment Company convert the upper 13 floors of the commercial office building into a five-star luxury hotel under the Conrad By Hilton flag.



101 E. Erie, commonly known as the Draft FCB building, was built in the mid 1980's as a Class A office building and is comprised of two separately-owned sections. The lower seven floors are owned and occupied by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Chicago and floors 8-20 were owned by Lexington Realty Trust and were occupied by Draft FCB, a prominent advertising, branding, and strategic planning firm.

Epstein's designers and engineers coordinated the lobby design, guest rooms and public spaces created by Pierre-Yves Rochon while Epstein designed all of Hilton's Operational Spaces under the Conrad flag and brand standards. The Conrad Chicago program included a 289 key hotel with public spaces on the ground floor and levels 8-20. Hotel operational functions occupied the 2nd basement level. Multiple food and beverage venues were developed by the Puccini Group. Typical guest rooms are located on levels 8-18 with a fitness center on level 8. Meeting rooms occupied level 19. Level 20 was conceived as an amenity level with Hotel check-in, Bar/Lounge, and kitchen supporting a 3-meal signature restaurant.



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