

April 2018

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Students Receive Scholarships

Congratulations to our three Illinois Institute of Technology students who received scholarships at the March Chapter Meeting!

Applicants for the scholarship are tasked with creating a text narrative of their design process, and how different factors influenced their material choices in regards to the building envelope. This encourages the students to dig deeper into issues of system design and how those decisions can impact aesthetics as well as building function.

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Geotechnical Challenges of Building in Chicago

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Give Back Day: Saturday, April 28, 2018, half or full day

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Awards Banquet and Recognition Night

Social Event: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

White Sox Baseball Tailgate & Game

Summer Outing: Friday, June 15, 2018, 5:00pm

Golf Outing

Social Event: Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 10:00am Shotgun Start

President Letter's



Dear Friends,

I can't believe that April is already here and our final chapter meeting for the fiscal year is upon us. Walsh Construction has offered to be our gracious host this month, and we have a great speaker on deck with a program on the unique geotechnical conditions of Chicago. I'll also be presenting the annual report for the chapter that will highlight our key activities of the past year and detail the financial status of the chapter. Please see [details on this program](#) later in this newsletter and I hope to see you at our grand finale before monthly chapter programs go on hiatus until September.

As we wrap up March I also extend heartfelt thanks to everyone that made CSI2eye such a success this year. The hardworking event committee and volunteers, Beth Winkler, and all of the participants brought so much enthusiasm and passion into this year's event. I thank you all and am already looking forward to next year.

Thank you to Shannon Gedey of Perkins + Will for her March program on resilient design approaches and the RELi standard. I found the presentation and the discussion afterwards extremely relevant and valuable. We'd love to hear feedback from attendees on what you thought. We were also thrilled to award 3 student scholarships made possible by the generous support of the [SMARTci](#), [Schwab Group, LLC](#), and [Hunter Panels](#). Check out the winners later in this newsletter.

[Rebuilding Together](#) is fast approaching at the end of April. This will be CSI Chicago's first year of adopting a house, and the family we are working with

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President Letter's (cont.)

is extremely grateful and excited for the plans we have made to renovate their home. Please [take a look at opportunities](#) to donate goods, cash, or your time and talents.

Even though our monthly chapter programs take a little 'break' for the summer, we still have plenty of opportunities to utilize your membership on tap between now and September. Please join us for fun networking with one of the best views in the city at our [annual awards banquet](#) on May 16; or hit the links at our [Golf Outing](#) in June; and stay tuned for many more social and educational program offerings and partnerships we have in the works.

And finally, please also check your inboxes for information on CSI elections. There are currently national and local elections open for voting, but not for long! National elections close on April 3 and Chicago election closes on April 12. Cast your vote today!

Happy spring!



Melissa Gibson, NCARB, CSI, CCS, CCCA, LEED AP BD+C



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Geotechnical Challenges of Building in Chicago

Chapter Meeting: Tuesday, April 24 2018

Presented by: Michael Wysockey, PhD, PE | President | Thatcher Foundations, Inc.

Chicago's skyline of towering skyscrapers is especially impressive if you consider that when the city was first settled, it was a swampy marsh. Chicago's bedrock is buried deep beneath silt, mud, and clay that for 150 years engineers and architects have been innovating new design and construction strategies to prevent buildings from sinking. This program will provide an overview of and discuss effective foundation construction strategies to address Chicago's challenging soil conditions.



Photo of the earth retention system at 300 N. LaSalle provided by Thatcher Foundations, Inc.

Time: 5:30pm-8:00pm

Location: Walsh Construction, 307 S. Sangamon, Chicago, IL

Cost: CSI Chicago Members Complimentary, Nonmembers \$45
(Includes drinks and light dinner.)

Registration: Due by March 20, 2018

Parking: Complimentary parking is available in the Walsh parking lot located across the street (no parking pass needed during event hours).

Continuing Education: 1.0 AIA/CES LU

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Learning Objectives:

1. Identify and describe the typical soil and rock profiles present in Chicago.
2. Identify and describe specific geotechnical problematic areas of Chicago for construction.
3. Understand different construction techniques for deep foundations and earth retention structures that address the many challenges of Chicago soils.
4. Understand how code and regulations address geotechnical design, including the Building Department memo that modifies Chapter 18 of the Chicago Building Code.

About the Presenter: Michael Wysockey, PhD, PE is the president of Thatcher Foundations, Inc. Thatcher Foundations is a specialty contractor working in design-build earth retention, pile driving, drilled foundations, and marine construction. Thatcher has built a reputation for innovative solutions to challenging deep foundation and shoring work. From limited access micropiles to high capacity driven and augercast piles (ACIP), Thatcher has been installing piles since 1946.



Michael received his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering from The Citadel, his Master's from MIT, and Doctorate in Geotechnical Engineering from the University of Illinois Urbana Champaign – where he was awarded both the Wilson and Peck Fellowships. His publications range from shore erosion, to the effect of local soil conditions on earthquake motions, to the capacity of deep foundations. He is a member of the Chicago Committee on High Rise Buildings, the Pile Driving Contractors Association, a past Chairman of the Driven Pile Committee of the DFI and the ASCE Geo Institute, Illinois Section.

Lunchtime Roundtables

Specifier Roundtable: Top 10 Roof Spec Sins: Part 1

Thursday, April 5, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Moderator:

Melissa Gibson, NCARB, CSI, CCS, CCCA, LEED AP BD+C, Associate Vice President, Specifier, Epstein

Panel Participants:

Bob Moretti, MBA, CDT, CSI; Roofing Advisor, Architectural and Technical Specialist - Tremco.

Brian Vladovich; Project Manager - Olsson Roofing Company, Inc.

While roof systems make up a very minor percentage of new construction costs, roof design, installation, and maintenance has a monumental impact on the overall performance and success of a project. For this roundtable we will have a technical specialist from a roofing manufacturer and an experienced roofing contractor discussing common pitfalls found in roofing specifications, and how to close performance gaps and quality loopholes in your roof system specifications. [Complete event listing.](#)

Location: Epstein, Chicago

Continuing Education: 1.0 AIA/CES LU

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Meet the Reps Roundtable: Architectural Metal Panels

Friday, April 6, 12:00pm-1:00pm

Moderator: Pat Ruban, CSI

Panel Participants:

All Weather Insulated Panels | Julie Montrose, CSI,
CDT

Centria | Fred Fisher

Kingspan | Eric Kuhlman, CSI

This roundtable will give you the opportunity to get to know local representatives and learn about product selection and their applications in the market. Participants are encouraged to come prepared with questions in this open discussion format. [Complete event listing.](#)

Location: Daltile Tile & Stone Chicago Gallery, Chicago

Continuing Education: 1.0 AIA/CES LU

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Lunchtime Roundtables (cont.)

Technical Roundtable: Historic Terracotta Restoration

Wednesday, April 10, 11:30am-1:30pm

Presented by:

Roy Ingraffia, Jr., Director of Industry Development & Tech Services, International Masonry Institute

Edward Gerns, Principal, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

Rachel Will, Senior Engineer, Wiss Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

This program provides an introduction to terracotta as an architectural cladding material, its manufacturing, overview of its performance, and methods of repair. Terracotta as an architectural material in the United States had a very short run as a predominant cladding material; lasting from the late nineteenth century until the 1950's. During that time period though it was manufactured and used in excess as a durable and decorative material. Terracotta by itself is a high performance material, however when failure does occur it is generally associated with the secondary material used in the assembly. This session will focus on understanding the methods of deterioration and repair strategies as well as how architectural terracotta is still used in more contemporary applications. [Complete event listing.](#)

Location: AIA Chicago, Chicago

Continuing Education: 1.5 AIA/CES HSW/LU

Cost: \$15 and registration is required and includes lunch.

Schedule: 11:30am Check-in & Seating; 11:50 am Welcome & Tech Tip; 12:00 pm Seminar & Lunch

This event is co-hosted and sponsored by [International Masonry Institute](#).

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Lunchtime Roundtables (cont.)

Industry Roundtable: Selling Construction Products and Services to the 5 Generations in the Marketplace

Friday, April 20, 12-1pm

Presented by: Mary Erlain, President, Peak Development Strategies

One-size-fits-all sales training can create issues in the selling process. Consider the traditional sales process...

Prospecting → Pre-Approach → Approach → Presentation → Handling Objections → Close → Deliver

Now consider all of the generations in the marketplace. Can you see where the process can get murky? Just the prospecting step in itself can become so vague when you take communication and technology into consideration.

This workshop will help you begin to see whether you are participating in the problems or creating solutions to the challenges of selling with a generational workforce. [Complete event listing.](#)

Location: Daltile Tile & Stone Chicago Gallery, Chicago

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National Rebuild Day

Rebuilding Together House Rehab: Saturday, April 28, 2018

Join CSI Chicago as we donate our time and talent on National Rebuilding Day!

Meet Mrs. Doris & Mr. Thomas Malone and their home at 5086 W Congress Parkway, Chicago, IL. The Malone's are a retired couple that have lived and raised a family in this 3 bedroom, 1 bath home on Chicago's west side for over 50 years. Their home is designated as "hard" by Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago (RTMC), so skilled and unskilled labor volunteers are needed. Some of the tasks we will be taking on that day include: Painting, gardening, cleaning/moving, concrete, kitchen and bathroom rework, carpet/floor replacement. We will be asking volunteers to bring whatever tools they can with them that day. Material donations are also encouraged but need to be pre-arranged.



Event Time Line:

7:30 – 7:45am - Park & board buses at RTMC HQ The Tool Bank (1500 S Western Ave, Chicago, IL 60608).

8:00am Volunteers arrive at Home begin work

12:00pm Lunch

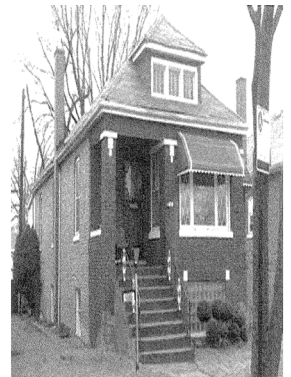
12:50pm Group photo

1:00pm Work resumes

3:00pm Final clean up volunteers begin to bus back to cars as work is complete

5:00pm All work complete

VOLUNTEER NOW!



Professionals: We are looking for a few professionals to donate their time and/or materials:

- Concrete sidewalk walk repair - Donation of crew and materials. Work needed to help divert water from the foundation.
- Kitchen cabinet/countertop demo/install - Donation of crew and/or materials.

Donations: If you or your company have something to donate, please contact one of our house captains to coordinate.



We are still looking for several items:

Paint | Carpet tiles | Kitchen cabinets/countertop | Kitchen sink | Gas stove | Window A/C units | Ceiling fans/light fixtures | LED light bulbs | Bathroom medicine cabinet with light fixture | Grab bars | Toilet Seat | Shower Head Bar with Handheld | Washer and Dryer | Window Treatments | TV wall bracket | Rack for Pantry | Cash or Gift Cards | Safety equipment for volunteers

Other material donations? Please let Guadalupe know what you can donate!

[More event details online.](#)

CSI Chicago Rebuilding Together Key Contacts:

House Co-Captain: Guadalupe Casimiro | GCasimiro@jandhltd.com | 312.909.3123

Home Owner Ambassador/House Co-captain: Francisco Rosas | FRosas@jandhltd.com | 312-286-3674

Volunteer Coordinator: Kathy St. Joseph | k.stjoseph@lottechem.com | 224-245-7866

Runner: Ernesto Barraza

Committee Members: Paul Larson, Anne Waliczek

CSI Academy: Risk Assessment
CSI Institute Event: Thursday, April 26 & Friday, April 27, 2018

Academy

RISK MANAGEMENT

Sharpen your skills in construction risk identification, assessment, mitigation, and monitoring by joining your peers at the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) Academy on April 26 and 27 in Chicago. Learn from subject matter experts and share your experiences through highly interactive online and in-person sessions. This one-and-a-half-day conference features two tracks of focused educational content - Project Conception and Project Execution.

WHO SHOULD ATTEND

- Architecture, engineering, and construction (AEC) professionals
- Individuals who are new to risk management
- Individuals who are implementing a risk management plan
- Individuals who wish to be familiarized with the general terminology and best practices

LEARNING OUTCOMES

- Expand your working knowledge of every step in construction risk management
- Understand the fundamentals of construction risk and how it affects different project phases
- Develop real-world strategies for addressing risk management in your projects, from risk identification and assessment to methods of mitigation and monitoring existing risks

REGISTRATION

- Registration is open to industry professionals, with discounts for CSI members. Space is limited.
- Regular Rate (3/1-4/10) - Member: \$795. Non-member: \$1,070.

As part of the registration fee, participants will receive forms, templates, and risk management plan materials developed specifically for the Academy and up to 12 professional development hours (PDHs) towards CSI certification renewal.

REGISTER NOW 

CHICAGO MEMBER DISCOUNT

- CSI Chicago Chapter members can register at the host chapter scholarship rate of \$375.
- To take advantage of this discounted rate, contact Matt Fochs at mfochs@csinet.org or 703-706-4733.

VOLUNTEER

- Members can get an additional \$50 off registration when the volunteer at the event.

Volunteer Sign-up: <http://signup.com/go/DAGZCBu>

QUESTIONS

- If you want to know more about the Academy itself, please visit the event webpage or email academies@csinet.org.
- This event is a Institute event held in Chicago so please contact Matt Fochs at mfochs@csinet.org with specific questions on the volunteer spots or registration discounts.

CSI Chicago Awards Banquet and Recognition Night

Wednesday, May 16, 2018



CSI Chicago celebrates 65 years as a chapter as we look back at a successful year and recognize all that have contributed to the accomplishments and programs this year.

Enjoy the views as you catch up with friends and make new connections.

Members and guests, please join us as we honor those who have contributed to the chapter - both individuals and companies. We will thank our board for their service this past year and welcome the new board who will take office in July. Recognition will be given to new chapter members and those who have reached a continuous membership milestone year.

LOCATION: Cliff Dwellers
200 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60604

TIME: 5:30pm Social, appetizers, and cash bar
6:30pm Plated dinner

COST: \$50 per person (member or non-member)

REGISTRATION: Required by Monday, May 7

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Summer Baseball Tailgate and Game
Friday, June 15, 2018



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Food and drinks at Tailgate provided by **ASSA ABLOY**. **Parking cost is on your own.**
DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION May 10th, 2018

CSI Chicago Golf Outing

Tuesday, June 26, 2018



CSI Chicago invites you for our biennial golf outing! We will have games with prizes for all skill levels, included no-skill games! To encourage all golfing abilities, the format will be shotgun start with best ball scramble. Pre-purchase your add on games to benefit the student scholarship fund with your golf registration or pay cash at the door. A beverage cart will be offering cash drinks/snacks on the course.



LOCATION: Bloomingdale Golf Club | 181 Glen Ellyn Rd. Bloomingdale, IL

DATE: Tuesday, June 26, 2018

9:00am Registration | 10:00am Shotgun Start | 3:00pm Games, Lunch, and Awards

Cost: \$150 Single Golfer

\$300 Full Cart (2 golfers) - Bring your favorite design/construct professional!

\$500 4-some (4 golfers) - Bring a group and save \$100!

\$40 Lunch only

\$5 Mulligans (limit 2 per golfer)

Golf includes cart and lunch. All attendees receive 1 drink ticket.

GOLF & LUNCH REGISTRATION

GAMES: Sponsored contests on the course (driving, putting, overall score, etc.)

Putting*

Helicopter Ball Drop*

Marshmallow Drive*

50/50 Raffle* (cash only at event)

*Cost is \$5 each and proceeds benefit CSI Chicago Student Scholarship Program

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Hole Sponsors: \$150

Contest Sponsors :\$150 + cost of prize (\$50 suggested prize value)

Raffle prize donations: Donate an item of your choice to the general raffle for the day.

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sign on course. Beverage cart sponsors will have the logo on the cart.

Raffle and Contest sponsors will be verbally recognized at the lunch.

All sponsors will be listed in our Change Order newsletter following the event.

SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION

Questions: Contact Nolan Day, Golf Chair twoday@sbcglobal.net or Beth Winkler csichicagochapter@gmail.com

Member News

Anniversaries and New Members

Continuous years with CSI...

- 48 James Lucas, CSI**
J.N. Lucas & Associates
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- 5 Christopher Carpenter, CSI, CCPR**
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- 2 Ken Rathbun, CSI-EP**
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- 1 Dominik Soltys, CSI**
- 1 Ben Kweton, CSI**
Sheet Metal Supply LTD.
- 1 Nicholas Cwikla, CSI**
- 1 Miller Settlemyer, CSI**

Welcome new CSI members...

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Remembering KENNETH MOORE, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

By Casey F. Robb, FCSI, CCPR, LEED - AP |Business Development Professional

KENNETH MOORE, FCSI, CCS, CCCA passed away this past month near his home just west of the Chicago metro area. Ken was one of my early mentors in CSI, and I remember meeting him when first joining the STL chapter in 1986. He was a real influence in my early career as a product rep. Ken along with his wife Marion were also prominent specifiers in the St. Louis area for many years. Ken was a driving force in the promotion of CSI certification and to advance education. He was instrumental in convincing me to take the CDT in 1989 and then later, a new certification called CCPR. I registered and took the CCPR exam in the first year it was offered, in the spring of 1993.



Ken had convinced me to take the CDT study class again, every Wednesday evening at the St. Louis PDCA headquarters for the eight-week program. He was also willing to take me under his wing every Saturday following those classes to meet at his downtown STL office and review what the typical Specifier had to do when building a set of construction documents! Every Saturday at 8:00AM for 8 weeks I sat in his seat as a specifier to better understand how product information was transformed into a real commercial construction project! Ken helped me gain a better understanding of the entire construction document process and was instrumental in helping me pass that inaugural CCPR exam! I will never forget all that he did for me as a mentor, and a true friend. CSI needs more people like Ken to help mentor others!

After moving to Atlanta in 1993 and changing jobs in 2005, I visited the Northern IL Chapter on several occasions, where I found Ken was still very involved with education. I was asked by Ken to help their Chapter with an online education program on NFPA-285. After visiting with him at his home office only a few years ago, I found Ken was still very involved with the Northern IL chapter and helping them further advance education for CSI! Ken will be missed by all those he influenced as a specifier, a true mentor, and good friend!

Here's to Ken, may he Rest in Peace!

Kenneth Moore's obituary can be found [online here](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/kenneth-moore-obituary?pid=185405995).

Photo from Legacy.com, <http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/name/kenneth-moore-obituary?pid=185405995>.

Share with CSI Chicago

Share your personal or professional news and achievements by notifying the chapter at csichicagochapter@gmail.com for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

Beyond the Chapter

CSI Chicago Members activities beyond Chicago Chapter

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

American Concrete Institute: Committee member of: 365 – Service Life Prediction, 362 – Parking Structures, 364 – Rehabilitation, 130 – Sustainability, and 329 – Performance Design of Concrete.
National Parking Association / Parking Consultants Council: member of the PCC
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

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Beyond the Chapter

Chicago CSI Members activities beyond Chicago Chapter (cont.)

Bill McHugh

ASTM E06.21-16 Task Group Chair – Firestop Inspection Standards ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393
NFPA Fire Protection Features Committee Member
National Roofing Contractors Association Membership Steering Committee Member

Elias Saltz

Construction Specifications Institute, Practice Area Curriculum Committee
CSI North Central Region Electronic Communications Chair

Brad Schwab

CRCA (Chicago Roofing Contractors Association) Board, Associate Board Member

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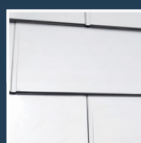
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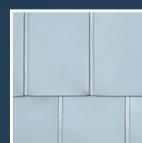
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Chapter News

Chicago Chapter Elections

On March 21st, CSI Chicago Chapter's Nominating Committee presented its nominations for chapter officers and directors for the upcoming fiscal year to the board for consideration. The board voted unanimously to endorse the slate as presented, which is listed below. The slate was e-mailed to the chapter membership on Wednesday, March 21st and presented to the chapter membership at the chapter meeting on March 27th, 2018 at the East Bank Club, where nominations were asked for. Receiving no additional nominations from the floor, ballots were e-mailed out to members in good standing on March 28, 2018. Voting will remain open until Thursday, April 12, 2018 at 5pm. Results of the election will be presented at the Annual Meeting held at the beginning of the Chapter Meeting on Tuesday, April 24, 2018.

FY2019 Proposed Slate (Serving July 1, 2018-June 30, 2019/2020)

President-elect (Term ending 6/30/2019, assumes President position and then Past-President, consecutive one year terms): Andrea Baird, CSI, CCCA, AIA, P.E., LEED AP

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North Central Region Director (Term ending 6/30/2019): Drew Clausen, CSI

Members continuing or assuming new roles for FY2019 (Not appearing on the ballot):

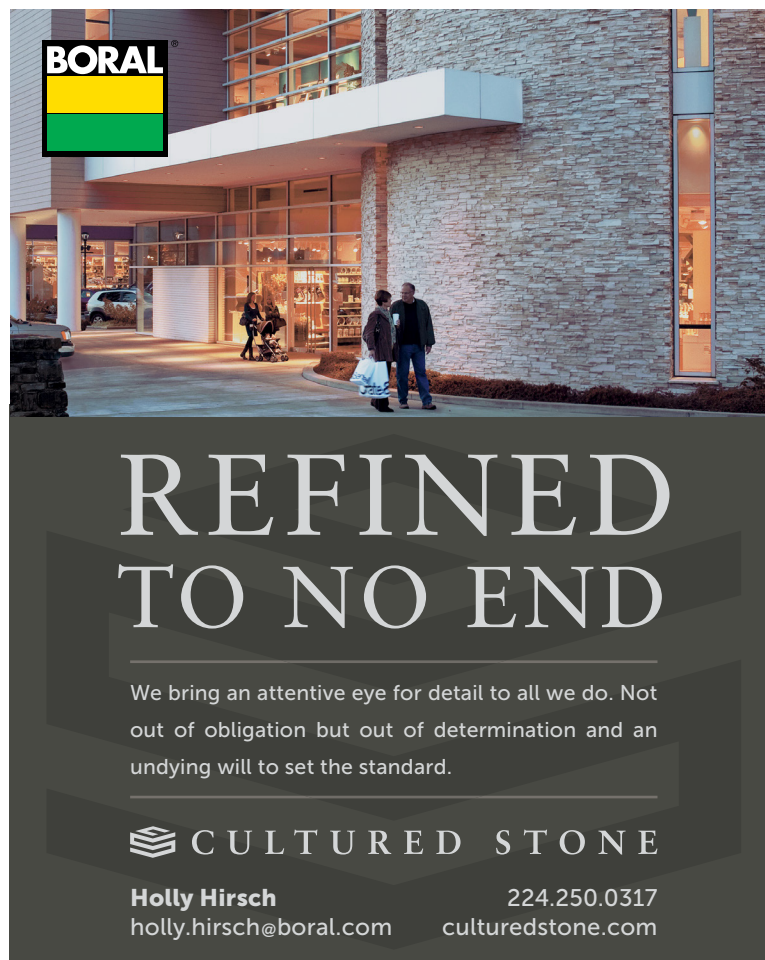
President (Term ending 6/30/2019, assuming Past President term ending 6/30/2020): Peter Grotenhuis, CSI, CDT

Vice President (Term ending 6/30/2019): Heather Rice, CSI, CDT, ICRI Certified

Director (Term ending 6/30/2019): Renee Doktorczyk, FAIA, CSI, CCS, SCIP

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Student Scholarship Winners

Three Illinois Institute of Technology students were awarded a cash scholarship at the March 27 chapter meeting as part of the chapter's student engagement committee goal to help support and help develop the future architects of our industry. Thank you to our generous sponsors for their contributions to this year's scholarships:



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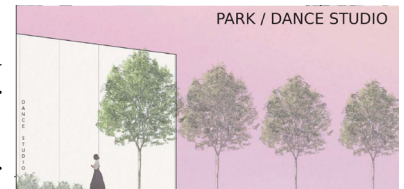


HyunHee Park | Dance Studio



HyunHee Park used keys from existing pathways on the site to create movement and responded to the natural elements of the area by allowing them to inform her material selection.

Her understanding and expert use of cross-laminated timber construction and the detailed execution of connecting materials made her project a standout.



HyunHee Park was born in Busan, South Korea before immigrating with her family to Chicago when she was eleven. She created personal connections through her drawings, pottery and models.

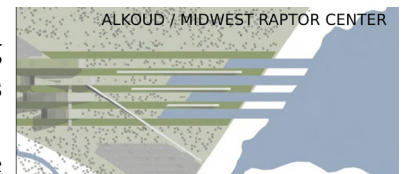
She is the first one in her family to attend university and will be graduating from IIT in May 2019 with a Bachelor of Architecture.



Amjad Alkoud, Assoc. AIA, M.Arch | Midwest Raptor Center

In his Raptor Center, Amjad Alkoud shows in depth understanding of passive heating and cooling strategies as his project implements and tests several methods in his design.

The project excelled with careful attention to building envelope sections, assembly details, and materiality. The project doubles as a study of passive energy design capturing results using energy modeling programs.



A 2nd year Ph.D student at IIT, Alkoud has a Master's in Architecture from IIT, along with a Bachelor of Architecture and postgraduate degree in History and Theories of Architecture from Damascus University. A member of many international architecture and construction organizations, he has completed projects in Syria, Dubai, KSA, Iran and Iraq in his professional career.

Minsung Kim | Stitching Clouds



In his project, Stitching Clouds, Minsung Kim uses a unique design to connect vertically oriented parts of Chicago with a horizontal 'long-rise'. The selection of materials and the points of connection both within the project, and within the city, showed a strong understanding of design and construction.

As a fifth year student at IIT, Minsung greatly appreciates the opportunity to learn architect in the context of Chicago. Originally from South Korea, he came to the United States to study in 2015. Here he has the opportunity to gain international perspective and learn in a city of historic architecture.



Event Recap

CSi2eye - Thursday, March 15, 2018

Thank you to everyone who participated our 5th annual CSi2eye Technical Education Event! Special thanks to our lunchtime presenter, Danielle Buncio of VIATechnik and to the committee and volunteers for your event coordinations.

Recap by: Timothy Blatner, CSI, CDT, LEED AP | FitzGerald

CSI Chicago's fifth annual CSi2eye technical education product fair took place on the Ides of March with nearly 70 participants surviving a very full day of information transfer and lively conversation. At the start of each of the fourteen 20-minute one-on-one sessions, welcoming product representatives, from near and far, enthusiastically greeted curious design and construction professionals who came seeking inspiration and knowledge about a wide range of innovative materials, representing nine different specification divisions, some new and some familiar with new twists.

Collectively, the featured products and their associated support might be grouped under three themes:

- Conservation, improved performance and collaboration.
- Promoted savings covered energy, environment, labor, space, and weight.
- Enhancements concerned acoustics, aesthetics, health and safety.

Offers of assistance were made via web-based tools and hands-on interaction.

Select examples include: the first commercial grade Passive House window, bio-based paint for steel, dry-stacked mortar-less concrete masonry, sliding doors with smoke and acoustic ratings, cementitious structural roof sheathing, acoustical smooth plaster and perforated wallboard, EIFS in brick-sized units and with metal panel-like appearance, glass rainscreen and cladding, bacteria killing interior latex paint, slip resistant foundation waterproofing membrane, and cloud-based collaboration tools for hardware scheduling.

At mid-day everyone gathered for lunch and a presentation by Danielle Dy Buncio of VIATechnik on emerging digital technologies for design and construction, which as an industry lags behind all others, except agriculture, in such advancements, and finds productivity declining, costs rising, a shortage of skilled labor, more demanding clients, and more complex architecture. Danielle examined how virtual (VR) and augmented (AR) reality tools address such factors through visualization, communication and simulation. She summarized applications and systems, and demonstrated solutions to real world problems including digital mock-ups and models for sales, leasing, fundraising, construction sequencing, and equipment and material installation logistics for both new construction and for existing mission-critical conditions.

It was a full day that concluded with beverages and networking, celebrating the success of another edition of CSi2eye.



Hot Tip of the Month

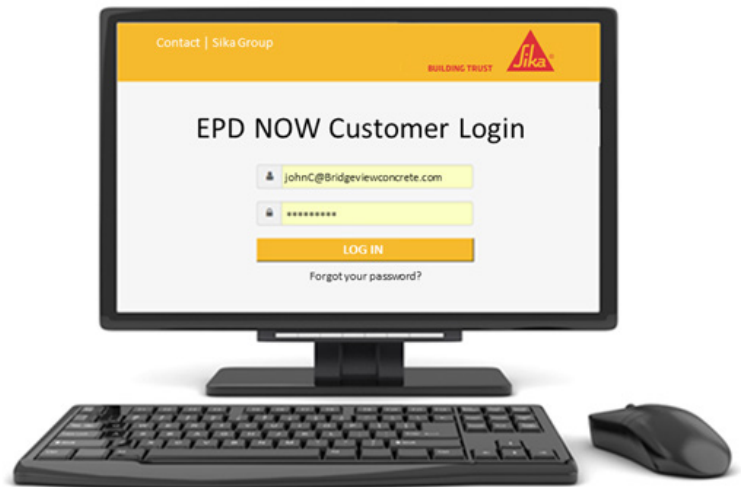
Sika® EPD NOW

Submitted by: Jeremy Chilton, Vice President of Marketing, Sika Corporation US

Sika is well known as a leading provider of concrete admixtures and building materials. But did you know that the company just introduced, Sika® EPD NOW a game changing software solution to help ready mix producers compete more effectively in the fast-growing green building market?

LEED v4.0 is the national standard from the US Green Building Council for rating green buildings. Introduced in October 2016, it requires material manufacturers to provide Environmental Product Declarations (EPDs) to earn LEED points. EPDs are an international standard label that quantifies the environmental impacts of a product.

Up to now, producing EPDs was a slow costly consulting process that produced EPDs for a fixed number of products. But concrete producers are continually designing new mixes to respond to specific job requirements. Each new mix is worth a LEED credit, but it isn't cost effective to hire a consultant to produce EPDs especially when the bid is due next week.



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For more information about Sika® EPD NOWTM contact Amanda Hanneke hanneke.amanda@us.sika.com or visit <http://www2.na-sika.com/sikaepdnow>.

If you are interested in contributing a hot tip or other article for the newsletter, [click here to learn more.](#)

Partner Announcement

Leading the Way to a Connected Future at LIGHTFAIR® International 2018



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Light, technology, knowledge and design connect in a convergence of global introductions, innovations and thought leadership when LIGHTFAIR® International returns to Chicago at McCormick Place May 6 – 10 (Pre-Conference LIGHTFAIR Institute®: May 6 – 7; Trade Show & Conference: May 8 – 10).

Attendees from around the world will discover the forward-thinking products and solutions that are propelling the industry ahead. LIGHTFAIR is the world's largest annual architectural and commercial lighting trade show and conference. It is sponsored by the International Association of Lighting Designers (IALD) and the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES), and it is produced and managed by AmericasMart® Atlanta.



The 2018 trade show floor will produce its largest footprint in history. Two pavilions will continue for a second year bringing the latest technologies to the forefront – the Intelligent Lighting Pavilion and the IoT Pavilion.

LIGHTFAIR's unparalleled Conference program is where professionals from a broad spectrum of industries learn about what's on the horizon. The knowledge shared by top industry practitioners informs the global community of the newest discoveries and practices. Courses range from 60 minutes to 2 days in length and cover a large range of topics while providing insight and inspiration from the industry's thought leaders.

LIGHTFAIR 2018 will offer its first-ever Smart Cities Forum. Participants will see how smart cities are leading the way to a connected future. Sponsored by ARROW ELECTRONICS, Booth 214. The Light & Health Forum will return for its third year with new courses. Current knowledge of the impact of light on biological health and overall well-being will be explored. Sponsored by VISA LIGHTING, Booth 2061.

Keynote Danielle Feinberg of Pixar Animation Studios will deliver an inspirational keynote presentation. Her experience in lighting Academy Award®-winning films expertly combines technology and art. Keynote Neri Oxman of Sony Corporation and MIT Media Lab will share her perspective in a fascinating keynote presentation. She is an award-winning designer whose work combines art and science. Impact Speakers Martin Lesjak, CEO of INNOCAD Architecture, co-founded with designer Anastasia Su, the product design firm 13&9 in Graz, Austria.

The HUB is the interactive meeting space where attendees connect with colleagues from all over the world for networking, education and fun. There will be events in the New Exhibitor Pavilion which provide attendees the chance to view the latest innovations from first-time exhibitors while enjoying refreshments. Preceding and setting the stage for the trade show opening, the prestigious LFI Innovation Awards® will highlight the industry's most innovative products and designs introduced during the last 12 months.

Early bird pricing ends on April 9, 2018. To register or find more information about LIGHTFAIR International, please visit LIGHTFAIR.COM.



Sponsorship and Marketing

We have many sponsorship and marketing opportunities throughout the year. These opportunities are a great way to increase your company's presence in the Chicago market while showing your support in the Chicago chapter. Sponsorships include tabletops, Young Professional events, social and special events. We have a sponsorship to fit every budget! To start planning or reserve your spot now, we encourage you to reach out to discuss the availabilities and costs of these opportunities.

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

Upcoming Event Sponsorship Opportunities

Looking to sponsor an event? The board and committees are currently planning chapter events and will be releasing sponsorship opportunities as they become available. Some events to keep an eye out for in the coming months is Trivia Night in May and our bi-annual Golf Outing on June 26.

Thank you to our Chapter Partners

Chapter Partners support CSI Chicago chapter and continue the high level of programming and education throughout the year. [Connect with our partners>>](#)

Thank you to Behr Process Corporation for renewing their Platinum Partnership this month!



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Institute and Regional News

North Central Region Conference - Last Call!

Visit the NCR website at www.csi-northcentralregion.org for general information, schedule, sponsorship, and trade show, accommodations, and registration.



CSI Academy: Risk Management

April 26-27, 2018 | Chicago, IL

Sharpen your skills in construction risk identification, assessment, mitigation, and monitoring by joining your peers at the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) Academy on April 26 and 27 in Chicago. Learn from subject matter experts and share your experiences through highly interactive online and in-person sessions. This one-and-a-half-day conference features two tracks of focused educational content - Project Conception and Project Execution. [More details and registration.](#)



Chicago Chapter members can register for this event for \$375. Members who [volunteer at the event](#) get an additional \$50 off their registration. For discounted registration, contact Matt Fochs at mfochs@csinet.org or 703-706-4733.

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Institute and Regional News

CSI Institute Elections

CSI Institute's election will close April 3, 2018. Members who were in good standing on Jan. 1, 2018, and who had a valid email address on file with CSI on that date, received an e-mail ballot. Learn more about the election and read about the candidates at: <https://www.csiresources.org/institute/csi-election>

National Election Ballot

The following members will appear on the national ballot during the spring 2018 election. Officers are nominated by CSI's Nominating Committee. Each Institute Director from a Region is nominated by the Region.

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS-AT-LARGE

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- Marvin Kemp, FCSI, CDT
- J.W. Mollohan, FCSI, CCPR
(North Central Region President from 2013-2015)

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The next secretary will be elected in 2019.

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The Construction Specifier Magazine

The Construction Specifier is the official magazine of CSI. Click the photo to the right to read current industry articles and the latest issue.



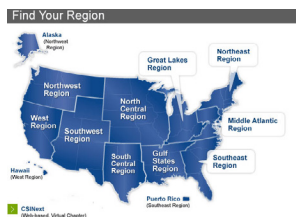
North Central Region's New Website

The North Central Region just launched its new website, at www.csinc.org.


Region members who have suggestions for items to add, or photos of past events, or news to share with the whole region please contact Elias Saltz, Elias Saltz, CSI, CCS, SCIP, CSI North Central Region Electronic Communications Chair, esaltz@conspectusinc.com

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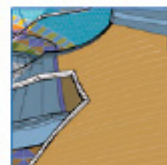
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Industry Events

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Details and registration for this program, visit: <https://goo.gl/apWy1u>

**Tuesday, April 10, 2018 | AIA Chicago, 35 East Wacker Drive, Suite 260 (Wabash Room)
Chicago, IL 60601**

Tuesday program is a joint event with CSI Chicago.

Details and registration for this program, visit: <https://goo.gl/zHeEg7>

Presented by:

Roy Ingraffia, Jr., Director of Industry Development & Tech Services, International Masonry Institute

Edward Gerns, Principal, Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

Rachel Will, Senior Engineer, Wiss Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc.

This program meets state of Illinois and AIA/CES requirements for continuing education, and qualifies for 1.5 HSW LU. There is a \$15 charge to attend and includes lunch.

For additional information contact IMI at (630) 396-3144 or jdiqui@imiweb.org.



RCI Architectural Sheet Metal Flashing Design

Educational Program Sponsored by CAC-RCI

Friday April 20, 2018

This one-day course related to architectural sheet metal flashing design, assessment, and detailing. Topics covered include material selection, attachment, joinery, expansion joint detailing, fabrication tolerances, drainage assemblies, and penetration flashings. Within sheet metal joinery, the subjects of proper soldering techniques, proper solder repair procedures, as well as application of specific metal joinery types are developed fully. The course will communicate the fundamentals and more advanced topics suitable for architects, engineers, and building envelope consulting professionals. [Information and Registration](#)

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New for 2018: brand-new Smart Cities Forum in the Conference, new courses in this year's Light & Health Forum in the Conference, new networking events in The HUB and the New Exhibitor Pavilion and Chicago Architectural Cruise docent-led tour by Chicago's First Lady Cruises.

Visit LIGHTFAIR.COM for additional information and to register.



Tile Marble Terrazzo Educational Conference

June 4, 2018 in Chicago | 6 dates/locations nationwide

International Masonry Institute will host a Tile Marble Terrazzo educational conference for design and construction professionals in six U.S. cities in 2018. This half-day program will be repeated in [St. Louis](#), [Seattle](#), [Cleveland](#), [Chicago](#), [Los Angeles](#), and [New York City](#) throughout the year.

The program targets local architects, designers, and others interested in the myriad emerging materials, technologies, and design requirements for tile, marble, terrazzo, and resinous flooring. The event includes seminars and exhibits from leaders in the TMT industry. Breakfast and lunch are included, and the program qualifies for 4 hours of AIA-registered continuing education units. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. In addition to IMI, program sponsors and presenters include Tile Council of North America (TCNA), National Tile & Mosaic Association (NTMA), Daltile, Terrazzo & Marble Supply Co., and Schluter Systems. For more information visit <https://goo.gl/yojK83> or email sconwell@imiweb.org.

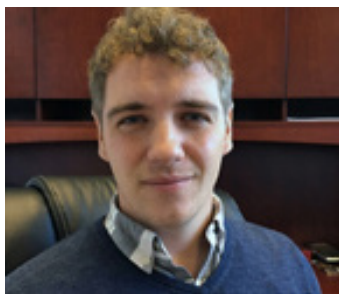


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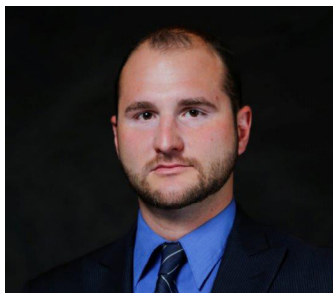
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Construction documents - are they worse than ever?

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One of the presentations at the 2017 convention in Providence was a panel discussion titled Hot Topics and Emerging Trends, which included comments about the decline in the quality of construction documents. I found this to be an interesting subject, as I had seen many attacks on document quality over the years. Not only that, but I had made presentations on the subject.

In 1997, Michael Chambers and I presented "Document Coordination" for the Minnesota chapter of AIA. We discussed the roles of drawings and specifications, document quality, coordination techniques, short-form specifications, and MasterFormat 1995. Our handout included reprints of several articles about document quality; some, with scary titles, tried to prove that construction documents were atrocious and getting worse, while others how quality depended on coordination of construction documents.*

The frequency of problems in construction documents makes it easy to accept claims that they are getting worse. In 1997 I believed those claims, but I now believe the opposite. I would argue that overall, construction documents are better than ever before.

[Read Sheldon's full article on *Constructive Thoughts*](#)



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The Closeout

Melody Farms and 1001 W. Chicago Ave

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BASF Air Barriers for Commercial Construction

Two noteworthy projects recently used BASF AWB 600 liquid applied air barrier as part of the building's envelope. AWB 600 is a cement/acrylic air barrier that when applied and cured provides an air barrier for the building.

1001 W Chicago Ave, Chicago IL (pictured top and middle) is a multi use residential building designed by Fitzgerald and Associates and being built by Power Construction. Melody Farms (pictured bottom), is an upscale retail shopping center located in Vernon Hills, IL. It is designed by KA Inc, from Ohio and being built by Graycor.

In addition to AWB 600 competitive pricing, ease of installation and trade coordination, AWB 600 can be applied at low temperatures.

During the winter past, AWB 600 low temperature application feature kept these projects on schedule.

As stated by Garrett Hovest, BASF technical manager, "keeping these jobs on schedule in winter is a main goal for the construction team"

Kremer Davis applied the AWB 600 at the 1001 W Chicago project: BOFO Waterproofing applied AWB 600 at the Melody Farm project. Julio, from BOFO waterproofing stated, "AWB 600 is a good product, easy to work with and BASF field support is great."

As an additional air barrier enhancement, BASF developed, implemented and specifies liquid sealant transition flashings. The AWB 900 transition flashing simplifies the air barrier installation, eliminated time consuming complicate primer-requiring membranes and improves air barrier air tightness performance.

As part of the building envelope, AWB 600 complies with published codes, NFPA, ASTM and ABAA requirements thus achieving design intent.



AWB600 can be used with multiple façade elements in the building wall. AWB 600 may be used in Construction Types I-IV and V.

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