



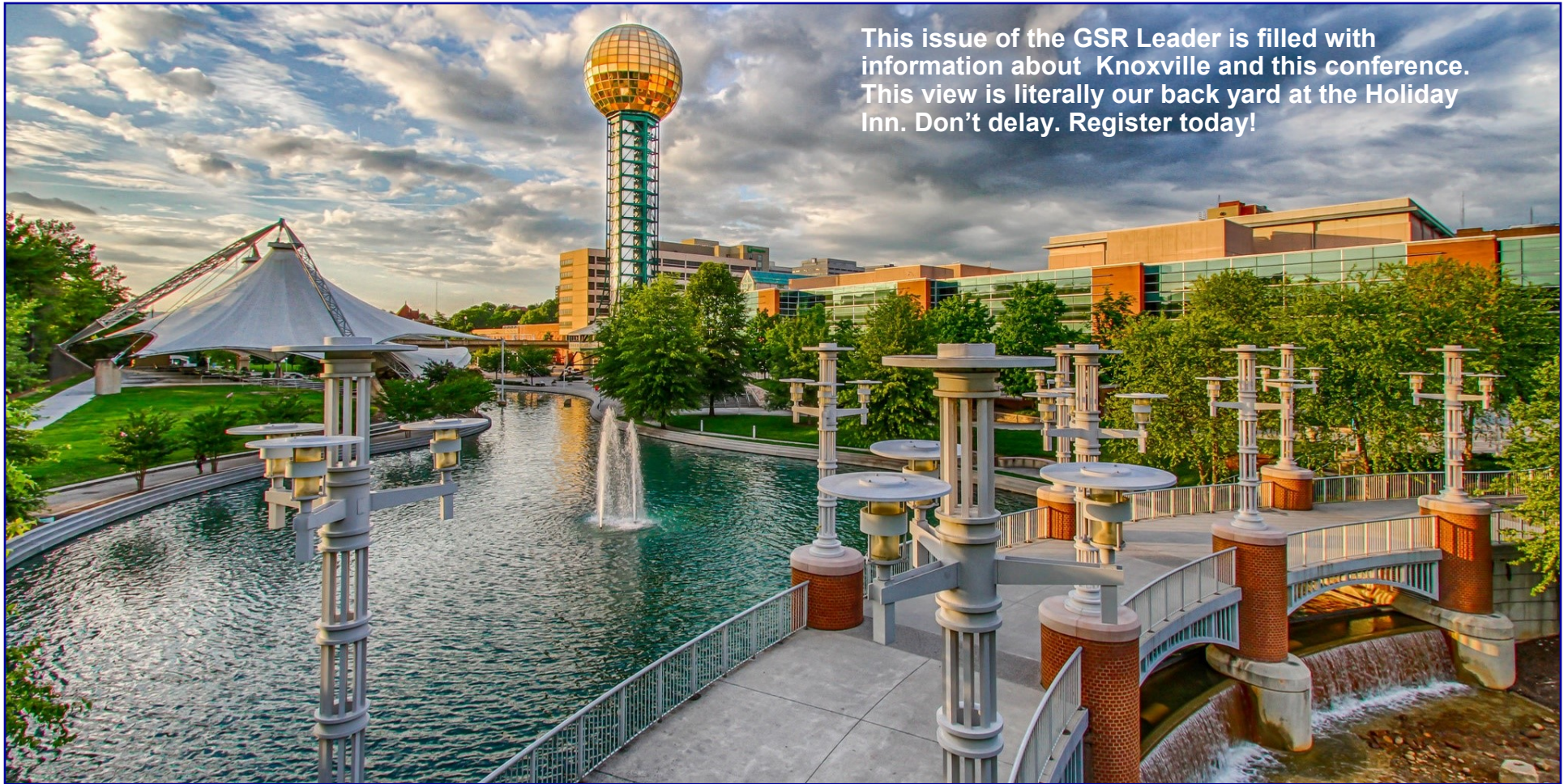
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# The Gulf States Leader

## The Newsletter of the Gulf States Region

### May 2018

**It's Here! Don't miss out on the biggest event of the year for the GSR.  
The 2018 Leadership Conference is June 8-9 in Knoxville.**



The Gulf States Region CSI includes Alabama • Arkansas • Florida Panhandle • Louisiana • Mississippi • Tennessee



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### Only one month to Go!

**Every GSR Chapter should send as many members as possible to this event. It will be good for them and good for your Chapter  
See you in Knoxville on June 8-9.**

**Register at: <https://www.csiknoxville.org/>**

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## Submissions to the GSR Leader

GSR members are welcome to submit articles of interest for publication in the GSR LEADER. Please forward articles to: John Dunaway, CSI, CCS, AIA

[john@ccdarchitects.com](mailto:john@ccdarchitects.com)

## Region Email Blasts

All region wide e-mail blasts are to be distributed by the Region Electronics Communications Chair, Randall Lewis, CSI, AIA. Please limit Gulf States e-mail blasts to events of Region-wide interest such as Product Shows, Chapter Anniversaries, and seminars offering 4 CEUs or greater.

Forward to: [rlewis@jharchitects.com](mailto:rlewis@jharchitects.com)

## Deadline for Submissions

Do you have something to submit to the GSR Leader?

Articles, reports, and photographs of interest to GSR members are due no later than July 15, 2018 to be included in the August 2018 Gulf States Region Newsletter.

## Map of the Gulf States Region

Alabama • Arkansas • Florida Panhandle  
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## Chapters of the GSR

Little Rock  
Shreveport  
Baton Rouge  
Acadiana  
New Orleans  
Gulf Coast  
Mississippi  
Mobile Bay  
Montgomery  
Birmingham  
Huntsville  
Chattanooga  
Knoxville  
Nashville  
Memphis  
Pensacola

## We can't help you unless you come!



Gulf States Region CSI is made up of volunteers who work on behalf of the greater good for the organization. We promote the tenants and ideas that are the foundation of our organization. Since we are all volunteers we can only help you by sharing the knowledge and experience that we have accumulated over our years of service. Meeting as we do allows for your officers, directors and chairs to see other ways that the different chapters operate. What works for a large chapter may not work for a small chapter so

providing a venue which allows members to share ideas, and exchange contacts and information is extremely valuable to the Region and its members.

With any event a lot of planning is involved on many levels. For the first time ever we included chapter presidents in the region planning retreat. This allowed each chapter president to provide direct input, expectations and a dialogue for all players. Part of that discussion was to allow time for dialogue and idea sharing. Another part of that discussion was to provide a diversity of sessions that everyone can attend.



The Retreat provided a venue for open and frank discussions about the coming year and the future of CSI. Thanks to all who attended.

In order to provide these regional events a certain number of room reservations and attendees are needed to make the event economically viable. Not as a money maker but more of a break – even event. In order to support the number of room nights needed the event begins on Friday morning and ends on Saturday night with the region's annual meeting occurring on Saturday afternoon. The host chapter has diligently scheduled supporting rooms, equipment, speakers and venues at reasonable rates. It is up to the chapters now to support the annual event and send their members. We merged this event to allow both training, professional development, awards banquet and the annual business meeting to occur at one time. This greatly reduced overall expenses to the chapters but we need EVERY chapter to participate and send people.

The region training sessions include a President's session by Phil McDade and John Murray; a session on certification by Floyd Sterling and Kent Kile; a combined session on electronic communications and publications; a membership session by Danielle Ross, a leadership session by Kathy Proctor, a session dedicated to award submittal preparation, and much more. Also for the first time in a very long time we will have an open forum for member's questions.

There are many who need to attend.....there are many who need help but we can't come to you and do it for you, so you need to make plans to attend this conference. The information and contacts that you make here will last you a lifetime and pay dividends beyond counting. BUT you must be willing to invest your time and your abilities. You have to be willing to take up the torch, do the hard things first, become a leader, and fight those fears. What better place to do that than among friends away from work and all of the pressures that we as an industry are under.

Some of you may have been thrust into positions, and you may feel you are not very well equipped to handle them. This is the place to be, to make those connections with the people who have the experience and ability to help you - even after the event. So don't let fear keep you from coming. Go online, sign up and get started making a change for the better. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you at the conference.

**John Murray, CSI, CDT**  
**President, Gulf States Region CSI**



Greetings to all members of the Gulf States Region of CSI!

The GSR Officers, Board of Directors, and Committee Chairs had our yearly leadership meeting in Jackson, Mississippi. This year was the first time that the Region Board of Directors (Chapter Presidents) were invited. This allowed our meeting on Saturday, March 10, 2018, to be very productive. We were able to start the amendment process on select items in our Operating Guide, as well as

provide our Committee Chairs some ideas on how to make their committees more productive. With the Chapter Presidents in attendance we were able to have a quorum for a GSR Board Meeting.

The Board of Directors meeting minutes are included in this GSR Publication for all members to review and make comments. As a matter of fact, the Board encourages comments and hopes they will be received.

Our GSR Institute Director, Billy Mathis, gave us an update on the latest efforts of the Institute. Not to steal his thunder, his report will be in this issue of the GSR Newsletter. All members need to read and send comments to Billy to take back to the Institute Board of Directors.

GSR Committee Chairs may be contacting Chapter Chairs throughout the region seeking ideas on how their particular committee can provide

information or be of assistance. Membership is always a major topic for CSI, in general each member of the GSR should tell a friend or associate in the Building Industry why they joined CSI and why this person should also join. CSI provides many opportunities to assist in solving problems we encounter every day. The certification programs are a great tool to assist everyone in the day to day business of building. Networking is another huge benefit. Being able to contact other members in another state to discuss how a particular issue was handled is one of CSI's greatest assets.

John Dunaway had a great idea for a recruiting tool. Set up a site on the Institute's Webpage that can be accessed by anyone wanting membership recruitment tools. Inside the site should be information that is of interest to the new generation getting involved in the building industry. This would be a great item for Institute to implement.

Our ever-evolving business is one of the most exciting careers and CSI provides so much information to assist in a project from initial design to turning the keys over to the Owner.

Last, but not least, the Knoxville Chapter is going all out to ensure that the Region Conference June 7th, 8th, and 9th will be a memorable experience for everyone and we encourage our leaders and future leaders to attend. If you have not registered, do so today!

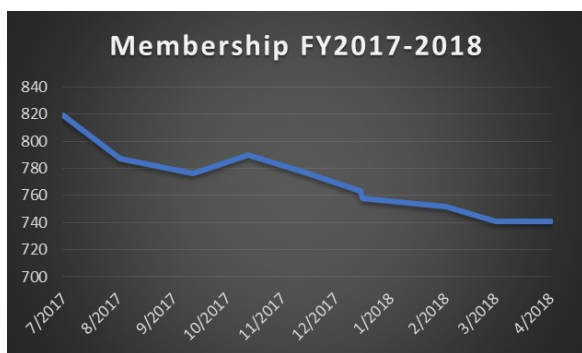
**Respectfully,  
Bruce Martin, Vice President GSR**



### Holiday Inn Area Map

Throughout the GSR Leader you will find tidbits about the conference and the conference location. The map at left shows many of the sites discussed elsewhere in the newsletter and marks our convenient location at the Holiday Inn, the big blue star. Directly behind the hotel is the Festival Lawn with the Children's Park and Play Fountain adjacent to that. The Sun Sphere where we will have our Awards Banquet is an easy walk. I hope I can get a chance to visit the Knoxville Museum of Art which is just moments away as well. So come to the Conference to gain professional knowledge and hone CSI leadership skills, but know also there are a myriad of things to do for you and your family.





## How Important is CSI Membership to You?

I think that it is safe to say that everyone reading this article is involved with CSI in one way or the other;

some more heavily than others. Either way, we are all linked together in this association with one goal in mind and that is to spread the word of CSI. If that is not one of your goals as a CSI member, it certainly should be. Without members, CSI would no longer be. Without members, we as professionals would not have Regional or National conferences where we see old friends, make new friends and build professional connections. All of this could go away if we don't start putting a heavy focus on increasing membership in each Chapter. People retire, change industries or move on. As a result, our numbers decrease, which is exactly what is happening this fiscal year. As you can see on the chart above, the line chart shows a steady decrease of members over the last year. Why, you ask? I don't have all the answers, but I can certainly make suggestions on how we can increase our local Chapter members list. One suggestion is to form a solid membership committee. Another suggestion is staying consistent each month by reminding those who are expired or on their way to falling off the members list. One more is to simply ask. Ask a client to attend a monthly meeting or a CSI event. I have many more suggestions and ideas, and I hope you will join me at the Gulf States Region Conference in Knoxville, TN on June 7th through June 9th where I will be presenting on membership. The presentation will go into greater depth on the suggestions mentioned above. It will be interactive and will include ideas on how to utilize the membership data that is sent out every month. It will also give you an opportunity to take ideas back to your board so that you can work on growing your membership. Together we can increase our local Chapter membership, one person at a time!

**Membership Chair - Danielle Ross, CSI**



The map inset here is a broader picture than the one on page 4. I hope many of you can come early or maybe stay late to enjoy some of what Knoxville has to offer. But you can be assured that if you don't have time to visit the sights that your family will have a blast playing, strolling, getting wet, seeing the art, and enjoying the sites while you are striving to be a better CSI Leader.

## The GSR Conference in Knoxville Tennessee

The theme of the 2018 Gulf States Region Conference is Forensics in Design and Construction. The dictionary says forensic science can be seen as the use of the scientific methods and processes in crime solving. We will be using forensics to determine design flaws and construction failures in order to learn how to avoid costly mistakes in the future. And of course, we will have to sprinkle the entire mix with a bit of CSI humor - so we are drawing some parallels with the CSI television series. Please join us for yet another great time of fun, fellowship and foolishness and learn something too. See you in Knoxville!

### Conference Program Outlines

#### Keynote speaker - Forensics in Design and Construction:

Dr. William Bass, PH. D, D-ABFA, Professor Emeritus, UTK

Dr. Bass is an American anthropologist, best known for his studies of human decomposition. He has assisted the local, federal and non-US law enforcement with the identification of victims, leading to the arrest and conviction of many perpetrators. He established the UT Anthropological Research Facility, popularly known as the Body Farm, which was made famous by Patricia Cornwell in her book of the same name. He is a sought after speaker with a myriad of stories to tell. He is also the best selling author of a number of books that will be available at our conference, or bring your own copy for him to sign.

The development of forensics study in solving crime was greatly aided by the work of Dr. Bass both nationally and internationally. We use many of his same methods in solving failures in the construction industry. Dr. Bass will have you riveted to your seat as he shares stories about his research and outcomes.

#### Leadership Development

##### May I See Your License & Certification, Please?

Update on Certification – Floyd Sterling and Kent Kyle

Learn about the changes coming forward for CDT, CCS, CCA, CCPR reinstatement, renewal and other juicy facts about CSI certification.

##### All Points Bulletin

Electronic Communication – Randall Lewis & John Dunaway

Hear from Randall Lewis about website development and migration to the new host and other methods to facilitate communication between your chapter members and the design and construction community.

This will be followed by a discussion on communicating with your members through newsletters and other special publications, presented by John Dunaway, GSR Editor.

#### Covering the Bodies

##### Leadership Training for the Leadership Team – Kathy Proctor

This session is an excellent training series for current leaders or future leaders in your chapter. Hear from those who have been there and done that, so you won't have to reinvent the wheel. Kathy will kick off the Leadership Program targeted at the Executive Team (Covering the Bodies) at the conference and serve as a panelist on The Role of the Board Program (The Gangsters).

**Special Agent in Charge:** President & President Elect session presented by – Phil McDade

Phil believes that if one can learn and develop both communication and leadership skills in a volunteer organization – where people aren't getting paid, that information (and practice) will prove successful in the workplace – where they are getting paid. Find out more from this informative session and enjoy the ride from this fun and entertaining speaker as Phil takes you on this journey.

#### Case Files:

Role of the Chapter Secretary presented by Cindi Brooks

The secretary serves a vital and important role in the Chapter so Cindi will bring her experience to bear on this important presentation on Leadership Training for Chapter Secretaries.

**Cooking the Books:** Treasurer's Guide presented by Amy Fleming and Ryan Hatler.

Ryan will be presenting on the ins and outs of duties for treasurer positions, and will encourage questions and interaction with the attendees. We hope you will choose to attend this presentation and engage in discussions regarding best practices and issues that may arise in dealing with chapter finances.

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**The Gangsters:** The Role of the board by Floyd Sterling, FCSI, CDT

A panel discussion including CSI members with a total combination of 137 years of CSI leadership experience. Don't miss out on this informative session that will provide the audience with the best possible experience and knowledge available from the CSI seasoned panelists.

**Presenting Your Case:** Preparing Your Award Submittal presented by Keith West

One of Keith's passions in CSI is Awards. Not receiving them but recognizing those individuals who have committed their time and talents to improve our organization, whether at the Chapter, Region, or Institute level. His philosophy is that presenting an award to an individual or group is the best way to say thank you for your efforts. While most people do not serve for any recognition or accolades, it is incumbent upon the Awards Committee to promote recognition of those individuals for their time and efforts. His presentation will focus on preparing the proper submittal for an Award at the Region and at the Institute level. Many individuals go unrecognized each year due to improper submittals so his presentation will clarify and enlighten participants about preparing a proper award submittal

**Most Wanted List!** Membership Challenges and Successes presented by Danielle Ross

**Professional Development Sessions**

**Bad Design Can Be a Crime** - ADA Issues – Stephanie Cook

Learn the difference between the letter and spirit of the ADA legislation and the high price of "getting it wrong" when it comes to access and inclusion of people with disabilities. (1 LU/ HSW)

Stephanie Cook is the City of Knoxville ADA Coordinator and liaison to the Mayor's Council of Disability Issues. Since 1998 she has worked with Knoxville City departments to look at proposed projects and policies with the goal of ensuring that they are accessible and inclusive of people with disabilities and for seniors. She regularly educated designers about true accessibility, the purpose for it, and how to make it "make sense" with the goal of positively impacting the built environment.

**Cracking the Case** – Masonry Movement Joints – John Bachenski,

This presentation addresses the movement characteristics of vertical masonry wall systems. Focus is on best practice for design and construction of expansion and control joints to accommodate and /or restrict masonry material movement. Program is courtesy of the International Masonry Institute (IMI) (1 LU/ HSW)

John Bachenski has over 25 years of construction industry experience in architecture, construction, marketing and sales. He is a committee member of the NY Building Congress and Public Building Committee and also a member of the Building Enclosure Council of NYC. He received his Bachelor of Architecture from Temple University.

**Air Tight Case – Good & Bad Air Barrier Design** – Darson Buckner

This course covers recent changes in building energy codes and their potential impact on the long-range durability of the building envelope. The sections include a summary of recent energy code changes in North America, with a focus on new requirements affecting the building envelope and wall assembly design; a review of moisture sources and moisture management strategies; and a look at the potential impact of new energy code requirements on moisture management. (1LU/ HSW)

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Located at the footsteps of UT and in beautiful downtown, the Hotel is the perfect choice for anyone heading to see the sights. They're the only downtown hotel with a complimentary shuttle to get you around town.

Please make your reservations for Thursday and Saturday nights too since we will have two full days of CSI events on Friday and Saturday, starting early and ending late. Plus, you'll have more time to enjoy Knoxville sights.



Darson Buckner is a Moisture Management Consultant and has been involved with field studies and research of window installations and building envelope design for over 20 years. He is a certified masonry inspector with the Masonry Institute of Tennessee and Brick Institute of America. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Green Building and has given thousands of seminars to architects, code officials, builders, and other building professionals in the U.S. Darson is certified with architect, builder, and building codes organizations as an approved educational speaker in the area of Moisture Management and Building Envelope Design. He is certified as a Home Energy Auditor, LEED Green Associate, Construction Documents Technologist from the Construction Specification Institute and a Master Certified Green Professional by the National Association of Home Builders.

**Anatomy of a Failure** – Case Study of the Gatlinburg Wastewater Treatment Plant Collapse. Paul DeWhitt

This program is about the separation and overturning of an 18" thick, 30 ft. high and 100 ft. long concrete and steel reinforced wall for an equalization basin at a wastewater treatment plant that resulted in the death of 2 individuals. Learn what went wrong, how it went wrong and how the same mistakes can be avoided in the future. (1 LU HSW)

Paul Whitt, a shareholder in the Knoxville office of Lewis Thomason, a full service law firm with offices across the state of Tennessee, practices primarily in the areas of construction law and litigation, including professional liability defense of design professionals, such as engineers, architects and surveyors. Mr. Whitt's practice also includes professional liability representation of accountants and lawyers. Mr. Whitt also has significant experience representing insurance carriers in first party actions brought by insured related to coverage matters, claims of bad faith, insurance fraud and other extra-contractual matters, as well as experience in general civil litigation. Mr. Whitt is a member of CSI, Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) and Tennessee Association of Construction Counsel (TACC), and is a frequent speaker on construction law topics. He also is a contributing author to the CSI & the Law series in the Knoxville Chapter newsletter.

**You Can & Will Be Held Accountable for What You Specify!** – Common but avoidable tile failures presented by Chip O'Rear, CSI, CCPR, CTC, CCSMTT, LEED AP

You will learn how to recognize common installation failures, how to

specify the appropriate product types and recognize why certain products are inappropriate. (1 LU/ HSW)

Chip O'Rear is a technical expert for tile and stone installation projects in the A/E/D community throughout the southeast for over 25 years. He has participated in every technical committee and standards development group in the tile industry. An AIA Registered Provider, a hands on installer trainer and a due diligence inspector. Technical education is his passion. Preparing specific and unambiguous tile installation specifications to promote uniform bidding and proper tile work is his mission. And he is a GREAT speaker!

**I Was Framed!** – Top 10 Woodwork Concerns – Margaret Fisher, AWI

Learn how to specify the correct terminology to achieve your desired woodwork aesthetics and identify the necessary conditions that lead to woodwork stability. As a Standards Development Organization and Industry Leader, the members of the Architectural Woodwork Institute have utilized over 50 years of experience in the development of correct specification and execution of highly technical architectural woodwork. Take control of your architectural woodwork projects by learning the correct specification terminology to improve understanding of the owners F2 expectations. With the Architectural Woodwork Standards, 2nd Ed as your guide, you will learn to avoid the ten most common woodwork project issues that are brought to AWI's attention. You will gain answers to dilemmas such as woodwork stability, color and grain appearance, what requirements need to be met for shop drawings and samples and how to manage them to keep the project on track. Thirty startling visuals illustrating how not to do it will help empower your team in averting the ten most common problems while the specification writing process is still underway, ultimately saving each project time and money. (1LU/ HSW)

Margaret is an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Architectural Woodwork Institute and has been involved in the custom woodwork industry for over three decades. Recognized as an industry leader, she has served as President and Vice President of the Wisconsin Chapter and served on the AWI National Board of Directors. Wood & Wood Products Magazine featured her as a 2010 Market Leader. As AWI's most prolific speaker, thousands of design professionals and contractors all over North America have attended her educational programs. Margaret is the Standards Co-Editor and Communications Strategist of the Architectural Woodwork Institute.



## Why Should I Listen to You? The GSR Leadership Speaker Line-up

You know you want good leadership training from knowledgeable people and this conference brings you the best we have to offer. Here are a few of our leadership speakers. See session outlines on pages 6 through 8.

During CSI Leadership sessions you will have the opportunity to learn from experienced and dedicated CSI Leaders. These members have devoted much of their lives to CSI and have insight and knowledge to convey to others that they have acquired through their years of service to CSI. Don't miss out on this opportunity. Send your Chapter members to this conference to learn and grow as CSI leaders themselves. Many of the sessions will provide education that goes beyond the boundaries of CSI so this knowledge can be used in your daily life. But you must be there and be involved to learn from this fine group of speakers.

**Cindi Brooks CSI, CDT** is a member of the Chattanooga Chapter. She has been involved in CSI since 2002 and has chaired many committees since joining the organization. She served as the Chattanooga Chapter Secretary in 2014 along with serving as GSR Secretary 2014 and 2015. Cindi is currently the Chattanooga Chapter President and her knowledge of the workings of CSI will facilitate an informative training session. In addition to her experience as Chapter and Region Secretary she has also served in other capacities including editor of the Gulf States Leader.

**Kent Kile, FCSI, CCPR** has been a CSI member since 1989. In his years as a member, he has served as president of both the Richmond, Virginia and Nashville, Tennessee chapters. He currently sits on the Institute Certification Committee and is a past chair of the Certification Committee's CCPR sub-committee. Kent is the Southeast Region Architectural Manager for PPG Paints. He has been involved in the paint industry for 38 years and has conducted numerous seminars on paint and related topics.

**Phillip L. McDade FCSI, CCS, FASLA, AC-S, AL-B** has been a principal in the firm Weatherford/ McDade, Ltd. Planning Consultants Landscape Architects since 1987. He has served CSI in a variety of duties in the Chapter and Region levels and is the first landscape architect and Mississippian to ascend the ranks of leadership in the

Construction Specifications Institute beginning with Institute Director from the Gulf States Region to becoming Institute President in FY 2003. He is a recipient of the GSR Eugene Wetzel Award for Communication Excellence and the Robert V. Bishop award, the GSR's highest honor. He is a Fellow in CSI and the American Society of Landscape Architects. Phil has been a member of Toastmasters International since April 2008 and has achieved Advanced Communicator Silver (AC-S), Advanced Leader Bronze (AL-B), and is currently their Chapter Treasurer. Phil has developed his skills as a seminar trainer and speaker, specializing in areas of human relationships in both the workplace and home, including communications, and leadership development.

**Kathy Proctor, FCSI, CDT** is an architect and co-owner of Little River Studios. Kathy has served CSI in many capacities in her Chapter, Region, and Institute. She has served as Chair of the CSI Foundation, Institute Education and Academic Programs Committees and the Governance Task Team. She joined CSI as an architectural student at the University of Tennessee and later taught in the UT College of Architecture and Design. She served on the Task Team charged with analyzing existing CSI region conference structures to make recommendations to improve the events. Kathy has a MBA with an emphasis on Leadership Development and has spoken to a wide variety of audiences about developing future leaders in volunteer organizations. Kathy will kick off the Leadership Program targeted at the Executive Team (Covering the Bodies) at the conference and serve as a panelist on The Role of the Board Program (The Gangsters).

**John Murray, CSI, CDT** is a skilled architect and technician. John has authored many articles in The Mississippi Chapter Speculator and the GSR Leader. He is a recipient of the Eugene Wetzel, Communication Excellence Award and the Institute's Outstanding Contribution Award. He served in the US Army Corps of Engineers as a Combat Engineer Officer and left the service with the rank of Captain, so he is very skilled and knowledgeable as a source for leadership training.

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**Randall Lewis, CSI, AIA** has served the GSR and his Chapter as Communication Chair (webmaster) for several years and brings his skills to bear in this presentation. He has worked closely with the Institute's team of experts as the new system has been developed. Randall is a recipient of the Eugene Wetzel Award for Communication Excellence and a recipient of the Robert V. Bishop award, the GSR's highest honor.

**John Dunaway, CSI, CCS, AIA** is a skilled communicator and has received numerous Chapter, Region, and Institute awards for the Mississippi Chapter newsletter and other chapter publications and has also received Region and Institute awards for the Gulf States Region newsletter. John has served on the Mississippi Chapter newsletter committee for almost 20 years and has been the Speculator editor and Chapter Publications Chair since 2010. He has been the GSR newsletter editor since 2014. He has served as president of his Chapter and then served as GSR president in addition to other numerous Gulf States and Mississippi Chapter positions. John is a recipient of the GSR's Eugene Wetzel Award for Communication Excellence and is a recipient of the Robert V. Bishop award, the GSR's highest honor.

**Floyd Sterling, FCSI, CDT** has been in the construction industry for 39 years and is currently a Senior Estimator with Shreve Land Constructors. Floyd is a member of the Shreveport Chapter and has served continuously on their Board since 1990. He has served 3 terms as Shreveport Chapter President, has served as GSR Treasurer, and is Past President of the GSR. He also served the Institute as a member of the Board of Directors. He is a Fellow of the Institute.

**Ryan Hatler, CSI** is a construction attorney practicing in Northwest Florida. Mr. Hatler's firm, Hatler Law, has a regional presence and focuses on all aspects of the construction process, from negotiating and drafting contracts on the front end, to handling disputes during construction, and litigating issues involving delay, liens, bond claims, non-payment, and construction defects after completion. Mr. Hatler is currently Treasurer for the Gulf States Region, and President of the Pensacola CSI chapter. He has been a CSI member for nearly a decade and has served on the CSI

Pensacola board for most of that time.

**Amy Fleming, CSI, CDT** is the Office Manager for an electrical contractor. Amy has been a member of CSI, Chattanooga Chapter, for almost twenty years. Amy served as Region Treasurer and is now serving as Finance Chair. Other Region experience includes service as Region Membership Chair, Fund Raising Chair, and serving on the Region Academic Affairs committee. Amy has served Institute on the Jury of Fellows and on the Institute Membership committee. She is a past President of the Chattanooga Chapter and works on their annual products show committee.

**Jimmy Lail, FCSI** has been in the construction industry for 32 years and is currently Vice President and Secretary at Raines Brothers, Inc. He has been a member of CSI since 1986 and is a member of the Chattanooga Chapter. Jimmy has served as the Chattanooga Chapter President twice, has served two terms as GSR Treasurer, and has served two terms as an Institute Director from the GSR. Jimmy is a recipient of the Robert V. Bishop Award, the GSR's highest honor, is a recipient of the Robert P. Brosseau Award, and is a Fellow of the Institute. Jimmy will bring his knowledge and experience to bear on the panel discussing the "Role of the Board".

**M. Keith West, FCSI, CCPR** currently serves as Gulf States Region Awards Chair and has served in that capacity before. He is a twenty-five-year member of CSI and received fellowship in 2015. He has served his Chapter in every officer position at least once, and he has served as Chapter President twice. Region experience includes two terms as Awards Chair, and service on the Certification, Academic Affairs, Membership, and Region Operating Guide update committees. He served the Region as President as well as Institute Director for the Gulf States Region. He has served on the Governance Verification committee to insure the Institute Committees, Regions, and Chapters were taking the necessary steps to meet the new Governance Structure. He currently serves on the Institute Certification Committee.

**Danielle Ross, CSI, MBA** is a Business Development Associate for NOVA Engineering and Environmental in Pensacola, FL. Danielle is currently the Vice President of the Pensacola Chapter as well as the

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## Why Should I Listen to You? The GSR Leadership Speaker Line-up

Membership Chair and Secretary Elect for the Gulf States Region. She has been involved with CSI for only four short years and has served on the CSI Pensacola board that entire time. Since marketing was her major in college, she has always had a passion for growing or helping spread the word of businesses, or in this case, a wonderful organization such as CSI. We hope you will choose to attend Danielle's presentation where the topic will be on membership. It will be an interactive, informative presentation on how to grow your Chapter's membership in 2018-2019.

**Kevin Corkern, RA, FCSI, CDT, LEED AP, NCARB** has been a member of CSI since 1989 and has served in many positions at the Chapter, Region, and Institute level, including Gulf States Region President. He received his Bachelor of Architecture, University of Southwestern Louisiana (now University of Louisiana at Lafayette), in 1980. He has practiced architecture in the traditional sense for 16 years, four as strictly contract administration, and seven as program manager. He worked for a Construction Management firm for five years and worked for construction firms for three years. At present he is the Program Manager for Metro Nashville Public Schools. As you can see his work experience is as diverse as his knowledge of CSI. He has devoted much of his time to educating others about CSI and is a regular speaker and mentor for CSI Certification Programs. He is a recipient of the GSR's Robert V. Bishop Award as well as many other Chapter, GSR and Institute accolades. His CSI knowledge is vast and his delivery style as a speaker is thoughtful and deliberate. Listen closely for words of wisdom.

[And YES, we will have an Institute representative at the Conference.](#)

We are very pleased to announce the addition of Cathy Stegmaier, CSI Chapter and Region Relations, to our speakers list.



**Cathy Stegmaier, CAE** started working with CSI in the role of Chapter & Region Relations in August of 2016. That role includes improving communications, streamlining processes, identifying unmet chapter and region needs, managing the Microsite and Community Site program, and much more.

Cathy has worked in association management for the last

20 years and is a Certified Association Executive (CAE). She was the Executive Director of the Alliance of Cambridge Advisors and for the Central Division of PSIA/AASI. She also worked as the Operations Manager for the Detroit Bar Association.

Cathy craves variety, new challenges, and making a positive difference in people's lives and in the world around her. She is looking forward to sharing with GSR Conference attendees the latest and greatest info about the Microsite and Community Site program, meeting members face-to-face, listening to our needs, and answering our questions.

### Let's Go To Knoxville

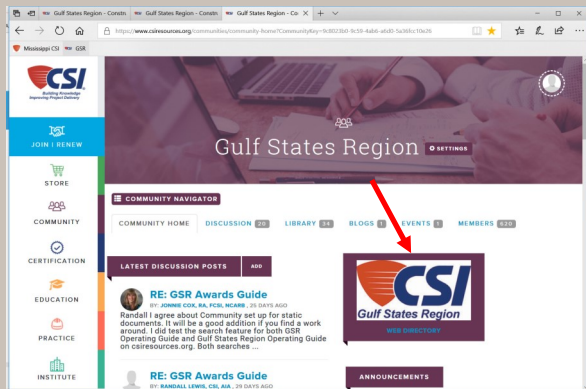
I am very excited about the new time frame for our GSR Conference. June is a perfect time to bring your family on a CSI trip. The accommodations are very affordable as is as the conference registration cost. Of course, Knoxville will be a fun place to visit and the hotel and surroundings have much to offer, but I'm excited about what GSR Leadership can offer our membership in the way of knowledge and training. The Knoxville Chapter and the GSR Leadership have done a great job of planning an event from which we all can benefit.

If you have new leaders in your Chapter, please make every attempt to get them to Knoxville. Heck, even those of us that have served our Chapter for years can gain new knowledge, and this will certainly be the place to do it. GSR Committee Chairs and Officers have worked together to plan an event that is educational, informative, and fun. Your Chapter leaders can communicate directly with GSR Leaders and continue networking throughout the coming fiscal year. They will have the opportunity to learn from some of our best seasoned leaders.

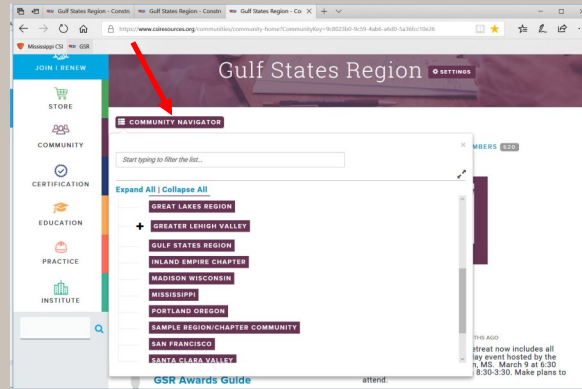
In addition to great CSI Leadership sessions you will also have the opportunity to learn new technical knowledge to help you be better builders and design professionals.

**See you in Knoxville,  
John Dunaway, CSI, CCS, AIA**

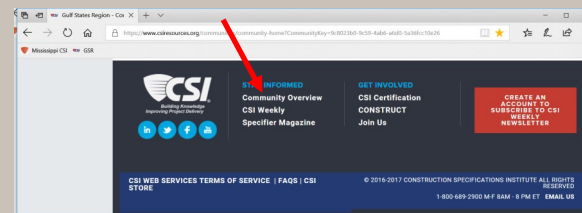
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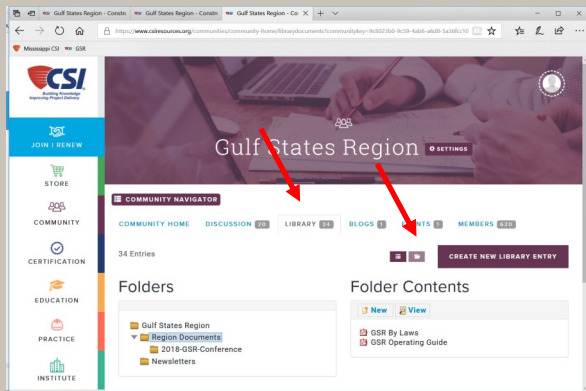
As you may be aware, we recently changed our GSR Web-Site into a CSI Community. This article is to help you make the most of this community. Above is the main page of our website <http://gulfstates.csinet.org>. I will continue to develop the "Web Directory" that is accessed by selecting the Logo.



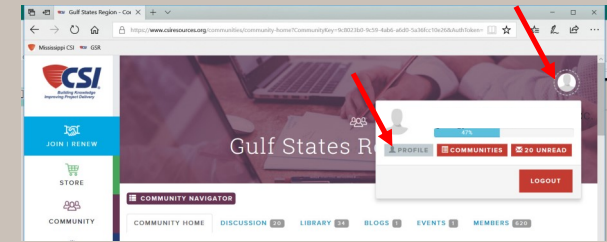
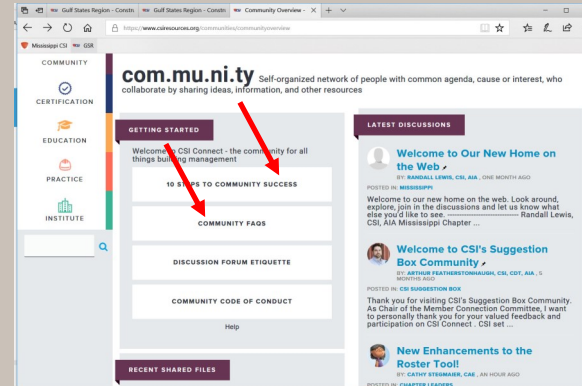
You can use the Community Navigator to quickly move around between communities.



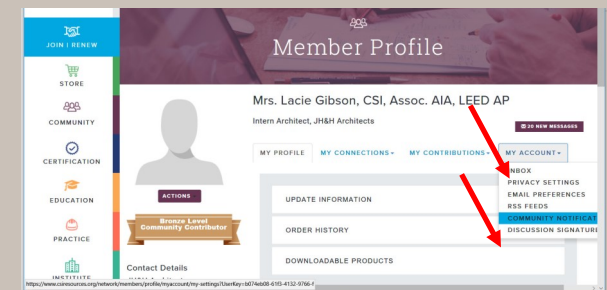
You can select "Community Overview" at the bottom of the page to access the resources shown below.



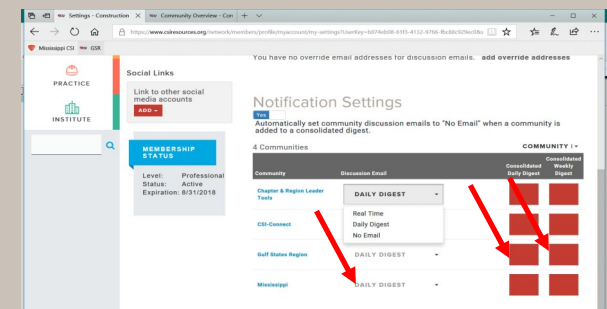
From the main page you can select Library to see the files posted. It will be easier to navigate if you select the "folder" view option.



To set your preferences for Community Notifications, select your icon at the top of the page, then "Profile".



From your profile page, select "My Account" and "Community Notifications". You will then be able to select your options for each community or consolidate all of them into Daily or Weekly Reports.



**Randall Lewis, CSI, AIA**  
GSR Electronic Communications Chair



## What is Happening In CSI



Since my last update many things have begun to happen at Institute.

Education Programs have been non-existent over the past few years but that is changing. Education is one of the pillars that support the success of CSI and one of the exciting things coming is CSI Academies. The first one just happened in Chicago. The topic was Risk Management and it will be reviewed with the hope of generating more on varying topics. Each Academy will have several pre-event webinars which are designed only for the participants.

Following the Academy will be several more webinars and online community input that will be for anyone. This is the first step in getting the Academies back on track and providing this much needed education at a higher level.

The Academic Outreach and the Built Environment Prep Program is progressing at a furious pace. This all started with the grant program for three Higher Education Institutions and has spread to well over 20 higher education facilities. The next step will be the Built Environment Prep Summer Institute to be hosted May 21-24 at Sinclair Community College in Dayton, Ohio. We are encouraging participation. An educator's tool kit is being developed as a part of this program which will contain an updated CDT workbook for exam prep, the PDEP, Project Delivery flashcards, a sample syllabus, and sample press releases. The Built Environment Prep facility and student online communities are targeted for launch in Spring 2018.

CDT Credentialing changes are on track. The CDT Certificate is being changed to a full-fledged Certification which will require some changes in the way the CDT is thought of. Although you were able to keep the initials CDT behind your name for life it did not signify more importance than any other training certificate you may have received. As a Certification it becomes something of value and will require continuing education to maintain the certification. On July 1, 2018, all current CDT holders will have their certificate converted to a Certification with an expiration date of June 30, 2021. In order to renew the Certification, the CDT holder will be required to complete 24 hours of education over three years, complete the renewal application,

and pay a renewal fee.

All members testing for the CDT after July 1, 2018 will be required to meet the new pre-requisites for the Certification which are a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent; one year of work experience, or be enrolled in a built environment related degree program

What does this mean to the current CDT holders? Individuals who do not meet renewal requirement by June 30, 2021 will need to remove CDT as a post-nominal. Anyone not meeting the CEU requirement may retest, and those taking the CDT after July 1, 2018 will be subject to a renewal requirement to be completed within three years of taking the test.

The CCCA, CCS, and CCPR requirements are not changing much, however, one basic change being made is that the CDT as a pre-requisite is now optional. The primary difference is that with the CDT you only need 2 years' experience. Without the CDT you will not need 5 years' experience. Once you get the CCCA, CCS, or CCPR you will not be required to maintain your CDT certification. This does not devalue the CDT but allows members to drop the CDT if they choose to. The renewal and reinstatement requirements currently in place will not change.

The Institute recognizes that there are many factors in allowing a certification to lapse. Because of this, and the recognition that we were not the best at keeping people informed when their certifications were expiring, the Institute is offering a onetime six-month reinstatement window for anyone whose CCCA, CCS, or CCPR was not renewed from July 2014 and June 2017. They will be offered an opportunity to renew without payment of all the back fees and requirements. The requirements for this onetime offer is completion of 24 CEU hours over three years, completion of the Renewal Application, and payment of renewal fee. Everyone whose certification renewal was within the past year are subject to the current guidelines.

The Institute will begin contacting all former Credential holders, using the information in the file for them, and make this offer. If you are aware of someone who fits this category and if they have moved, changed jobs, or are otherwise unavailable at their previous contact location, please advise them to contact the Institute.

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## What is Happening In CSI

Everyone's favorite and one of the most contentious topics we have addressed concerns the microsites. As many of you may know, the old microsite program is no longer being supported by the company that offered it and is untenable now due to many security concerns as well as operational software problems. It was never very user friendly and does not even come close to meeting the cybersecurity requirements of today's society. As a result, a new system involving both a new microsite system as well as community sites are being launched. Microsites are coming online but the cost and manpower requirements of a microsite may not be a good fit for smaller chapters. The community sites are cheaper and much easier to maintain. Even this will be too much for any chapter below 75 members. There is nothing preventing chapters from using one of the many website programs and services to create their own website that suits their needs. Please contact Cathy Stegmaier, [cstegmaier@csinet.org](mailto:cstegmaier@csinet.org), with additional questions or concerns.

On the marketing and communications front, the Institute is going to distribute a member survey. Invitations are being emailed directly to members and non-members. As leaders we should encourage participation by all who receive the surveys. Each member should take the time to complete the survey. This is a random sample survey so all members will not be included in the distribution.

New creative materials are being developed to promote membership, certification, and more. These include, but are not limited to brand standards guide, collateral development (brochure, promotional materials), electronic media graphic update including website, new member kit, and display and print advertising. The goal is to complete

these materials during the next six months. The Board will be engaged as these items undergo development.

Volunteer management has been a sore thumb for a lot of people. In the past, the call for volunteers was basically a word-of-mouth process and if there were one or two volunteers for the positions it would be considered a victory. Obviously, this was not the best way to accomplish this. Part of the problem was the issues with the old call for volunteers. Basically it was conducted only once a year usually with no preannouncement or notification, the notice involved formal opportunities only, there was an identified large time commitment involved in most cases, and there was no online system for applying. It was primarily done by email and snail mail. The new Call for Volunteer system implementation will be spread out over the year which means that there will be an ongoing need for volunteers for various committees and task teams. With this system you will have constant ways to engage including ad-hoc and micro-volunteering and have an online landing page and application system. The successful pilot was used for national CSI elections which resulted in a record number of volunteers being identified for the volunteer positions needed. The Nomination Committee even had to narrow the field down to the required numbers. The committee and task team charges are being further defined including scope, structure, skill sets needed and time commitment, and will be available in a new guide. Deadline for completion has not been set yet. As they are needed, new volunteer opportunities will be rolled out over the course of the year.

**Billy Mathis, FCSI, CDT**  
**GSR Institute Director**

**Come Ride the Bus with Us.** This is your invitation to get aboard the Mississippi Chapter charter bus as we journey to Knoxville. Our Chapter is sending 14 members to the conference (brag-brag) but there's plenty of room for our friends from other Chapters. If you're south of us you can come catch the bus on Thursday morning, and we will pass through Birmingham and Chattanooga on the way so can pick you up if you're in one of those Chapters. Plans are to leave on Thursday, June 7 at 9:00 AM and return on Sunday morning, June 10. You know fun will be had by all as we are the "Hospitality State" so you will enjoy some famous Chapter camaraderie on the bus ride to Knoxville and back. If you haven't been on one of our Chapter trips then you've missed out on a great experience. As our friend Phil Says "You can expect a VERY LARGE time!" Contact me, John Dunaway, if you'd like to Board the Bus.







## The Worlds Fair Sunsphere

What does the Knoxville Sunsphere have in common with smart phones and Cherry Coke? The Sunsphere was built for the 1982 World's Fair held in Knoxville, Tennessee where the touch screen for smart phones and Coca-Cola's latest product were both introduced. And what does this have to do with you? *The Sunsphere will be the location of the GSR Awards Banquet on Friday evening!*

The 1982 World's Fair left Knoxville with a beautiful green space known as World's Fair Park which features the Sunsphere and an outdoor amphitheater that is used today by local theatre, dance, and other performance groups. The fair energized architects and engineers which eventually led to a renaissance of downtown living, shopping, and dining that has given Knoxville its reputation as a great place to live.

This unique Sunsphere is 266 feet tall and is topped with a 75-foot diameter, five floor golden globe which remains a recognizable symbol in the Knoxville skyline. There is only one other of its kind in the world which is the Kazakhstan Pavilion built for the Expo 2017. Some of the views from the Knoxville Sunsphere are the University of Tennessee with the Neyland Football Stadium in the background, Smoky Mountains with Mount Leconte, the Tennessee River, and the downtown Knoxville skyline. Many other points of interest are described on the fourth-floor observation deck.



The gold color in the 360 windows is the result of 24 carat gold incorporated into the glass that cost approximately \$1,000 per window at the time of construction. The cost of the entire structure was \$4 million dollars in 1981. The Sunsphere was one of the most popular features of the fair and visitors were charged \$2 to ride the original glass walled elevator to the observation decks. The shaft of the structure consists of six double columns which are splayed at the bottom to provide greater stability and which terminate at the base of the sphere. The globe consists of 30



curved steel columns and 13 horizontal loops. The columns are joined at the main shaft by a tension ring at the top of the sphere and a compression ring at the bottom. The structure has been transformed by several renovations but many of the features listed above can still be observed today.

As a mechanical engineer, I always think about the location of the mechanical systems and the plumbing piping. There is a small depression at the very top center of the sphere which encloses the rangehood exhaust fan and HVAC cooling units from view. The replacement of these mechanical units would require a very tall crane. The domestic water and sanitary sewer lines travel 266 vertical feet and are subject to several other considerations. The water supply to the Sphere's restrooms and kitchen equipment requires a variable speed water pressure pump since the street water pressure is not strong enough (115 PSI required for 266 feet) to get to the Sphere. The sanitary waste lines are subject to a phenomenon called hydraulic jump as the waste flows vertically down the 266 feet and into the horizontal waste piping at the base of the structure.

The theme of the 1982 World's Fair was "Energy Turns the World," but many came away thinking the emphasis was solar power because of the iconic golden globe. The Knoxville Sunsphere is a unique structure with some very intricate architectural and engineering challenges, but they were all surmounted by the design team and construction crew.

Source credit: Miller, Teresa. "The Knoxville Sunsphere." *Engineering News Record*, 26 Nov. 1981

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