April Meeting Canceled

Our last social event for a while was the GSR Retreat Social
At the home of John and Charlene Dunaway

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As noted on the cover page the April Meeting has been canceled. I conducted an emergency vote via email poll of all Board members on Monday, March 16 to cancel the meeting due to the recommendations from the CDC that groups of more than 10 should not congregate to help reduce the spread of the Covid 19 Coronavirus. The motion passed easily of course, as the health and welfare of our membership was of upmost concern.

As noted in the cover photo Charlene and I have postponed any future gatherings at our home until conditions change. The GSR had the annual planning retreat to plan the coming fiscal year and discuss the Gulf States Region Conference programs. With Jackson being the most centrally located city in the GSR the Mississippi Chapter often hosts this event. Charlene and I have been hosting the GSR Social event for many years and find it a way for officers and chairs to get to know each other better and discuss business casually before the business meeting on Saturday. The GSR Leadership decided to go ahead with our face to face meeting of GSR officers and committee chairs since Region planning must go on. However, we did use extreme caution keeping our hands clean and following other CDC recommendations. Thanks to all who attended the social and the meeting on the following day. And thanks for taking all those extra precautions. On Saturday work got done as usual but again with as much caution as we could use. We met at the Holiday Inn and met in a suite which helped us remain away from others in the hotel. We had lunch catered in too. We have remained in touch and so far none of the attendees has reported any illness.

The upcoming GSR Conference is scheduled for June 4-5 in Birmingham, Alabama. At present the plans will proceed but GSR leaders and the Birmingham Chapter will re-evaluate having this event as the date draws closer.

I hate that we had to cancel the April meeting as we all enjoy these meetings, the programs, and the camaraderie we share, but again, we felt this best for our members. The presenter for the meeting had already canceled the previous week as his company, like many others, has adopted a no travel policy.

The Manship restaurant was gracious in allowing us to cancel the meeting with no penalty. We hope to resume regular meetings in May but we will have to weigh the risks, and of course, follow CDC recommendations in regards to gatherings.

Other events we have planned are also being considered for cancelation or postponement. We have canceled Construction, Cocktails, and Camaraderie at Scrooge’s restaurant for March and like other events we will look at the next meeting in late April, and also cancel it if advisable.

Plans for our annual golf outing are continuing but the golf committee is evaluating conditions daily. These are difficult times to plan any gathering even if it’s mostly outdoors. Jim Vinson and the Golf Committee are having serious discussions and will let you know what is going to happen. Be looking for an email announcement coming soon. All CSI members and any who have already signed up for the golf outing will be notified if plans change.

We want our members to remain healthy and well so we are proceeding with caution in regard to all future events.

These will be hard times for many of us personally, as well as for our employers, our clients, our employees, and our families. Be diligent in your personal hygiene habits, stay connected, but at a distance, get work done, but remotely if possible, and do what you can to help us all get through this difficult situation.

Americans are strong and resilient so I know we will persevere.

"Much has been given us, and much will rightfully be expected from us. We have duties to others and duties to ourselves; and we cannot shirk neither. We have become a great nation, forced by the fact of its greatness into relations with the other nations of the earth, and we must behave as beseems a people with such responsibilities." Theodore Roosevelt

Thanks and stay well,
John Dunaway, FCSI, CCS, AIA
Date: March 3, 2020
Call to Order: By John Dunaway at 5:30 pm.

John Dunaway, President
Greg Durrell, President Elect
John Murray, 1st Vice President
Jim Vinson, 2nd Vice President
Keith West, Secretary
Leland Hinton, Past President
Dennis Walters, Director
Paul Tauchar, Director
Lacie Gibson, Director

February meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Randall Lewis was unable to attend. John Dunaway presented and covered Randall’s report. Randall emailed the report earlier for all to review and report was approved by the Board at the meeting. The Board voted to keep our chapter dues at the current amount of $42.00 annually.

Committee Reports:

Product Show: John Dunaway reported a very successful Product Show. General consensus was that the attendees liked the layout and the flow of the room with the 40 booths. A brief discussion was held regarding leaving the show at a 40 booth total. Pros and cons were offered, and John asked that this be discussed further at the Transfer of Power meeting in June.

Programs Committee: John Murray reported that the March and April programs are in place. May remains open, so please contact John with any suggestions. June is the Awards Banquet, and he is working on filling the July, August, and September for the incoming Program Chair.

House Committee: Jim Vinson reported that The Manship suffered a hood fire a few weeks ago and is still in the process of cleanup to reopen but will accommodate our meeting. Jim was asked to make an announcement on Wednesday that members who register and do not show up will be billed for their meal.

Membership: Keith West reported that the current roster number is now 65 and reminded us of his monthly “Membership Reminder” in the Speculator.

Communications: The Facebook subcommittee still has not had the opportunity to meet, but will do so now that the product show is complete.

Certification: Tom Clarke was not present but it was reported that he will offer certification classes in the spring if anyone is interested in attending.

Education: Betina Latiker was not present but sent a report stating that the product show seminars were well attended. She will record the 1 1/2 hours Spray Insulation seminar which was registered with AIA though the Chapter.

Golf: Jim Vinson reported that the golf committee received nine team commitments at the product show, along with two food and beverage sponsors. John Dunaway has the brochure ready for distribution. Randall has the website ready for registration.

Publications: John Dunaway noted that the deadline for the April Speculator is March 20.

Academic Affairs: John Dunaway shared that the USM students enjoyed the show last week. Keith West stated that the interior students want and need lunch and learn programs on campus. He will work on that. John plans to restart the Adopt a Student campaign and pay the student’s membership if they cannot afford membership dues. John will develop the program.

Long Range Planning: Leland Hinton reported that he was reviewing the present long range plans.

Cocktails, Construction & Camaraderie: John Dunaway reported that we had a few members, and guests attend last month meeting. Another meeting is scheduled for March 26th at Scrooge’s.

Awards: Lacie Gibson has announced Region and Institute deadlines. John Dunaway shared that the chapter would submit for Region and Institute awards as well as the OCC. He asked board members to suggest award ideas to Lacie.

Technical Committee: John Murray is working on technical articles to be included in the Speculator.

Old Business: Review Chapter By-Laws: Keith shared that the changes have been finalized and the revised version will be submitted to Institute for approval.

New Business: John Dunaway asked Lacie to check into ordering new Chapter logo shirts. Other new business was covered in committee reports.

Remarks for the Good of the Chapter: None presented

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM CST

Prepared by:
M. Keith West, FCSI, CCPR - Secretary

Next Board Meeting: March 30, 2020
**Membership Reminder**

The Mississippi Chapter CSI values you as a member and the experience and skills that you bring to CSI. Please renew your membership and participate in the Chapter. This information is based on the Institute roster so please check with them to verify that their records are up to date.

If you know someone on this list, please call them and encourage them to renew their membership.

Thank you

Membership Chair

Keith West, FCSI, CCPR

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**Fiscal Year 2020 Calendar, July 2019 - June 2020**

The CSI fiscal year begins on July 1, 2019 and ends on June 30, 2020.

**Board Meetings** are held from 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM at the AGC Building on Lakeland Drive (Monday before the first Wednesday of the month, unless noted otherwise).

March 30, 2020 (April Board Meeting)

May 4, 2020

June 1, 2020

June 29, 2020 (July Board Meeting)

**Monthly Meetings** take place from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM at Manship Wood Fired Kitchen, Jackson, MS unless noted otherwise.

April 1, 2020

May 6, 2020

Thursday, June 11, 2020 (Awards banquet)

Evening Meeting 6:00 - 9:00 at Manship Restaurant.

July 1, 2020 First Meeting of new Fiscal Year

**Other events - Please save the dates**

**Mississippi Chapter Product Show and Seminar** - February 26, 2020

**Gulf States Region Conference 2020** – June 4 and 5, 2020 in Birmingham, Alabama. Please note dates have been revised.

**Transfer of Power 2020** - FY 2020 (starts July 1, 2019) – Saturday in June of 2020. Date to be determined. Hours from 1-5 with social and dinner afterward at the home of Greg Durrell.

**Golf Outing Update.**

The committee is still planning to have a golf outing but is weighing all the options.

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**Spring 2020 Certification Registration**

(CDT, CCS, CCCA)

Exam Window: May 4 - June 5, 2020

Early Registration: Feb. 19 - March 18, 2020

Standard Registration: March 19 - 31, 2020

Late Registration: April 1 - 30, 2020

CDT Exam registrants can participate in our Chapter’s Certification Study Courses if they contact Mr. Tom Clarke, FCSI, CDT, CCPR, CCCA, CCS, SCIP for more information. The Mississippi Chapter will offer study sessions to assist you in preparing for your certification exam if we receive at least 3 requests for study sessions prior to February 19.

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**Mississippi CSI Monthly Meeting**

**April Meeting Canceled**

Our meeting spot, the Manship restaurant is located in historic Belhaven. I’m sure many of you have already eaten here so you probably know the quality and service. If not, please check out the Manship website for more information at manshipjackson.com

Meal choices for this month are posted on the Chapter website. Click [here](#) to visit the site to register for the meeting and make your lunch choice and payment.
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