

# Specigram

Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter,  
Construction Specifications Institute

September 2018



## *Chapter 60th Anniversary Celebration*

**Saturday, September 15, 2018**

**6:00 PM – 10:00 PM**

Edgewood Country Club  
100 Churchill Road  
Pittsburgh, PA 15235

*Cocktail Attire*

**Cash bar 6:00 pm**

**Octoberfest buffet dinner 7:00 pm**

***plus 2017-18 Chapter Awards &  
Review of Chapter Accomplishments***

**Cost: \$40.00 per person**

To Register:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/csi-pittsburgh-60th-anniversary-gala-tickets-49196552212>

*Free Valet Parking Provided*

# President's Message

September 2018

---

*by Martin (Marty) Thornton II, CCS, CSI*

As the seasons move from summer to fall, CSI Pittsburgh begins a new fiscal year. Your new board of officers and directors along with the committee chairs have been hard at work preparing for the new year.

At the beginning of August, Matt Lander – Second Vice-president, Gail Nagie – Treasurer and myself attended the Middle Atlantic Region's LEAD (Leadership, Education and Development – formerly known as LOS) conference in York, PA. At this conference, we met and exchanged ideas from other chapter leaders within our region.



This year's focus was on membership, planning a region conference, and planning a product show. The Richmond and Greater Lehigh Valley chapters have successful product shows and presented useful ideas to use. We will have our Holiday Gala and Product Show in December and our popular "Speed Dating" in February. Be sure to look for information in the coming months.

The year begins with celebrating the 60th anniversary of the chartering of the Pittsburgh Chapter. For 60 years, our members have promoted the core values of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) through leadership, education, and certification. The mix of designers, specifiers, technical representatives, contractors, and building owners provides unique opportunities to better communication for the built environment. We will be celebrating our milestone at the Edgewood Country Club on September 15th.

Also happening in September is our Fall Golf Outing. On September 20th, we will be at Birdsfoot Golf Club in Freeport, PA. Contact Mark Womer at [mwomer@dsstristate.net](mailto:mwomer@dsstristate.net) to register your team.

In closing, I would like to thank all those that volunteered their time in making the Pittsburgh Chapter one of the best chapters in the Institute. It is an honor to represent you at the Region and Institute levels. Looking forward to seeing everyone on the 15th of September at the Edgewood Country Club.

*"Service to others is the rent you pay for your room here on Earth."*

*– Muhammad Ali, American boxer*

# Highlights from the Board

September 2018

---

July 17, 2018 at offices of R3A Architects

## President's Remarks

LEAD Regional Conference on August 3-4. Anyone interested in considering becoming an officer should attend. CONSTRUCT Institute convention in Long Beach, CA.

## Programs

Thornton provided a list of potential monthly seminars for group discussion. Potential schedule of dates discussed by topic. Individuals assigned to mentor specific programs vs. prior years' one-person responsibility. Schedule to be finalized.

## Golf Outing

Fall outing at Birdsfoot Golf Club September 20, 2018. email announcement to be distributed.

## Membership

Total membership increased by two to 110 in June.

## Technical/Education

Discussed possible October date for the SSPC technical seminar.

## Awards

Vernon & Strayer to meet and determine awards for September 15th presentation at 60th Anniversary Dinner. Outstanding Chapter Award – due December 31, 2018. Thornton asked Strayer to assume responsibility of other chapter awards presentation format and provide recommendations for discussion.

## GBA Liason

GBA willing to hold a program with product reps focused on LEED products as a joint meeting. Details to be determined.

## 60th Anniversary

Edgewood Country Club September 15, 2018. Theme is Oktoberfest. Sponsorship \$2,550 committed. Strayer to bring MARC-17 signs to recycle where possible. Committee to schedule conference call in 2 weeks.

## New Business

Budget for FYE 6/19 presented by Treasurer Nagie. Individual line items discussed, and modified. New budget unanimously approved via motion made by Strayer, seconded by Bartley as noted.

# Member News

September 2018

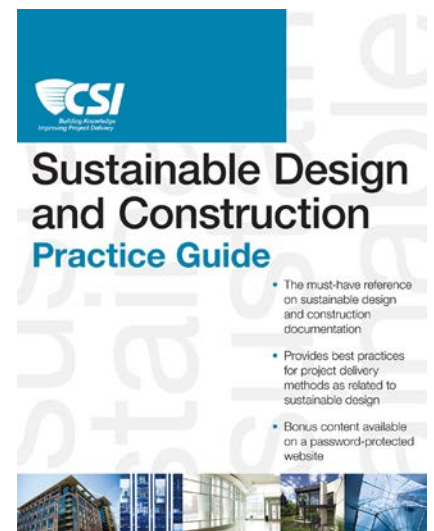
## September Anniversaries

George Merges, Jr.	Architect
Charles Brown	Brenenborg Brown Group
Jason Henze	Overhead Door Co. of Greater Pittsburgh

## Current Membership: 111

**Catherine Houska** is now an independent consultant focusing on architectural and structural metals. She will continue to consult directly on projects for clients (new construction, restoration, and failure analysis), consult for the industry associations (technical support, L&L, etc.), and represent clients at standards setting organizations.

Catherine Houska Consulting LLC  
Pittsburgh, PA  
Cell 412-874-9074  
Email: [cmhouska@outlook.com](mailto:cmhouska@outlook.com)





# Institute Director's Report

September 2018



**Lee-Ann M. Slattery, CSI, CDT, CCPR, LEED AP BD+C**

**Institute Director — Middle Atlantic Region → → → .....August 2018**

[lslaterry@atas.com](mailto:lslaterry@atas.com) — Cell: 610-349-1936

I hope to see many of you at our board meeting this Friday, August 3, 2018, beginning at 5:00 pm, at Heritage Hills Country Club in York, PA. In addition to participating in that board meeting, I'll also be speaking on Saturday afternoon about "making the most of Institute resources".

On June 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>, I sat in on my first Institute board meeting, although not an official member of the board at that point. I was very impressed by the way the meeting was run and by the discussion of a wide variety of important topics. Every board member was able to voice their opinions and a healthy dialogue followed, even when differences of opinion occurred. I believe every board member has the best interests of CSI and its members first and foremost in any decision that is made to ensure CSI's future growth as a leading association in the AEC industry. I am excited to be involved and to be working with this dynamic group of professionals, now being led by Ellen Crews, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, FMP, our current Board Chair, and Marvin Kemp, FCSI, CDT, AIA, Board Chair-Elect. Our next in-person board meeting will be held October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> during the week of CONSTRUCT. As always, feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns.

## **Institute News:**

- The 2018 Honor and Award winners have been announced, and they will be given out at CONSTRUCT in Long Beach, CA. Please be sure to congratulate those from the Middle Atlantic Region who will be recognized. If you'll be at CONSTRUCT, please attend the Honors and Awards Ceremony to celebrate with them in person!
  - David Stutzman, CSI, CCS — Class of Fellows (Long overdue, in my opinion!)
  - Robert Bailey, CSI, CCS — Communication Award — Pittsburgh Chapter Newsletter
  - TJ Chambers, CSI-EP — Communication Award — "Year in Review" Lehigh Valley Booklet
  - Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC), "Eastern Pennsylvania" — Organizational Certificate of Appreciation — for collaboration with the Greater Lehigh Valley CSI Chapter on the Let's Build Construction Camp for Girls and the CDT study classes
- In the next couple of months, there will be a "Call for Volunteers" issued from the Institute. The online system was tested for national elections and the honors and awards program. It will now be used to encourage ALL CSI members to volunteer for a variety of tasks within CSI...some short-term, some longer, to encourage participation from all types of people, in a variety of roles. Be on the lookout and consider volunteering. The call for volunteers will be an ongoing initiative with the Institute for continual community engagement.
- During the June meeting in Virginia, the board received an update from Cynthia D'Amour (a consultant) on the results from the Listening Tour of the chapters and the regions (on which many chapter and region presidents participated). Plans to provide better support from the Institute to the chapter and region leaders, and their members, are in the works and will be communicated out as developed.

# Institute Director's Report

September 2018

- Education and certification are cornerstones of the value members receive from CSI. We are striving to become the gold standard for technical information. To help achieve that goal, CSI has hired Tracy Petrillo, EdD, CAE, as CSI's Chief Learning Officer. <https://www.linkedin.com/in/tracypetrillo/>. I had the pleasure of meeting Tracy in person this past weekend at CSI's office in Alexandria, VA during our certification committee meeting. She brings a particularly deep knowledge of organizational learning, and I am confident that her expertise will help to further elevate CSI's education and certification programs. If you will be attending CONSTRUCT, stop by the CSI booth to introduce yourself to Tracy. ¶
- As mentioned before, the CDT has now transitioned from being a certificate to a certification (as of July 1<sup>st</sup>), which will require continuing education credits to renew (first renewals will be due in 2021, so you'll have the next three years to accrue the minimum 24 required continuing education hours). To learn more, visit <https://www.csiresources.org/certification/cdt/certification-cdt-transition>. **Note that if you currently have your CDT, you WILL NOT have to take the exam again.** That will only happen if you fail to complete the renewal application on the CSI website, report the required minimum of 24 continuing education hours to CSI, and pay the renewal fee online, before your certification expires in 2021. Begin to maintain a digital and/or hard copy file of all your continuing education credits as you earn them. They can come from a wide variety of sources, including chapter programs, region conferences, CONSTRUCT, other industry association events and programs (AIA, USGBC, etc.), CSI and other educational webinars, free online courses offered by firms such as AECDaily. <https://www.aecdaily.com/>, Hanley Wood University. <http://www.hanleywooduniversity.com/>, GreenCE. <https://www.greence.com/>, etc. There are many opportunities to earn the credits over the next three years, and renewal will not be difficult. The key is to begin now to earn those credits, keep track of them with certificates of attendance, and continue to do so on a regular basis. ¶
- As a reminder—Special Lapsed Certification Reinstatement Program—This is a one-time program for people who have let their CCS, CCCA, and/or CCPR certifications lapse, and is open April 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018 (for certifications that lapsed on or after June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014). To take advantage of this offer, you need to complete an application form and a continuing education reporting form, both provided at: [https://www.csiresources.org/certification/certreinstatement?cldee=bHNsYXR0ZXJ5QGF0YXMuY29t&recipient\\_id=contact-9fe747c57963dc11b947005056833132-6f3efa61ec784846a8e49ed422915530&esid=cd6979f8-1059-e811-80ea-00155d101230](https://www.csiresources.org/certification/certreinstatement?cldee=bHNsYXR0ZXJ5QGF0YXMuY29t&recipient_id=contact-9fe747c57963dc11b947005056833132-6f3efa61ec784846a8e49ed422915530&esid=cd6979f8-1059-e811-80ea-00155d101230). A \$195.00 special reinstatement fee is also required. If you have any questions about this, please contact [certification@csinet.org](mailto:certification@csinet.org). ¶
- CSI is still working on some potential solutions regarding the AIA/CES education provider annual fee and will get the word out when/if they pan out. I met with Mark Dorsey in person at CSI's office in VA on Saturday to discuss this. He has been speaking with AIA and is looking at what the impact would be if they allow folding chapters under an institute's or region's education providership with the AIA (instead of each chapter having to pay that large \$899 annual fee as of 2019). They still need to determine how this would work administratively, regarding how educational programs would be approved by the AIA/CES, how learning units would be reported to the AIA (for AIA members), and how certificates of attendance would be issued for those self-reporting learning units to other organizations (such as CSI, USGBC, etc.). ¶
- The next Master Specifiers Retreat is at the Loews Coronado Bay Resort in Coronado, California, being held from January 31 to February 3, 2019. Building Product Manufacturers registration is now closed, and Specifier registration is open at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/csijanmsrSPECIFIERS>. I encourage you to apply to attend; it's always a great educational and networking event that is enjoyed by all. ¶



# Region Report

April 2018

---

The Region just completed its first LEAD Seminar in early August. Attendance was pretty good but there's always room for even more next year. Keep your eyes open for more information starting in January. Every member is welcome and there are no charges including the meals. The chapter has funds set aside to help with travel and Hotel.

Members should be getting information very soon about a new program the Region is starting in October called "Tele-Tech Talk".

This will be a teleconference call that will run from 12:07 PM through 12:55 PM on timely subjects most of which will include Learning Unites. We are planning 3 to 4 in the first year and will add more as needed. Our first subject will be Mentoring presented by Marvin Kemp. CDT holders will find this an easy way to earn the hours needed to renew their CDT. The best thing is you can eat your lunch while you learn and there is no fee for these sessions nor for the phone call. All members are welcome.

An important reminder! Have you checked your profile on the Institute website recently? I strongly suggest doing so at least every two months. If your profile isn't up-to-date you are missing important information.

Are you considering going to Construct 2018 in early October? You should be! If you are please remember our chapter has money set aside to help with some of your expenses. How can you get help from the chapter? Let Marty Thornton know if you are, please remember our chapter has money set aside to help with some of your expenses. How can you get help from the chapter? Let Marty Thornton you are going. You must be a member in good standing, attend both the region caucus and the annual general membership meeting and let Marty know you are going before you go. Can't go this year? Plan on going next year when it returns to Washington DC.

***-Gail Nagie, CSI Mid Atlantic Region President***

# Golf Outing

September 2018

---

## 2018 Fall CSI Golf Outing

**Birdsfoot Golf Club**  
**225 Furnace Run Road**  
**Freeport, Pa**

**September 20, 2018**  
**(Thursday)**

Shot Gun Start at 9:00 am

\$280 foursome      \$75.00 single

Includes 6 pack for each cart (beer or soda),  
skill prizes, 50/50, giveaway prizes,  
executive buffet dinner, dog and drink at turn.

Hole Sponsor- \$50.00  
Your company will be announced,  
you will have the opportunity to talk briefly about your company,  
and you'll get a sign at hole.

Contact Mark Womer to register: [mwomer@dsstristate.net](mailto:mwomer@dsstristate.net)  
If you have questions please call 724-708-6106





# Around Town

September 2018



## Meeting: September 11<sup>th</sup> – Investigating Concrete Failures

What do we suspect when there is a spall? What can we detect when there is a delamination? What clues can we look for when there is a crack?

Jeff Varga is a Concrete Detective (Petrographer) with The Euclid Chemical Company. In his role, Jeff is tasked with analyzing concrete at a microscopic level to determine why concrete failed. Concrete Petrography is mainly utilized as a troubleshooting tool “post-mortem” and Jeff has seen his share of concrete crimes. He has spent 25 years sleuthing stones ever since receiving his BS in Geology from the University of Akron.

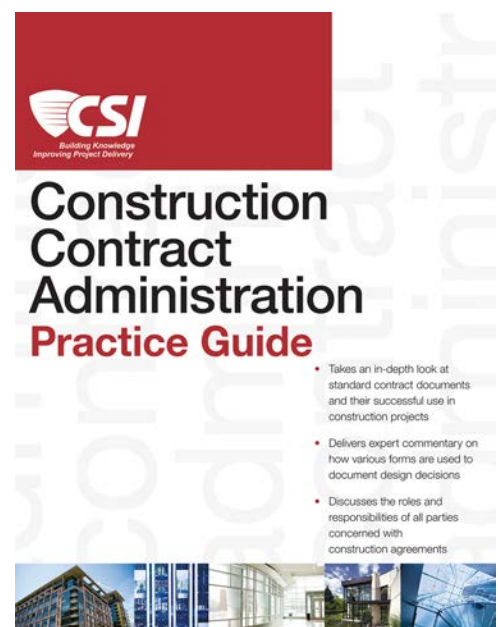
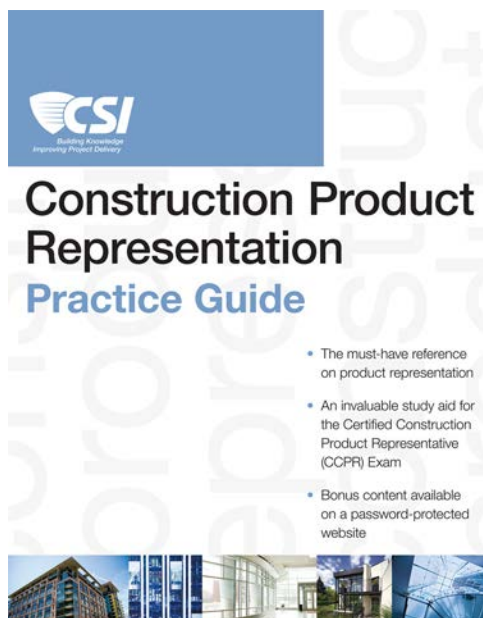
He'll share how he looks for clues and tell us all the best ways to how to avoid a life of being a cast-in-place criminal!

WHEN: Sept. 11 @ 11:30 AM

COST: \$25.00

RSVP: Through ICRI Website

WHERE: Buford's Kitchen across from PPG Paints Arena



# Newsletter Sponsors

April 2018



**BUILDING & INDUSTRIAL**

## **Brad A. Bartley CSI, CDT**

Senior Manager  
Architectural Sales

### **AGC Glass North America**

11175 Cicero Drive, Suite 400  
Alpharetta, GA 30022  
Tel: 412-804-1509  
brad.bartley@us.agc.com  
www.us.agc.com - www.agc.com



**Architectural Resources, Inc.**



INTERIOR/EXTERIOR FINISHES **PATRICK HARDING, CSI**  
RAIN-SCREEN FAÇADES [ALHARDINGCO.COM](http://ALHARDINGCO.COM)  
BUILDING ENVELOPE 724.745.3001  
ACOUSTICS BRIDGEVILLE, PA

*ARCHITECTURAL PRODUCT SALES & SERVICES SINCE 1986*

**BERKSHIRE  
HATHAWAY**  
HomeServices



**Leslie Bosco**  
Sales Associate

**The Preferred Realty**  
4215 Washington Rd  
McMurray, PA 15317  
Office: (724) 941-3340  
Cell: (412) 352-0950  
[lbosco@TPRSold.com](mailto:lbosco@TPRSold.com)  
[lesliebosco.ThePreferredRealty.com](http://lesliebosco.ThePreferredRealty.com)

A member of the franchise system of RHH Affiliates, LLC

## **The K Group Pgh LLC**

*Manufacturers Representatives*

Joe Kostuch

[joekostuch@thekgrouppgh.com](mailto:joekostuch@thekgrouppgh.com)  
Cell: 412-417-3494

### **Sound Concepts**

Custom Acoustical Solutions  
Wall panels Baffles,  
& Barrel Diffusers  
[www.soundconceptscan.com](http://www.soundconceptscan.com)

### **Rockfon-Chicago Metallic**

[www.rockfon.com](http://www.rockfon.com)  
Metal Ceilings

**The Genuine. The Original.**



**Overhead Door Company  
of Greater Pittsburgh**

412-781-4000

[www.overheaddoorpittsburgh.com](http://www.overheaddoorpittsburgh.com)

Commercial, Industrial & Residential  
Door Systems

Operable Partitions

Loading Dock Equipment

# Chapter Leadership

September 2018

## Officers

### *President*

Mr. Martin Thornton, II, CCS, CSI  
WTW Architects

412-315-3471

[mthornton@wtwarch.com](mailto:mthornton@wtwarch.com)

### *1<sup>st</sup> Vice President*

Ms. Kelley Brown, AIA, CSI, CCS, LEED AP  
Radelet McCarthy Polletta

412-471-4445

[kbrown@radeletmccarthy.com](mailto:kbrown@radeletmccarthy.com)

### *2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President*

Mr. Matthew Lander  
AVT, Inc.

412-257-5077

[mlander@avtinc.net](mailto:mlander@avtinc.net)

### *Secretary*

Mr. Bruce Pollock, AIA, CSI, CCS, CCCA  
RSSC Architecture

724-933-9100

[bpp@rsscarch.com](mailto:bpp@rsscarch.com)

### *Treasurer*

Ms. Gail Nagie, CSI, CDT  
Phone: 724-622-6301

[twogreenfrg@yahoo.com](mailto:twogreenfrg@yahoo.com)

## Directors

Mr. Michael C. Bosco, RA, CSI, CCS, NCARB  
412-855-5876

[michaelbosco74@comcast.net](mailto:michaelbosco74@comcast.net)

Mr. Brett Wygal

The Garland Company

724-841-8623

[bwygall@garlandind.com](mailto:bwygall@garlandind.com)

Mr. Jason Henze

Overhead Door Co. of Pittsburgh

412-337-1875

[jhenze@ohdpgph.com](mailto:jhenze@ohdpgph.com)

Ms. Kate Schuster, CSI

V.O. George Group, Inc.

724-935-1500

[kate@vogeorge.com](mailto:kate@vogeorge.com)

Ms. Leisa McNamee, CSI

Dodge Data & Analytics

412-548-2226

[leisa.mcnamee@construction.com](mailto:leisa.mcnamee@construction.com)

## Directors (cont.)

Mr. Brad A. Bartley CSI, CDT  
AGC Glass Company North America  
412-804-1509

[brad.bartley@us.agc.com](mailto:brad.bartley@us.agc.com)

Mr. James Geist  
Sherwin-Williams

724-933-1900

[jim.l.geist@sherwin.com](mailto:jim.l.geist@sherwin.com)

## Advisors - also Nominating & Long Range Planning Committees

Ms. Michaelleen Vargo, CSI,  
LEED AP BD+C

LGA Partners

Phone: 412-224-6232

[MVargo@lga-partners.com](mailto:MVargo@lga-partners.com)

Mr. Bill Vernon, CSI,  
Renaissance 3 Architects

412-431-2480

[bjv@R3a.com](mailto:bjv@R3a.com)

Mr. Richard Strayer, CSI  
Maffei Strayer Furnishings

Phone: 412-741-1850

[rstrayer@mstrayerfurn.com](mailto:rstrayer@mstrayerfurn.com)

## Committees

### Publicity

Ms. Kate Schuster, CSI  
V.O. George Group, Inc.  
724-935-1500

[kate@vogeorge.com](mailto:kate@vogeorge.com)

### Awards

Mr. William Vernon, CSI  
Renaissance 3 Architects

412-431-2480

[bjv@R3a.com](mailto:bjv@R3a.com)

### Membership

Mr. Damian Carnegie  
AVT Inc.

412-257-5077

[dcarnegie@avtinc.net](mailto:dcarnegie@avtinc.net)

### Technical/Education

Mr. Phil Dorenkott, CSI, LEED AP BD+C  
ATAS International, Inc.

412-667-0546

[pdorenkott@atas.com](mailto:pdorenkott@atas.com)

## Committees (cont.)

### Electronic Communications/Editor

Ms. Kate Schuster, CSI  
V.O. George Group, Inc.  
724-935-1500

[kate@vogeorge.com](mailto:kate@vogeorge.com)

### Certification

Mr. Michael C. Bosco, RA, CSI, CCS, NCARB  
412-855-5876

[michaelbosco74@comcast.net](mailto:michaelbosco74@comcast.net)

### Golf Outing

Mr. Mark Womer, CSI  
Assa Abloy

724-708-6106

[mwomer@dsstristate.net](mailto:mwomer@dsstristate.net)

### Hospitality

Mr. Marc A. Zell, CSI  
National Gypsum Company  
800-646-2458 x6440

[MAZell@nationalgypsum.com](mailto:MAZell@nationalgypsum.com)

### Programs

Mr. Scott Keener  
MacLachlan Cornelius & Filoni, Inc.  
412-281-6568 x-113

[Skeener@mcfarchitects.com](mailto:Skeener@mcfarchitects.com)

### GBA Liaison

Mr. Jeff Carty, CSI, CDT  
Modernfold

814-418-4596

[jcarty@modernfoldofpa.com](mailto:jcarty@modernfoldofpa.com)

### Student Outreach

Ms. Colleen Defilippo  
Bonitz Flooring Group  
412-719-9761

[ColleenDefilippo@Bonitz.com](mailto:ColleenDefilippo@Bonitz.com)

### Product Show Chairman

Mr. James Geist  
Sherwin-Williams  
724-933-1900

[jim.l.geist@sherwin.com](mailto:jim.l.geist@sherwin.com)

### Newsletter Editor

Mr. Robert J. Bailey, AIA, CCS, CSI, LEED AP  
IKM, Inc.

412-281-1337

[rbailey@ikminc.com](mailto:rbailey@ikminc.com)