

# Specigram

Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter,  
Construction Specifications Institute

February 2017



**February 21, 2017**



**SPEED**

**DATING**

**Location: Cefalo's**

428 Washington Ave, Carnegie, PA 15106

4:45 Registration

**5:30 Speed Dating**

7:00 Dinner

8:00 Board Meeting

Cost: \$35.00

**To Register for Dating:**

**Contact Stacy Jordon**

**[smjordon@armstrongceilings.com](mailto:smjordon@armstrongceilings.com)**

**To RSVP for Dinner:**

**Contact Marc Zell**

**[MAZell@NationalGypsum.com](mailto:MAZell@NationalGypsum.com)**

**(412) 951-8715**



# more about Speed Dating

February 2017

---

**Design Professionals:** Meet new contacts and learn about the latest products and technologies for your current projects!

**CSI Speed dating works like this:** Each design professional/product representative "couple" will have 4 minutes to meet and talk about their current projects and products to see if they are compatible, and when the buzzer sounds, the design professional moves to the next table.

Come join us for a great networking event and a chance to win door prizes at the end of the evening.

Hor d'oeuvres will be served during the speed dating event.



**Gypsum crystals. Note person in photo for scale.**

# Highlights from the Board

February 2017

---

January 10, 2017 at Cefalo's, Carnegie, PA

## PRESIDENT

Meeting in December did not have quorum. Colleen DeFilippo is new Student Outreach Chair. Institute is behind on dues payment to Chapter.

## TREASURER

Motion approved to make donation to Great Pittsburgh Community Food Bank.

## HOSPITALITY

Holiday Gala was a success. Motion approved to book 2017 Holiday Gala at The Chadwick.

## PROGRAMS

Tonight: Construction Management Software – PlanGrid, Inc. February: Speed Dating. March and April not booked as of this time. Rich Kosuda of Tremco offered a program on Tremco's SkyBEAM (Building Envelope Assist Mapping) using UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles, or drones).

## WEBSITE

Will include a link to EventBrite for MARC registration.

## MEMBERSHIP

Matt Lander to be asked to a membership presentation and/or new member orientation.

## TECHNICAL/EDUCATION

Dorenkott stated struggle to come up with a topic and asked for suggestions. Hoping to hold a seminar in April or May.

## CERTIFICATION

A structural engineering firm requested a private CDT program. Bosco to reach out to Richmond Chapter.

## AWARDS

Region Awards: Only 3 chapters submitted. Pittsburgh received 5 of the 24 awards given.

## ARCHIVES

Digitizing of chapter archives completed by Bailey and paid for by Chapter.

## MARC 2017

Strayer got registration info out on EventBrite.

## NEW BUSINESS

Chapter elections upcoming.

# Member News

February 2017

---

## February Anniversaries

23rd	Michael Moyta	Design 3 Architecture, P.C.
16th	Richard Kosuda Jr.	Tremco Roofing
10th	Harry Walsh	ASSA ABLOY DSS
8th	Gregg Scharrer	United States Gypsum Company
7th	Richard Kernick	Kernick Architecture LLC
6th	Brian Joyce	PPG Paints
5th	Joshua Telenko	Baer + Associates, LLC
4th	Greg Koledin	Wesex Corporation
3rd	Brad Bartley	AGC Glass Company North America
3rd	Walter Postufka	GAF
1st	Pamela Cook	
1st	Samuel Roberts	
1st	Michael Warren	

## New Members

David Hohman  
Brian Antal                      Dimensional Metals, Inc.

## Membership Up For Renewal

Steven Reinstadtler	Covestro
Kevin Kearney	Builders Hardware
Stacy Jordon	Armstrong World Industries
Fred Smith	Allegheny Millwork & Lumber
Richard Florida	Florida Consulting
Kenneth Codeluppi	Wall Firma, Inc.

Current Membership: 122

## [Program Meeting Sponsors wanted!!](#)

**Are you interested in getting your name and face and products  
in front of the group?**

Take advantage of our program sponsor opportunities!  
For only \$50 you will receive sponsorship credit for the meeting,  
3 minutes to address the meeting audience at the podium,  
and the opportunity to have a tabletop display if you so choose.

Contact [Bob Bailey](#).

# Member Profile - *Jason Henze*

February 2017

## What is your company and what is your position?

My job is Business Development & Special Projects for Overhead Door Company of Greater Pittsburgh. We focus on residential, commercial and industrial door systems including Rolling, Fire-Rated, Sectional, High Speed, Flexible Fabric, Security doors and Security grilles. We also furnish and install loading dock levelers, truck restraints, seals and shelters, and operable wall partitions.

## Tell us about your job.

My job is to work with architects, contractors and building owners to provide design solutions, product information and capabilities that best serve their design and work for their buildings, especially concerning fire and smoke rated doors and curtains for fire & life safety and building code compliance.



## What is your education background?

I earned a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and a Master's of Science in Business Education from Robert Morris University.

## How many years have you been in the industry?

I have been in the door industry for several years and before that I have been in the construction industry for 10 years.

## What part of your job do you most enjoy?

I enjoy the people I meet and working on the details of several different projects at the same time.

## What was your first job?

My first job was working as a paper boy delivering newspapers seven days a week in the morning before school when I was 11 years old.

## What is the funniest/oddest thing that has happened in your professional career?

At a previous employer, the owner of the company was involved in Paranormal Psychology and hunting for ghosts. During work hours, we would have to go set up equipment and try to find evidence of ghosts or spirits in haunted locations, really sketchy places and abandoned mental hospitals. We even had to wear matching jackets during investigations. We never found anything.



# Member Profile - *Jason Henze*

January 2017

---

What year did you join CSI?

I joined CSI in 2015, so I am a relatively new member and I do not hold any positions besides member but I attend the meetings regularly.

Why did you join CSI?

Ron Morris from our company has been a member for number of years and encouraged me to join CSI for the opportunity to network and develop relationships with people in the architectural community across the construction industry.

What do you see as the value of CSI membership?

In addition to developing relationships with a great group of people, value comes the education and different technical topics discussed during the meetings.

Tell us a memorable CSI experience.

I really enjoy the different tours I have attended. I have had the opportunity to see how a brick is made, how a building for nanotechnology can be constructed on stilts, how a Federal Reserve building was transformed into a hotel and how a bronze sign detailed by hand.



Best advice anyone ever gave you.

In everything you do and give it 100%, then you never have to think back and wonder if you could have done better.

**What would people be surprised to know about you?**

**I once performed a stand-up comedy routine in Cefalo's when they were a comedy night club.**

Tell us about your family.

My wife, Jeni, and I have been married 8 years, we live in the South Hills of Pittsburgh and we have three great kids. My daughter is 6, my oldest son is 5 and the youngest guy is 2. Our house is always fun and busy.

What's your hobbies?

Riding my bike. I learned to ride a bike when I was seven years old and I have never stopped. I have been racing mountain bikes on and off for almost 25 years. I started when I was a kid and now my kids go to the races and cheer for me.

What's a true sign of success?

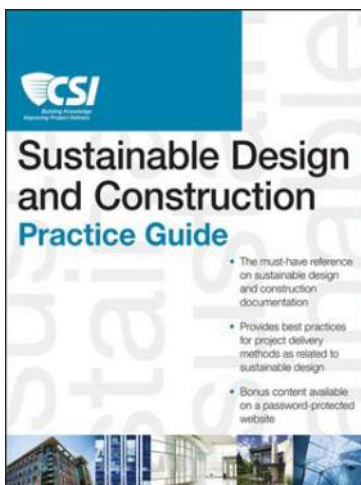
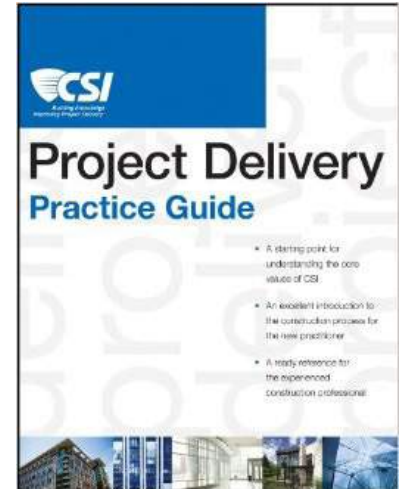
A true sign of success is when you can take pride in doing a great job and people consider you a resource in your field.

# CSI Membership: What's in it for YOU?

February 2016

## As a CSI member you can:

- Learn and share information with experts across the industry. In CSI, you'll connect with professionals from different fields who are as eager to learn from you as you are from them. CSI's online communities make it even easier to connect with CSI members throughout the world and provide every day solutions when you need them.
- Enhance your technical skills. CSI's education helps thousands of professionals understand and control their documentation so they can deliver projects as envisioned. In addition, CSI's new website [www.csiresources.org](http://www.csiresources.org) is designed for you to easily search for just the information you need.



- Get real-world, building product solutions. As a member, you'll receive CSI's Construction Specifier Magazine, which is packed with articles and advice focused on the latest in building technology.
- Participate in your local construction community through more than 130 chapters nationwide. For a complete listing of CSI chapters throughout United States visit our website.

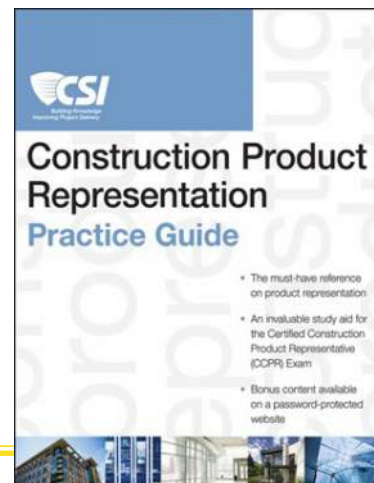
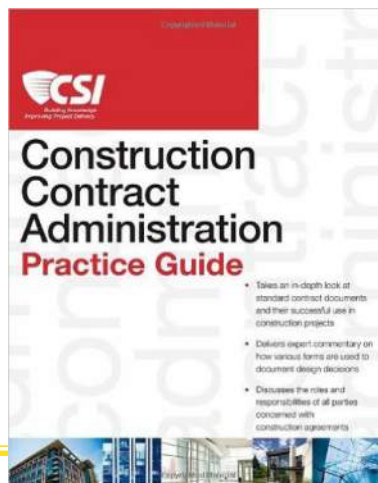
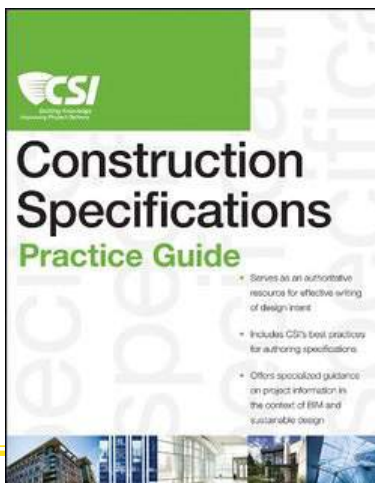
And you can search MasterFormat.com for FREE!

## Ready to join? CSI has three membership levels:



- Professional
- Emerging Professional
- Student

Go to [www.csiresources.org](http://www.csiresources.org) to join today!



# Mid-Atlantic Region Conference 2017

February 2017

## MARC 2017

## May 19-21, 2017 Pittsburgh, PA



**Conference Headquarters: Sheraton Station Square, south side Pittsburgh.**

Primary Participants: CSI members from the 14 chapters that comprise the Middle Atlantic Region: Erie/Northwest PA, North Central PA, Pittsburgh, PA Railroad, Central PA, Allentown, Philadelphia, Northern VA, Baltimore, DC Metro, Central VA, Richmond, Tidewater, Blue Ridge.

**Sponsorships are available!**

Contact Bob Bailey [bbailey@ikminc.com](mailto:bbailey@ikminc.com)  
or Marc Zell [MAZell@NationalGypsum.com](mailto:MAZell@NationalGypsum.com)

**Education Sessions**  
**Tours of local High-Tech organizations**  
**Keynote Speakers**  
**Dinner Cruise on the Rivers**  
*and much more!*



# Region Report

February 2017

---

By Gail Nagie, CSI Middle-Atlantic Region President

By now you should have received a ballot from the Region Tellers Committee for the 2017 Region elections. If you have not I suggest you check your spam file. All voting this time will be done only by email. Elections close February 28 at midnight.

In March the Institute will hold their elections. The Institute will elect a Secretary, The Middle Atlantic Region Director, and this year A Director-at-Large. Marvin Kemp is running for reelection as Middle Atlantic Director. We have a second member of the Middle Atlantic Region running. LeeAnn Slattery is running for Director-at-Large. Please consider voting for both. It would be helpful for the Region to have both serving on the Institute Board.

Institute elections are to start about March 7th and close two weeks later. This is different from past elections. Voting will also be done via email.



CSI Middle Atlantic Region



### PRESENTATION:

The rapid advancement of drone technology has entered the building sciences. Drone technology provides building owners with the ability to remotely sense building envelope connectivity, allowing for greater long-term performance. Leading-edge technology carrying advanced high-resolution and thermal cameras provides vantage points unachievable through traditional methods, providing for new, easily acquired and robust facility data. This presentation covers the latest in drone technology, building sciences applications and case studies, safety, privacy and regulatory elements.

### LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

- Understand the capabilities of today's drones and what challenges still exist
- Explore possible impacts regarding the health, safety, and efficiency of the built environment
- Learn how drones are currently used to evaluate building envelopes
- Discuss the types of data drones can provide to building owners and design professionals

### SCHEDULE:

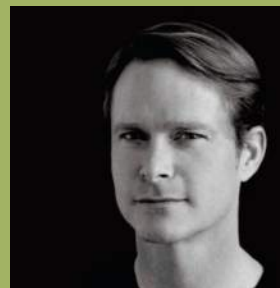
Tuesday, March 14th, 2017  
5:30 PM - Networking  
6:15 PM - Dinner  
7:00 PM - Presentation

### LOCATION:

Cefalo's Banquet and Event Center  
428 Washington, Ave., Carnegie, PA  
Free parking

### REGISTER:

\$35 per person  
Register by March 10th  
Marc Zell at [MAZell@NationalGypsum.com](mailto:MAZell@NationalGypsum.com)



**Guest Presenter: Michael Cohen**  
President & CEO  
Industrial SkyWorks

Michael is an Airline Rated Captain (Boeing 737 NG), and holds a Master of Aeronautical Sciences: Aviation Safety Systems degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University and is a certified aircraft accident investigator. An expert in aircraft safety systems and risk management, Michael has served in various roles on behalf of a number of airlines and organizations. These include Chairman of Air Safety, member of an Occupational Health and Safety Committee, and member of an Airline Emergency Response Team.

# Newsletter Sponsors

February 2017

Find Contractors  
& Suppliers

**THE BLUE BOOK**  
Building & Construction  
**NETWORK**

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

---

Find Manufacturers

**BPM SELECT**  
The Premier Building Product Search Engine

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



**ARDEX AMERICAS**

Allison Birkmeyer, CSI  
Architectural Specialist – North East

Direct: 724-777-2799  
Allison.Birkmeyer@ardexamericas.com  
[www.ardexamericas.com](http://www.ardexamericas.com)

ARDEX Tile and Stone Installation Systems  
ARDEX MC™ Moisture Control Systems  
ARDEX PANDOMO®  
ARDEX Substrate Preparation Products  
ARDEX Polished Concrete Systems  
ARDEX ARDIFLO™ System  
ARDEX Engineered Concrete Systems



**BAER**  
& ASSOCIATES LLC  
Construction Consultants

[www.Architectural-Resources.net](http://www.Architectural-Resources.net)  
(301) 982-6464  
(410) 792-4282  
(877) 423-7426



**ARCHITECTURAL RESOURCES, INC.**  
DEBORAH J. MERGES

CELL (412) 310-4260  
FAX (301) 982-5100

7835 BELLE POINT DRIVE  
GREENBELT, MARYLAND 20770



**ATAS International, Inc.**  
Sustainable Building and Energy Technology

1-800-888-1811  
10000 Riverchase Circle, Suite 100, Birmingham, AL 35244  
10000 Riverchase Circle, Suite 100, Birmingham, AL 35244


For more information on building, sustainable, commercial building, energy, technology, and more.

**Patrick Starr**  
Sales Representative  
Birmingham, AL  
[patrick@atas.com](mailto:patrick@atas.com)  
[www.atas.com](http://www.atas.com)



LIBERTY Log Homes & Cabins  
Smicksburg, PA 16256  
RonnaLeah & Steve Principle

814.257.8891  
BK Cypress Log Homes  
[Libertyloghomes@gmail.com](mailto:Libertyloghomes@gmail.com)



**Trulite**  
GLASS & ALUMINUM SOLUTIONS™

**Tom DeRubeis (Ruby)**  
Regional (Outside) Sales Representative

100 Business Center Drive  
Cheswick, PA 15024  
[tderubeis@trulite.com](mailto:tderubeis@trulite.com)  
[www.trulite.com](http://www.trulite.com)

Direct: 412-728-5979  
Cell: 412-728-5979  
Toll Free: 800-232-9050  
Tel: 724-274-9050  
Fax: 412-799-8715

# Chapter Leadership

February 2017

---

## Officers

### *President*

Mr. Richard Strayer, CSI  
Maffei Strayer Furnishings  
Phone: 412-741-1850  
[rstrayer@mstrayerfurn.com](mailto:rstrayer@mstrayerfurn.com)

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

Mr. Marty Thornton, CCS, CSI  
WTW Architects  
412-315-3471  
[MThornton@wtwarch.com](mailto:MThornton@wtwarch.com)

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

Mr. David Miller, CSI  
SEMCO LLC  
412-216-0219  
[davidkirtmiller@gmail.com](mailto:davidkirtmiller@gmail.com)

### *Secretary*

Mr. Joshua Telenko, CSI, CCCA  
Baer & Associates, LLC  
412-224-4892  
[jtelenko@Baer-Associates.com](mailto:jtelenko@Baer-Associates.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)

Ms. Courtney T. Watson, CSI, CDT  
Won-Door Corporation  
724-691-0934  
[cwatson@wondoors.com](mailto:cwatson@wondoors.com)

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. Bruce Pollock, AIA, CSI, CCS, CCCA  
RSSC Architecture  
724-933-9100  
[bpp@rsscarch.com](mailto:bpp@rsscarch.com)

Ms. Leisa McNamee, CSI  
Dodge Data & Analytics  
412-548-2226  
[leisa.mcnamee@construction.com](mailto:leisa.mcnamee@construction.com)

Ms. Kate Schuster, CSI  
V.O. George Group, Inc.  
724-935-1500  
[kate@voageorge.com](mailto:kate@voageorge.com)

## Directors

Ms. Kelly Brown, AIA, CSI, CCS, LEED AP  
Radelet McCarthy Polletta  
412-471-4445  
[kbrown@radeletmccarthy.com](mailto:kbrown@radeletmccarthy.com)

## Advisors - include Nominating & Long Range Planning Committees

Mr. Robert J. Bailey, AIA, CCS, CSI,  
LEED AP  
IKM Incorporated  
412-281-1337  
[bbailey@ikminc.com](mailto:bbailey@ikminc.com)

Ms. Michaelen 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)

Ms. RonnaLeah Prindible  
Dodge Data & Analytics  
814-257-8177  
[Ronnaleah.prindible@construction.com](mailto:Ronnaleah.prindible@construction.com)

## Committees

Publicity  
Mr. David Miller, CSI  
SEMCO LLC  
412-216-0219  
[davidkirtmiller@gmail.com](mailto:davidkirtmiller@gmail.com)

Awards  
Mr. William Vernon, CSI  
Renaissance 3 Architects  
412-431-2480  
[bjv@R3a.com](mailto:bjv@R3a.com)

Membership Co-Chairs  
Mr. Matthew Lander  
AVT, Inc.  
412-257-5077  
[mlander@avtinc.net](mailto:mlander@avtinc.net)

Damian Carnegie  
AVT Inc.  
412-257-5077  
[dcarnegie@avtinc.net](mailto:dcarnegie@avtinc.net)

## Committees

Electronic Communications/Editor  
Ms. Kate Schuster, CSI  
V.O. George Group, Inc.  
724-935-1500  
[kate@voageorge.com](mailto:kate@voageorge.com)

Technical/Education  
Mr. Philip Dorenkott, CSI  
724-935-9238  
[pdorenkott@yahoo.com](mailto:pdorenkott@yahoo.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  
Asa 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)

Long Range Planning

## Programs

Mr. Robert J. Bailey, AIA, CCS, CSI, LEED AP  
IKM, Inc.  
412-281-1337  
[bbailey@ikminc.com](mailto:bbailey@ikminc.com)

GBA Liaison  
Open Position

Student Outreach  
Open Position

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