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January 2016



## January 12, 2016 Building Performance within the Pittsburgh 2030 District and GBA updates



Speaker: Isaac Smith, LEED Green Associate  
Pittsburgh 2030 District Bldg Performance Analyst

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# Highlights from the Board

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December 08, 2015 via GoTo Meeting Conference Call

## TREASURER:

Nagie: working to finalize the Holiday party information.

## PROGRAMS:

Bailey: January's meeting will be at Cefalo's presented by GBA "What new and an update on ongoing projects" we may be joined by "Women in Design". February will be the Speed Dating at Cefalo's March and April are not planned yet. Student contact has not occurred so Are You Smarter Than a Specifier is not planned. The chapter should still perform some form of outreach/ scholarship for students.

## TECHNICAL/EDUCATION:

Bailey: RCI may perform the roofing seminar without CSI. Another technical seminar topic is being researched.

## CERTIFICATION:

One member did not pass CDT; will be retaking the Test soon.

## AWARDS/SPEC COMPETITION:

Thornton, & Bartley proposed the following awards.

- Education Award = Josh Telenko
- Education Award - P. Dorenkott and S. Luther for September Joint meeting with ASHRAE.
- Education Award - Kelly Brown for presentation to the Art Institute.- Handouts, any information on attendance or other supporting information is needed to complete the award.
- Education Award - Mike Moyta for Student Outreach.
- Communication Award – Periodical = Bob Bailey
- Communication Award – Electronic = K. Schuster- screen shots and other supporting information is needed
- Organizational Certificate of Merit = PBX
- Technical Award = Catherine Houska, Specifier Article.
- Neuhausel Award = discussed in confidence.

## HOLIDAY PARTY:

A lot of positive feedback from attendees. IIDA president and members in attendance liked the party and would like to participate more in the future.

## GOLF OUTING:

A member of IIDA proposed that this year we partner with them for at least one golf outing. Contact Information will be forwarded to Mark Womer.

## NEW BUSINESS:

Jessica Dieker for Hilti expressed interest in getting involved. January should be a time to review executive board and director positions for selection/ recruitment to be proposed in March.

# Member News

January 2015

**Toby Torchia** is now Manager, Business Development  
-Commercial & Industrial Group at Knauf Insulation  
North America.

## January Anniversaries

31st	Robert Bailey	IKM Incorporated
21st	Donna Radock	Ross Schonder Sterzinger Cupcheck, P.C
19th	Mike Desiderio	Caldwell's Windoware Co., Inc.
19th	Patrick Starr	ATAS International, Inc.
16th	Raymond Stander Jr.	The Wiremold Company
13th	Leisa McNamee	Dodge
10th	Bruce Miller	Stantec
10th	Ben Mack	Ardex Americas
10th	William Vernon	Renaissance 3 Architects
10th	Courtney Watson	Won Door
9th	David Mosovsky	Daltile
4th	Stacy Jordon	Armstrong World Industries
4th	Robert Ober	YKK
2nd	Kelly Brown	Radelet McCarthy Polletta
2nd	Fred Smith	Allegheny Millwork & Lumber

## New Members:

Kenneth Codeluppi Wall Firma, Inc.

## Membership Up For Renewal:

Lee Lundberg	Veolia Water NA
Steven Reinstadtler	Bayer MaterialScience
Stacy Jordon	Armstrong World Industries
Fred Smith	Allegheny Millwork & Lumber
James Gerard	Gerard Associates Architects, LLC
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# Member Profile - Courtney Watson

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

I have been a District Manager for Won Door Corporation for almost 10 years. Won Door manufactures Accordion Fire & Sound doors.

## Tell us about your job.

My title is District Manager, but I'm pretty much known as a "product rep" in the world of construction. I work with architects, owners, and contractors in PA, Upstate NY, WV, OH & KY. That's right....a 5 state territory!

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

I actually love my job very much! Conducting AIA seminars is always fun, but the most rewarding part of my job is having the opportunity to see a building's plans and specs during design and eventually see it come to life.

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

I am known as "Won-Door Woman".

## What year did you join CSI?

I joined CSI in 2005.

## What position(s) do you presently hold with CSI?

Currently, I am Director for our local Chapter. In the past, I was the Awards Chair (learned so much about CSI in that role), and I am a member of the MARC 2017 committee (I'm very excited to show off our Chapter and city to the region).

## Why did you join CSI?

My previous employer suggested I check out a meeting. The very first person I met at my first CSI meeting was Ronnaleah Prindible. She introduced me to everyone and talked with me like we were best friends for years. Of course, after meeting her, I had to join. :)

## What people influenced you most?

Most definitely, my mother. She dedicates her life to her kids, and now her 5 grandkids. While I was growing up, she worked 3 jobs so my brother and I could experience as much as possible outside of our little town. My mother gave me a solid foundation and a great start to life. My dance teacher was also an influential figure for me. She instilled in me toughness, perseverance and a never-quit mentality.

## What do you see as the value of CSI membership?

CSI has given me more friendships than anything. Yes, I have received business through CSI, but the genuine people in our Chapter is what I value most.

## What CSI certifications have you earned?

CDT. (NOT EASY to obtain). Lots of studying! Thanks to a few members and their willingness to teach, I attended classes offered by our Chapter and was well prepared to take the test.



**If you weren't in your current job, what would you be doing?**

I would own and direct a dance studio!



# Member Profile - *Courtney Watson* (cont'd)

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## What would you want somebody considering CSI membership to know?

CSI is most definitely more than a networking group. Our Chapter is more like a family. If you attend one meeting, you'll want to join!

## Person you learned the most from:

Once again, I would have to say my mother. She is still teaching me.

## Tell us about your family.

My husband, Patrick, also works in the construction industry. He currently works for PennDOT as an inspector. We have three fantastic children. Caden-10, Rowen-5, and Harper-3. The kids call us the Watson 5. We do everything together! We live in Greensburg, PA.

## What's your favorite city?

My favorite US city is, by far, New Orleans. The architecture, music, food, and people are incomparable. NOLA has a rich history, and it's still very evident that the city was influenced by a variety of cultures.... Native American, French (Cajuns), Spanish, German and African. I try to make it to New Orleans at least once a year. My favorite international city is Prague. Now that's a place with some amazing architecture!

## What's your passion?

I love a lot of things in life, but music is my passion. It takes so much talent to be able to create solid music. Music can alter your mood, make you dance, and put you to sleep. It's good for so many things! My family travels all over to see bands. I always say, if I had a trust fund, I'd spend the rest of my life at music festivals!

## What's a true sign of success?

Being in a sales position, you would think that my definition of success relates to dollars. Actually, it has nothing to do with money, at all. I feel like I've succeeded when I feel good about myself. These days, being able to balance family and work make me feel like I'm succeeding!

## Best advice anyone ever gave you:

A dear friend of mine once told me, "if you are thinking, you are not living in the present". I need to learn to live in the present more often.

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

I lived in England, and my first job out of school was an international marketing position. My first choice of major was Aerospace Engineering at Penn State University.

## Who is your favorite "Peanuts" character and why?

Woodstock! He is Snoopy's sidekick. He is named after the 1969 New York music festival. He loves to ice skate, play hockey, and drive the Zamboni.



# Region Report

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## 2016 Already? Wow 2015 went fast!

The Region is getting down to the business planning for LOS for this August. We have been collecting ideas following in last year's events. All members of CSI in good standing are eligible and encouraged to attend. The Region picks up the costs for the day. Travel and hotels are your responsibility however, contact Bill Vernon to see what funds are available from the Chapter to help. We will be including another tour, yet to be determined, prior to the beginning of LOS. To be eligible to go on the tour you must be registered for LOS.

The Region will publish the agenda for LOS in April. You can have a part in the seminar subjects by sending your suggestions to Gail Nagie for consideration. We want to teach what you were interested in.

Don't forget our **Region Conference in Baltimore** on April 8–10. Our friends in Baltimore always put on a good event so be sure to register. Information should be coming out soon. We would like to have a strong attendance because Pittsburgh hosts The Region Conference here in May 2017. Our Committee has been busy but can always use more volunteers. If interested contact Gail Nagie. For those who plan to attend the Region Conference contact Bill Vernon about some help with reimbursements of your costs. All members of the Pittsburgh Chapter in good standing are eligible for partial reimbursement.

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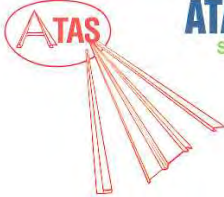
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# CSI Speed Dating!

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## Fifth Annual CSI Pittsburgh Speed Dating

Come join us Tuesday, February 9, 2016 for our fifth annual CSI Speed dating event.

*Architects and Spec Writers:* Meet new contacts and learn about the latest products and technologies for your current projects.

*Product Representatives:* Meet architects and spec writers who would benefit from learning more about your products.

CSI Speed dating works like this: Each “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 architect/ spec write will move 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.

If you are interested in this great event, please fill out the form and return it to Lynn Fulton.

[LFulton@PortAuthority.org](mailto:LFulton@PortAuthority.org)

### Registration Deadline:

**CSI Members: January 19, 2016**

**All other registrations: February 3, 2016**

***Only 25 spots available, so register soon!!***

*Hor d'Oeuvres will be served during the speed dating event*

**Where:** Cefalo's Restaurant  
428 Washington Ave  
Carnegie, PA 15106

**Times:**  
4:45 Registration  
5:30 Speed Dating  
7:00 Dinner  
8:00 Board Meeting

**Cost:** \$35/person

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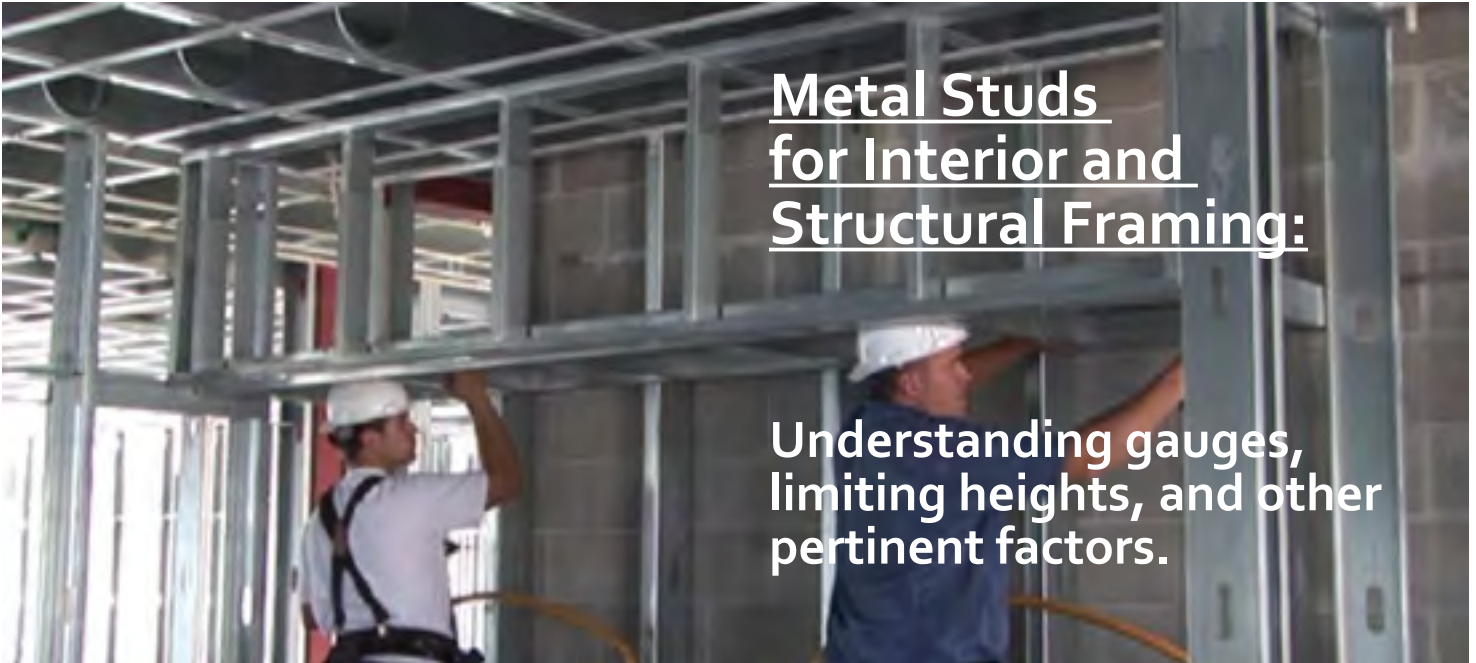
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# Technical Seminar

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Thursday, February 18, 2016



## Metal Studs for Interior and Structural Framing:

Understanding gauges,  
limiting heights, and other  
pertinent factors.

**Presenter:**  
**Ryan Reed,**  
**Territory Manager**  
**ClarkDietrich Building Systems.**

**Cost:**  
\$20 for members of CSI, MBA, GBA, WID and AIA.  
\$25 for non-members.  
Includes continental breakfast.

**Location:**  
Master Builders Association of Western PA  
631 Iron City Drive  
Pittsburgh, PA 15205

**Reservations:** (by Friday, February 12, 2016)  
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Registration 8:00 a.m.  
Presentation 8:30 a.m.

**Prepaid only, cash or check only.**



# CSI News

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## Register Now for the Spring CDT, CCS, CCCA and CCPR Exams!

Early deadline: January 31, 2016

Final deadline: February 29, 2016

Registration is now open for the spring certificate/certification exam cycle. Exams will be offered March 29th - April 30th.

CSI is the construction community's authority on communication and construction documentation. Through CSI's Certificate/Certification Program, you can develop a conceptual understanding of the entire construction process and concrete skills in:

- Construction documentation development and administration
- Specification writing and enforcement
- Product research and sourcing
- Communication with the design and contracting teams

CSI's Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) certificate is a prerequisite to CSI's certifications: Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA); Certified Construction Specifier (CCS) and Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR).

### Register now!

#### Why Get Certified?

CSI's CDT Certificate and advanced certifications are recognized throughout the industry as evidence of a proven level of education, knowledge and experience in construction documents. These credentials demonstrate professional commitment, credibility and reliability to employers, colleagues and clients. Obtaining a CSI certificate/certification benefits you, your company, and your customers.

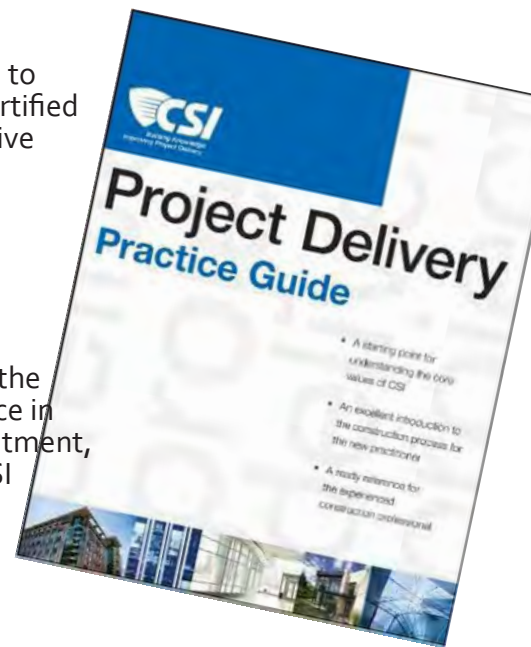
#### Need more information about an exam?

View recorded informational webinars on

CSI's CDT certificate and certifications on CSI's YouTube Channel. The webinars are an opportunity to learn about the benefits of CSI's certificate and certifications. Each webinar will cover the requirements and resources needed for successful exam preparation and study.

- CDT 101
- CCPR 201
- CCS 201
- CCCA 201

*These webinars were recorded for the 2014 exam cycle, refer to the Spring 2016 Candidate Handbook for the most up-to-date information related to exam dates and materials.*



# News from Everywhere

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## Robot Lays Brick 3X as Fast as Humans:

<http://www.archdaily.com/779906/new-construction-robot-lays-bricks-3-times-as-fast-as-human-workers>



## Engineer finds examples of 'horrific' construction in tornado wreckage:

<http://www.dallasnews.com/news/community-news/dallas/20151230-engineer-finds-examples-of-horrific-construction-in-tornado-wreckage.ece>

## 2016's Biggest Social Media Trends for Business:

<https://www.linkedin.com/pulse/2016s-biggest-social-media-trends-business-ryan-holmes>



## Saudi Arabia to Build World's Tallest Skyscraper:

<http://www.cnn.com/2015/11/30/world/meast/saudi-arabia-worlds-tallest-building-jeddah-tower/>

## Belgian architect Vincent Callebaut has designed underwater cities:

<http://metro.co.uk/2015/12/28/were-loving-these-designs-of-underwater-cities-5588344/>



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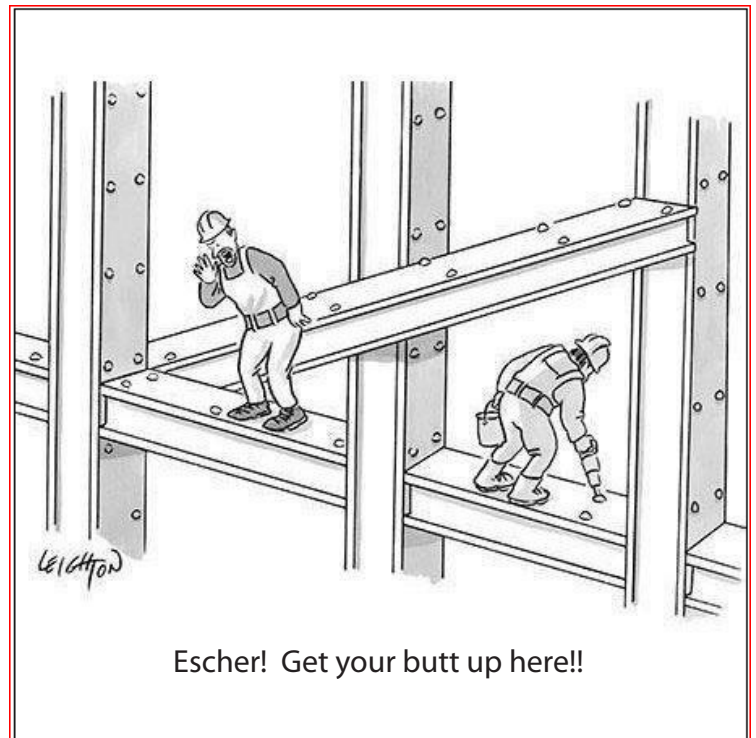
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The Beacon at the Tower at PNC Plaza:

<http://www.esidesign.com/work/the-pnc-beacon-esi-design-experience-design>

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