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Vice-President's Message

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by Richard Strayer, 1st Vice-President

Last month we provided you with a recap of the MARC-2015 conference hosted by the Philadelphia Chapter. All who attended had a wonderful time.

This was my first MARC conference experience. What I can tell you is the events were well thought out and enjoyed by those who were able to attend. The conference planning committee did a nice job of finding activities for delegates and spouses. The educational seminars were useful and on-point for many attendees.



But the group of people attending really make the event a worthwhile trip. I have now attended several regional meetings and thanks to Gail & RonnaLeah I have been introduced to many members attending from other chapters. I am actually starting to put faces with the names when we discuss Region business at our board meetings! This group of dedicated individuals work as a team to keep CSI, through its local chapters, a relevant force in today's business marketplace. They really are a nice group of people to get to know.

We have an LOS conference August 14-15, 2015. This is probably the best conference for anyone thinking of becoming involved in Pittsburgh Chapter leadership. It covers the duties and responsibilities of the various positions we occupy as chapter leaders. Many of the same people that attended last year's LOS and the MARC-15 conference are likely attendees. Getting to know others from within the region is an advantage in CSI and our professional careers. This is the next level of participation. Why not give it a try?

The 2016 Region Conference is in Baltimore, with the Pittsburgh Chapter hosting the hospitality suite. We get to do that because Pittsburgh is the host of the 2017 MARC meeting. Think about attending the MARC-16 conference. If for no other reason, to enjoy the best hospitality suite... and to be able to compare just how much better our MARC-17 Pittsburgh Chapter Conference will be vs. those Ravens fans!

We began the preliminary planning for our MARC-17 conference last month. More to follow as we finalize the details over the next few months.

Highlights from the Board

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JUNE 9, 2015 CEFALO'S RESTAURANT, CARNEGIE, PA

PRESIDENT

Summer board meetings: July 14, 2015 at Vernon's; August will be at Vargo's but date and time have not been set.

PROGRAMS

Bailey discussed possible joint meeting with ASHRAE for next year.

Vernon suggested next year's awards be at an outdoor venue and the board will investigate options.

TECHNICAL/EDUCATION

Dorenkott noted that Technical Seminar in May presented by Telenko was a success; looking for subject for fall seminar.

CERTIFICATION

Bosco: Fall exam dates have not been set; September may be good time to do CDT course.

PUBLICITY

Miller: post cards did go out for June program.

AWARDS/SPEC COMPETITION

Watson: John Morgan judged SketchSpec Competition and Chapter will present him with a gift card for his effort.

GOLF OUTING

Nagie: Golf outing was a success; there was a hole in one and the golfer will receive two airline tickets to anywhere in the world, provided by a golf ball manufacturer.

MARC 17

Mid-Atlantic Conference was a good experience; 2017 MARC in Pittsburgh is the same weekend as the Pittsburgh Marathon so hotel accommodations need to be addressed soon.

OLD BUSINESS

Leadership Orientation Seminar (LOS) in York, PA on August 15, 2015, Nagie to provide an update on ATI tour at June meeting.

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Member Profile: *David Miller*

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What is your company and what is your position?

I am an independent contractor working with Keith Bush Associates.

Tell us about your job.

I represent fourteen manufacturers of architectural finishes for walls, ceilings and acoustical treatment.

What part of your job do you most enjoy?

I like talking with architects and interior designers about how my products can be used to realize their vision. How different pieces can be combined to create something completely unique.

If you could change one thing about your profession, it would be:

I'd like to get paid for all the work I do with architects. That would be fantastic.



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

I would be an acoustical consultant, comedian, or male model (see earlier reference to comedian).

What year did you join CSI?

1999

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

Chapter Advisor, Communications committee (I create and send the meeting postcards)

Why did you join CSI?

Networking with the design community.

What people influenced you most?

Mike Desiderio dropped me in the deep end of the CSI pool. He was the Programs Chair and recruited me onto his committee. Two months later he decided to step back and made me the Chair. I was

shocked and clueless, but he helped me the whole way. I'll be forever grateful, because that's when I really became involved with the Chapter.

Ever since then, there's been a steady stream of people that have mentored and influenced me including Marty Thornton, Bob Bailey, Ronna Prindible and Miki Vargo.

What do you see as the value of CSI membership?

The opportunity not just to network, but to develop long lasting relationships professionally and personally.

What CSI certifications have you earned?

Liable to break out in loud laughter and prone to dance. Or did you mean something else?

Member Profile: *David Miller* (cont'd)

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

I think this was probably mentioned before, but there is a picture of me and another CSI Pittsburgh member in a bathtub on the floor of a CSI Convention.

What would you want somebody considering CSI membership to know?

Like any organization, you get out what you put in. But if you decide to step up and become involved, you'll never do it alone... not in the Pittsburgh Chapter.

Tell us a memorable CSI experience:

I'll always remember how people from this chapter support each other when it's needed most. And this isn't a single isolated event. It happens again and again.

Person you learned the most from:

Bob Bailey and Marty Thornton

Tell us about your family.

I've been married for 18 years and have two daughters, 13 and 15 years old. It's hard to believe, since I'm only 32.

What's your favorite city?

New Orleans although San Diego is a close second and for entirely different reasons.

What's your passion?

Correcting grammar for the spell check generation. Your and you're, there and their and they're, its and it's. Wats rong with thees peephole? (I never said anything about spelling)



What's a true sign of success?

Raising kind children that can laugh at themselves.

Best advice anyone ever gave you:

What? Over? Nothing is over until we decide it is? Was it over when the Germans bombed Pearl Harbor? Hell no and it ain't over now. Cause when the going gets tough... .. the tough get going.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I taught two high school marching band drum lines.



Member News


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JULY ANNIVERSARIES

29TH	MICHAEL MASON	ARCTECON DEVELOPMENT
25TH	GAIL LYNN NAGIE	INDEPENDENT CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONAL
20TH	CATHERINE HOUSKA	TMR CONSULTING, ARCHITECTURAL METALS
16TH	WALTER BOYKOWYCZ	OVERHEAD DOOR CO.
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Opportunities

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Help Wanted!!

**Do you want to make a difference in this Chapter?
Volunteers are needed on our Chapter committees!**

Are you interested in **Education?** **Hospitality?** **Publicity?** **Membership?** **Certification?**

We can find a spot for you! Contact President Bill Vernon to discuss the best fit for you.

The Awards Committee (Marty Thornton) is looking for at least one good person. The Awards Committee solicits nominees for awards at three levels – Chapter, Region, and Institute. At the Chapter level, tasks include getting all the awards produced - printing for most awards and certificates, overseeing fabrication of special awards (plaques). At the Region and Institute levels, tasks entail preparing detailed submissions for review by the respective awards committees at those levels.

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.

Upcoming CSI Events

Leadership Orientation Seminar (LOS) – York, PA – August 14 & 15, 2015
Registration is open now!

Pittsburgh Chapter Membership Meeting – September 8, 2015
Program TBA

CONSTRUCT 2015 – St. Louis – September 30 – October 3, 2015
Registration is open now!

Pittsburgh Chapter Tour of Redland Brick plant – October 13, 2015

Certification Exams – September 30 – October 31, 2015
Registration is open now!

Middle Atlantic Region Conference – Baltimore – April 8 & 9, 2016

Region Report

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by Gail Lynn Nagie, President, CSI Middle Atlantic Region

Now that July has arrived the new Region Executive Committee has officially taken office. However, by the end of April they had already begun to assist Chapters with problems.

The Region is there to help Members as well as Chapters. You are welcome to contact your Region Officers for assistance.

The Region is looking for a few good members interested in serving. Most of the Region Committees have openings. They include Membership, Education, Certification and Operations. These committees have a one year term. The Awards Committee has one slot still available which is a three year term.



If interested in serving on any committee contact Gail Nagie.

This year our LOS weekend has something new and special. We have added an early bird tour of the Architectural Testing Lab in York Pennsylvania. This free tour is open to any CSI member. Space is limited so contact Gail Nagie if you are interested.

Saturday, August 15 LOS takes place in York Pennsylvania.

This is an all day event with training for chapter officers and committee members and anyone interested in learning. The seminars are based on the import requests from the membership.

The cost is free. That's right free! You're only cost is your hotel, transportation and meals in route. For Chapter members in good standing the chapter has money in his budget to help with your costs. To qualify you must be in good standing with the chapter and attend the entire Saturday event. The chapter will not reimburse for attending the tour only. Contact Gail Nagie for further details on reimbursement. If you are interested in attending LOS contact Bill Vernon.

Information on booking your room will be available soon on the Region website (www.mar-csi.org).

We would like to see as many members as possible join us in August in York Pennsylvania.

Region Leadership

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June Awards Banquet

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CHAPTER SPECIAL AWARDS

Raymond A. Fisher Memorial Award (Chapter's highest honor)

RonnaLeah E. Prindible, CSI

Harry Ray Nay Memorial Award

David Miller, CSI

Kenneth T. Nagie Memorial Award

Dennis Buirge, RA, CSI, CCS, CCCA

Specifications Competition Award (SketchSpec)

Dennis Buirge, RA, CSI, CCS, CCCA

Education Award

Kelly Brown for her presentation of Specifications for Non-Spec Writers to Suzanne Sekula's Materials and Specifications class at the Art Institute on 11 December, 2014.

PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL AWARDS

"All-Chapter Team" Award

Brad Bartley, Josh Telenko, Kelly Brown, Lynn Fulton, Damian Carnegie, Mike Moyta, Matt Lander, Brett Younger, and Stacy Jordan.

"Hot Box" Award

Bob Bailey because he handles everything coming his way.

"Golden Plunger" Award

David Miller because someone has to do it.

Supportive/Active Spouse Award

Lee Bosco.

"Wizards of the Odd Triangle"

Kate Schuster and David Miller.

"Full Load" Award

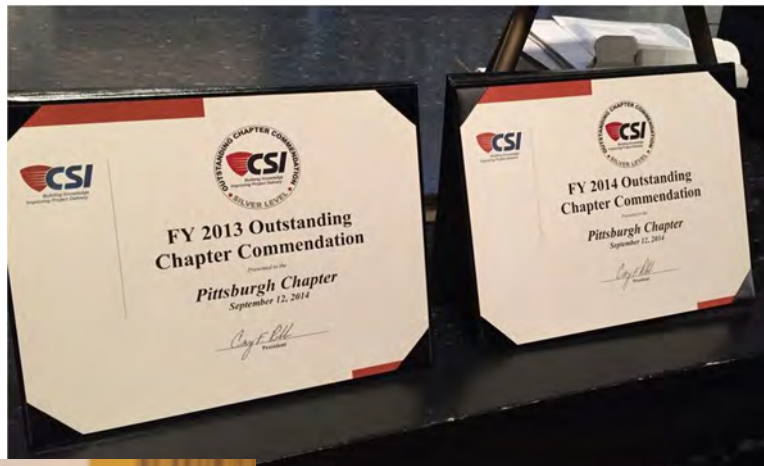
Marty Thornton.

Chapter Time Achievement Award

Holiday Party - James Geist and Hospitality - Marc Zell.

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Summary of 2014-2015 Programs

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September 16, 2014 – Pittsburgh 2030 District

Sean Luther, Pittsburgh 2030 District Director at Green Building Alliance

October 14, 2014 – Networking & Business Development

Robin R. Zoufalik, CPSM

November 11, 2014 – Tour of Scott Hall at Carnegie Mellon University.

Max Dorosa, CMU Project Manager.

December 9, 2014 – Holiday Gala/Product Show

January 13, 2015 – Tour of Mt. Lebanon High School Construction and Renovation Project

Dr. Ronald Davis, Assistant Superintendent for Secondary Education, Mount Lebanon School District.

Richard Marciniak, Director of Facilities, Mount Lebanon School District.

Kathy Stoughton, Project Manager, Celi-Flynn Brennan Architects and Planners.

February 10, 2015 – “Speed Dating”

Various Product Representatives and Design Professionals participated in a table to table speed dating carousel.

March 10, 2015 – “Evolving Specifications - What’s the Future”

David Stutzman, AIA, CSI, CCS, SCIP, LEED AP,
Independent Specifications Consultant and Principal of Conspectus, Inc.

April 14, 2015 – “Are You Smarter Than A Specifier”

Robert Schrock, CSI, CCPR, LEED AP, “Mr. Schrockworthy” - Emcee.

Dr. Thelma Lazo-Flores, Ph.D., IDEC, EDRA, Director of Interior Architecture and Landscape Architecture Programs, Chatham University.

Donna Bigatel, Adjunct Faculty, Interior Architecture Department, Chatham University

Lori Claus, LEED-CI, NCIDQ, Adjunct Faculty, Interior Architecture Department, Chatham University

May 12, 2015 – Level of Development Specifications for BIM.

Ronald F. Dellaria, RA, CSI, DBIA - Chief Compliance Officer for Astorino.



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who needs it?

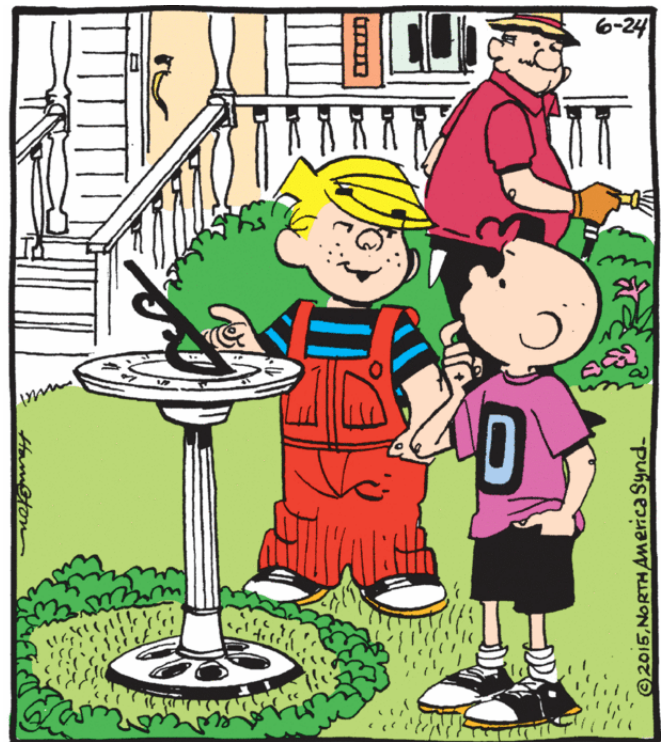
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that reflects the harmony and balance
present in the universe.
If you do not foster these qualities in your
heart, you cannot build."**

-Sinan, Chief Royal Architect, Istanbul, 1574,
from "The Architect's Apprentice" by Elif Shafak.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mimar_Sinan



Indian house boat



**"MR. WILSON IS REALLY GOIN' GREEN.
HE SAYS THIS THING IS SOLAR-POWERED."**

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The Gardens at Market Square

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