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Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter,
Construction Specifications Institute
March 2016







In November of 2014 our Chapter toured the Sherman and Joyce Bowie Scott Hall as the superstructure was being erected.

Now we are returning as this extraordinary building nears completion.

Scott Hall will be the new home for Nano Fabrication, the Wilton E. Scott Institute for Energy Innovation, and will provide an on-campus location for the Biomedical Engineering Department.

See next

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map and location of

Scott Hall, parking,

construction trailer,

and restaurant.

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Meet at construction trailer at 4:45.

HARD SOLE SHOES ARE REQUIRED.

Hard hats and eye protection will be provided. 5:00-6:00 Tour

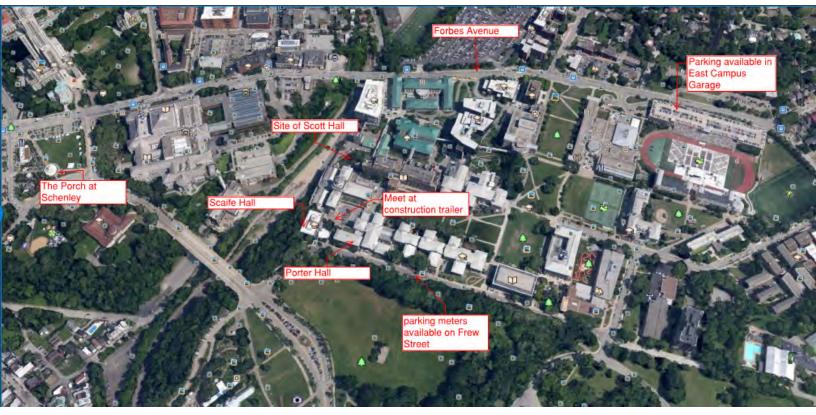
7:00 Dinner at The Porch at Schenley Cost \$35

Reservations by Friday March 4: MAZell@NationalGypsum.com

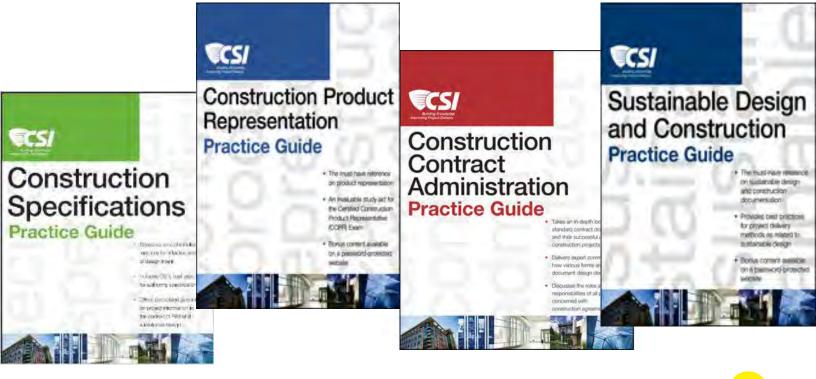
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Map for the Tour



(Note: the address for all buildings at CMU is 5000 Forbes Avenue)



March 2016

Highlights from the Board

February 16, 2016 by teleconference

PROGRAMS

Tour of Scott Hall next month (March); meal the The Porch after.

PUBLICITY

LOS advertisement has been posted on the website by Schuster.

MEMBERSHIP

Went thru membership report sent by Carnegie.

TECHNICAL/EDUCATION

Currently 20 attendees for Equivalent Thickness seminar on Feb. 18th.

AWARDS/SPEC COMPETITION

K. Brown noted that we have done well with Region Awards.

LONG-RANGE PLANNING

Vernon noted we will have an update in a few months.

REGION CONFERENCE

MAR 16 - go to Baltimore CSI website for hotel accommodations. Nagie will send instructions to Schuster to post on website.

NEW BUSINESS

Vernon noted "Specifying 101" course at Chatham Univ. looking for volunteers.

Member News

March Anniversaries

21st Scott Cruttenden 20th Robert Sechler 17th David Miller 10th Tom Derubeis 10th Marc Zell 10th Richard Strayer 9th Deborah Merges 4th Jeremy Perchinsky 3rd Michael Soeder 2nd Ray See 1st Scott Cruttenden Construction Hill International Keith Bush Associates, In Arch Aluminum & Glass National Gypsum Componishin Architectural Resources Chicago Metalic Tremco Building Solutio Bridges & Company The Garland Company	s pany ings es, Inc.
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New Members:

Pamela Cook PF Cook Brick Company Samuel Roberts The Garland Company

Membership Up For Renewal:

Shirley Stern PPG Industries
Robert Bailey IKM Incorporated
Ben Mack Ardex Americas
David Mosovsky Daltile

Marc Zell National Gypsum Company Michael Soeder Tremco Building Solutions

Ray See Bridges & Company David Turner 84 Lumber Company

Current Membership 121





Region Report

March 2016

by Gail Lynn Nagie, CDT, CSI

The region will gather in Baltimore in early April for our annual Region Conference.

Pittsburgh will host the 2017 Conference.

We would like to see as many members of our chapter as possible attend the conference this year in Baltimore to help the Pittsburgh committee to publicize our event next year.



If you are planning to attend and have not registered or reserved your hotel room you need to act quickly.

Registration closes April 4 but the hotel room block is released March 9. Rooms are limited because of other events in the hotel. Don't be shut out.

The LOS committee is continuing to meet and develop the agenda of tours and educational sessions for August weekend. Plan to join us August 19 and 20 in York, PA. The Region picks up the costs except for travel and hotel. Inquire about help from our chapter from Bill Vernon. All members in good standing are eligible.

On Friday, February 19 Region Past President Margaret Chewning's daughter-in-law gave birth to a 7 lbs. 7 oz. baby girl. She is Margaret's first grandchild. Adaline Willow Cudney arrived for days late with a full head of dark brown hair.

Regretfully the happy story ends there. Megan Cudney (Mama) had complications during childbirth and had to be life flighted to a major hospital in Norfolk Virginia. Regretfully Megan passed away from the complications on Sunday, February 21. As I write this article little "Addie" Cudney is fighting for her life.

Margaret has been a good friend to the Pittsburgh chapter for many years. We ask for your prayers for Addie and the entire family.

There are many questions to still be answered. Your prayers are needed and greatly appreciated. Please remember NO SOCIAL MEDIA - please. Margaret thanks everyone for the emails they mean so much. Once again the CSI family supports one of its own.

If you would like to email Margaret: mqcccs@spexresources.com

2016 Region Conference

March 2016

Registration now open!!!!

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/marc-2016-tickets-21068990919

WHEN

Friday, April 8, 2016 at 12:00 PM thru Saturday, April 9, 2016 at 4:00 PM

WHERE

Lord Baltimore Hotel 20 West Baltimore Street Baltimore, MD 21201

Come join us for the Mid-Atlantic Region Conference! Held annually, the conference will be a wealth of learning experiences, including AIA CEUs for those who need them, socializing, and fun!

This year's conference will hold a big pack in a small bundle. Over the course of two days, you may attend up to eight education sessions, a welcome reception, a lunch, and more. We are also pursuing pre and post conference tours that will be open as soon as possible.

Friday's Education tracks (ALL RUN CONCURRENTLY):

TRACK 1: Professional Development: What emerging professionals need to know about their bosses and how to advance their careers; and what their bosses need to know about emerging professionals and how to retain them.

TRACK 2: Advanced Topics in Building Science: Things you never learned in college about how buildings are actually built and actually perform, based upon chemistry, physics, and technology.

Saturday's Education tracks (ALL RUN CONCURRENTLY):

TRACK 3: Digging Deeper on Going Green: The difference between LEED and IgCC; Mining for EPD's and HPD's; and Growing Healthy Buildings.

TRACK 4: Additional Dimensions to Project Management Delivery: Learn how to manage additional dimensions of costs, delivery logistics, installation sequencing, and maintenance.

2016 Region Conference

March 2016

In addition to the education sessions, we will be offering CCCA and CCCS Bootcamp! If you're looking to test in April, but don't have the time to devote to weekly meetings, this is your perfect opportunity to fit it all into eight hours. Same great instructors, two short days.

The event will be held at the Lord Baltimore Hotel. The Lord Baltimore was originally built in 1928 by architect William Lee Stoddart. It is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and was visited by Martin Luther King, Jr., among a host of other historic luminaries. It is a 23-story, 440-room property in the heart of downtown Baltimore, Maryland.



HOTEL ROOMS MUST BE RESERVED BY MARCH 1ST TO QUALIFY FOR RESERVED RATES (Reservation code 1604BALCSI). Reserve online: If you call the hotel to reserve, make sure to mention "CSI Region Conference." Valet and self-parking are available.

For detailed information, please refer to our website: **www.csibaltimore.org** The information contained here is limited.



March 2016

What is your company and what is your position? Allegheny Restoration, Inc. Vice President and Estimator.

Tell us about your job. I read, prepare, and submit bid documents and proposals for a masonry & concrete restoration contractor. Physically visiting the clients building, garage, jobsite, etc. to view the masonry problem, make a recommendation of repair, then prepare and submit a proposal.

Before the job is to start, I will review the scope of work and specs at the job site with the job superintendent. The job superintendent and I communicate daily while the work is in process, and I usually do a few physical jobsite visits. I dislike micro managing so the superintendent is in control. Once the job starts I just go back to make sure the client is getting what he expected to, and to see what can be learned because no one job is

When I am not putting together bids and proposals, I will market and solicit for business, trying to find the next proposal.

What part of your job do you most enjoy?

Going to the different buildings.

Going up to the roof tops and looking out at the other surrounding structures, the surrounding metropolitan area landscape. I used to regularly update a photo album of roof top views. I still do that somewhat, but today's social media and Google Earth toned down the photo taking. When I go into a multilevel parking garage, I rarely park inside, but instead, I drive up to the top level, and check out the swing scaffoldings hanging around and the metro views.

If you weren't in your current job, what would you be doing? I have no idea. I have been doing this for 30 years now. It would most likely have to do something with buildings and/or sales.

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

I was new to the job and was cruising along in a construction site, and unknowingly drove over a large, deep, pit that was just filled to the top with gravel. The vehicle stopped dead, sank to the door, and I just kept

accelerating because it happened so fast and I did not have a clue of what was going on. I kept trying to get out causing gravel to spin everywhere and the engine was really revving. Some guy who spoke broken English with an Italian accent was trying to tell me to stop because I was on top of gravel. There must have been 30 laborers & cement finishers, laughing, whistling, making all kinds of cat-calls and animal sounds. They eventually pulled me out with a chain connected to a loader.



Member Profile - *R.C. Maroni* (cont'd)

March 2016

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

It is always changing, and very fast. It is hard keeping up with it.

What year did you join CSI?

August 27, 2002 is my official date.

Why did you join CSI?

Michael Bosco sold me on the organization. I spoke to and faced architects/engineers regularly in my normal job routine. It seemed like a good idea to meet with them away from the pre-bid or construction meeting setting. I think you learn more that way.

What people influenced you most?

Two people influenced me. One a tradesman and another a sales pro. Both were twenty years my senior. The tradesman was a seasoned field superintendent who taught me the nuts & bolts. He has been retired for many years now and has lost almost all of his eyesight, but it seems like yesterday when we were on top of the formal National Steel Building putting together a bid to clean, seal, and caulk the travertine marble panels.

The other person of influence was an old friend who I knew for decades. He was an insurance salesman and flipped old rundown buildings. We had lunch together a lot and discussed old times and his marketing advice. He recently passed away. I miss them both those guys.

What do you see as the value of CSI membership?

Networking. It can really open the doors sometimes.

What would you want somebody considering CSI membership to know?

It is a specialized association where you can network in a small, slower, professional setting. Don't expect the faster moving networking found at other associations where there are a variety of professions, and everybody passes out their name cards, like at a BOMA meeting.

Tell us a memorable CSI experience:

I have really enjoyed all of the CSI Holiday parties and golf outings.

Person you learned the most from:

The Field Superintendent I mentioned above.

Tell us about your family.

Pat is my wife. All of our kids have careers related to their college majors and degrees. Melissa is a speech pathologist, Mark is a crime investigator, and Michelle is an art teacher. I am a boater and have a lake house at Raystown Lake in Huntingdon County.

Member Profile - R.C. Maroni (cont'd)

March 2016

What's your favorite city?

I travel around a little. Visited big cities like New York, Boston, Tampa, Sarasota, Washington DC, Cleveland, various places in Jersey, and a whole bunch of small towns throughout PA, Ohio, and West Virginia. Pittsburgh is the best. Next would have to be Louisville.

What's your passion?

Going up to Raystown Lake. I love living in the city and I am certainly urbanized, but it's great to get away when you just want to. I love jumping in the boat, finding a quiet spot, and diving into the water on a hot day. There are several hiking and biking trails, and places to go trap or skeet shooting.

What's a true sign of success?

Take a look at that family picture. I was partly responsible for that. Isn't passing off a better generation what it's all about?

Best advice anyone ever gave you:

Bad things will eventually work themselves out.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

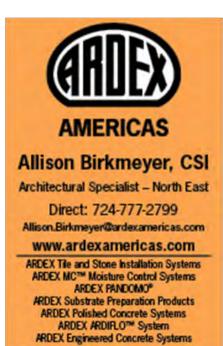
I was a foot messenger for Western Union delivering telegrams exclusively in downtown Pittsburgh for 3 years while I went to college. The job was an absolute blast!!! I met movie stars, celebrities, witnessed bank robberies, delivered the winning congratulation notices and conceding letters to politicians, and made deliveries to tons of great looking receptionists every work day. I was inside almost every building in downtown Pittsburgh. It was a different time then and I got to roam around inside and check things out.

Who is your favorite "Peanuts" character and why?

Peppermint Patty. She really can come off the wall sometimes and be really out there somewhere. Notice how she just takes charge of things, changes them around, seems so pleased with herself, and just assumes everyone agrees with her. Pushes Chuck's buttons a bit.

















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Speed Dating

March 2016

















Thursday, May 19, 2016

More details coming soon!
Watch your email, this newsletter, and the Chapter website!





2016 CSI Middle Atlantic Region Leadership Orientation Seminars (LOS) Chapter Officers and Directors - Plan NOW to attend!

Location: Heritage Hills Country Club, York PA

Room Booking ID is MID081916

For reservations, call 717-755-0123 (no internet reservations)

Date: Friday August 19 - Saturday August 20, 2016

• Golf Outing is being planned for Friday morning, August 19, 2016.

- Factory tour (with AIA Credits) will occur Friday afternoon, August 19, 2016.
- Region Board Meeting will be conducted Friday evening, August 19, 2016.
- LOS seminars will be conducted Saturday August 20, 2016.

CSI always encourages continuous leadership development on its Chapter, Region, and Institute levels. The Leadership Orientation Seminar (LOS) is the Region leadership's opportunity to present an overview of the duties and responsibilities of all new Officers, Directors, and Chairpersons, and focuses on training the new leadership of all Chapters within the Middle Atlantic Region.

Attendance by all current and incoming Chapter leaders is strongly encouraged. Other interested Chapter members, especially those on the "leadership ladder" and committee chairs are also encouraged to attend as LOS will give them a head start in their roles as both current and future Chapter leaders.

During LOS, attendees are briefed about Institute organization, staff, existing and new programs, and resources. This is also a forum for discussion of the mutual challenges shared by all Chapters as well as an opportunity for the sharing of ideas and experiences.

This will be our second year in York, and we are working now to improve on last year's event, with more sessions directed at CSI Mid-Atlantic Region leadership networking and development.

Please note: Attendance at the Region Board meeting as well as the Saturday LOS sessions will be required for anyone planning to participate in the Friday pre-LOS golf and/or tour activities. There is no charge to attend LOS. Attendees are responsible for their hotel and transportation, only.

ABAA CONFERENCE & TRADE SHOW ALL CSI MEMBERS RECEIVE 30% OFF

The Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) is holding its annual general meeting, air barrier educational (AIA LUs) sessions, contractor training seminars and trade show in Baltimore.

As an added bonus they are offering all CSI members a 30% discount off conference registration and a free tabletop display for the CSI chapter.

Click *HERE* to register today! Use promo code CSIABAA.





Future Chinese Skyline Could Look More Uniform

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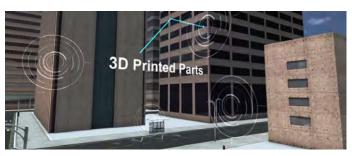
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