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Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter,
Construction Specifications Institute

May 2016



4:45 Meet at site
5:00 Tour

**SEE PAGE 15 FOR
ADDITIONAL DETAILS!**

7:00 Dinner
Six Penn Kitchen
146 6th Street
Pittsburgh PA 15222

\$35.00/person

Tour is free - you are
not obligated to come
to dinner but you must
RSVP even if you are only
attending the tour.

**May 10, 2016
Building tour
Drury Inn and Suites
at the former Federal Reserve
building, 745 Grant Street.**

RSVP to Marc Zell
by Friday, May 6th
MAZell@NationalGypsum.com
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Celebrating the building's history as a bank, the design will incorporate three basement vaults. The enormous stainless steel door to the 1930s bond vault will be fixed in place and become a focal point of the floor.

The marble banking hall and wood-paneled board room of Pittsburgh's Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank Building will become a stunning focal point of the new 200-room Drury Inn & Suites. A clean palette of contemporary materials will complement the existing Art Deco finishes and detailing of the 1930s-era structure. The inviting rooftop deck on the 8th floor will feature a new pool will be tucked under the mansard roof. Strada is the architect for the project.

Highlights from the Board

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April 12, 2016 at Cefalo's

PRESIDENT

Vernon discussed Region Conference experience and how Pittsburgh Chapter can build on the successes; Institute will change "President" to "Chairman" and this will be voted on; Institute bylaws have been streamlined; new Chairman wants to make CDT required as an industry standard.

PROGRAMS

Drury Hotel tour next month (May 10th), dinner location has not been decided on; June Awards Ceremony location has not been settled yet.

PUBLICITY

Golf outing is May 19th.

TECHNICAL/EDUCATION

Dorenkott: looking for fresh ideas; possibly a BIM program/seminar.

AWARDS/SPEC COMPETITION

Thornton: the Chapter has done well with Region Awards this year.

MARC 2017

Vernon: looking into having a CDT Boot Camp with some one-on-one instruction and then follow it up with a few courses.

MARC 2018

April 19-22, 2018

at the

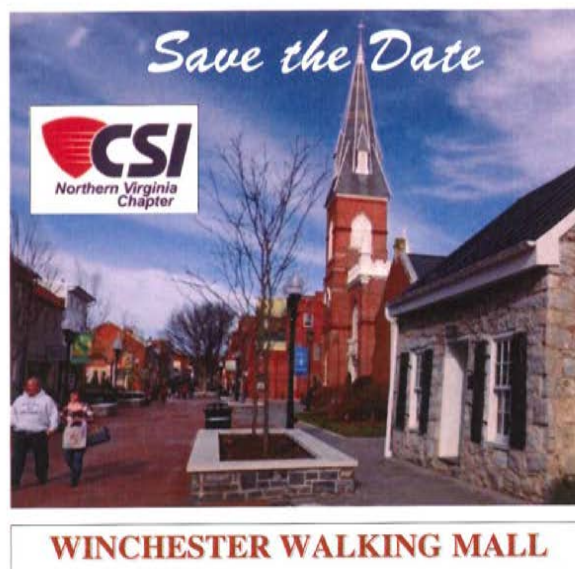
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Member News

May 2016

David Miller, CSI, is now Regional Sales Manager of Industrial Acoustic Products at Semco, LLC

Brian E. Trimble, PE, CSI, LEED AP has recently taken a position with the International Masonry Institute. In his new role as Director of Industry Development and Technical Services he will be covering the Western Pennsylvania area for IMI. Brian was recently Regional VP, Engineering Services & Architectural Outreach for BIA in its Midwest/Northeast region where he conducted seminars at architectural firms and provided technical assistance on various brick-related subjects. Brian has over 25 years of experience working in the masonry industry and has worked for a brick manufacturer and at BIA and IMI at different times throughout his career. He continues to participate in industry activities such as ASTM and TMS. His new contact information is btrimble@imiweb.org and (703) 300-0109.

May Anniversaries

9th	Charles Snitger Jr.	
3rd	Brad Bridges	RJ Bridges Corporation
1st	Chris Patrick	Bennett Supply

New Members:

Daniel Berardelli	Nora Systems
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Membership Up For Renewal:

Michael Soeder	Tremco Building Solutions
David Turner	84 Lumber Company
Alexandra Apostolou	Apostolou Associates Inc
Kevin Spence	Marvin Windows and Doors
Nicholas Lardas	Niko Contracting Company
Joseph Kostuch	The K Group PGH LLC
Dante Amato	The Blue Book Network
Duncan Penney	Michael Baker Corp.
David Miller	Semco LLC

Current Membership **124**



June means **Awards**
at CSI Pittsburgh.

Save the Date: **June 14, 2016**

Location:



428 Washington Ave Carnegie PA 15106 (412) 276-6600

Come out for our end-of-the-year
2015-16 wrap-up.

Networking - Socializing
Buffet Dinner

Region Report

May 2016

Soon you should be receiving a ballot from the Institute. Like many others you will think "Here we go again. Didn't we just do this a couple of years ago?"

Our last Institute By-Law revisions took place in 2007. What the institute Board is trying to do now is better define who is responsible for what and who reports to whom! Our Institute Guide which currently defines who does what and how is more than four inches thick. Even then it does not define things clearly.

Currently the Board and paid staff overlap on responsibilities in too many places. The workload for Volunteers is much greater than in other similar organizations our size. So much so that it has cost some of our volunteers their jobs and even put heavy strains on their marriages. This just can't continue, we need to fix it. The system is out dated and needs to be overhauled. Elected terms just don't work and need to be revised. These items are much more than just minor. We need a major overhaul. The simple and most efficient solution is revising the a Institute By-Laws.

How does this effect our Region or the Pittsburgh Chapter? It will not put any burden on either.

In fact the revisions will make many things easier for our volunteers. These changes will only effect the Institute. As Region President when this was brought to my attention over a month ago my first thought was "Not Again". I remember all too well the after shock that occurred after the 2007 changes. Not to mention how it caused bad feeling amongst members. Well I am pleased to say I see only benefits from these revisions because it will make CSI more efficient and out dues will be used to further the value of our membership.

I ask each of you to vote when you receive your ballot in favor of these changes. Ballots will be going out any day now and you will have 30 days to cast your vote. All voting will take place on the Internet. Results will be announced in June. I hope you will help CSI come into the 21st century by giving your approval.

As always if you have questions you are welcome to contact me and I will do my best to answer them for you.

Gail L. Nagie, CSI, CDT
President Middle Atlantic Region CSI

It is with great sadness I have to report of the passing of a former member of our Chapter. During the 70's and 80's our meetings were frequently enhanced with the warm smile and twinkling eyes of Theodore J. (Ted) Manick.

Ted was a manufacturer's representative who brought humor and friendship to all who came in contact with him.

Ted passed away April 10, 2016 in McCandless Twp. Pa. He leaves behind Geraldine his wife of 60 years, three children and two great grandchildren. A distinguished veteran of the Korean Conflict, Ted's final resting place will be the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies.

Rest in peace, our friend, we will miss that smile.

-Gail Nagie

Mid-Atlantic Region Conference 2017

May 2016

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.

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or Marc Zell MAZell@NationalGypsum.com

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and much more!

Member Profile - *Patrick Harding*

What is your company and what is your position?

A. L. Harding & Co. – Company Partner.

Tell us about your job.

I am an independent architectural product representative. Within that, I am responsible for Outside / Inside Sales, Educational Luncheons, project management, etc..

What is your education background?

I attended CCAC for Project / Construction Management and have an associate degree in science for maintenance electricity / construction technology from Triangle Tech

How many years have you been in the industry?

Since my Dad started our business, I have been around the industry since I can remember. I was at my first CSI product show when I was 7. I have been working in the industry since Nov. 2012.



Why did you join CSI?

Since my Dad was a part of CSI, I understood that it was a great way to network with architects, spec writers, contractors, etc.

What part of your job do you most enjoy?

Being able to be part of a project from the beginning and watch it develop all the way to end. I also enjoy being a part of the problem solving. I like to provide real, cost effective solutions.

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

Probably still driving a Fire Truck in South Carolina.

What was your first job?

Golf Cart / Driving Range attendant at Frosty Valley Golf Links

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

Better overall communication between everyone involved in projects.

What year did you join CSI?

2013.

What do you see as the value of CSI membership?

Building professional relationships that become personal friendships.

What would you want somebody considering CSI membership to know?

That it's worth everything that you are willing to put into it.



Member Profile - *Patrick Harding* (cont'd)



Tell us about your family.

Tabatha, my wife who was born and raised in Moncks Corner, SC, was a former Corporal with the Berkeley Co. Sheriff's Office. We met while I lived in SC (no, I was not arrested!). We then decided to move back to Pittsburgh, where I began to work in the family business. She is a stay-at-home mom and works hard to raise our two wonderful kids. There are days I think chasing criminals was easier than our kids. Aiden is 5 and Emalyn is 2. Aiden was born in Charleston and Emalyn was born here. We also have a 6-year-old German Shepherd named Sarek.

What's your favorite city?

Pittsburgh is home and I love our city. Charleston, SC - where I met my wife, great food, golf courses and Savannah, Ga. will always be a special place for me.



What's a true sign of success?

Being humble enough to recognize your mistakes and faults, working to correct them through hard work and determination, and seeing that all come together.



What are your hobbies?

Golfing, Hunting, Fishing, really anything outside.

What's your passion?

Family, Outdoors, Firefighting.

Best advice anyone ever gave you:

To be honest and true to yourself and to those around you.

What would people be surprised to know about you?

I was a Career Firefighter in North Charleston, SC for 6 years and I am currently a Battalion Chief with Fairview Volunteer Fire Department in South Fayette Twp.

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Spring Golf Outing

May 2016

Thursday, May 19, 2016



5601 Freshcorn Rd.
Cranberry, Twp Pa 16066

Scramble format

Cost: \$100.00 per person or \$380.00 for foursome

Price includes:

- 18 holes of golf with GPS cart
- Hot dog and drink at the turn
- Buffet dinner afterwards including roast beef, chicken, cheese shells, potatoes
- \$5 credit at Pro Shop
- CSI family & friends

Check-in time: 9:00 a.m.

All interested please email Mark Womer
mwomer@dsstristate.net

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50/50 Drawing!

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Leadership Orientation Seminar (LOS)

May 2016



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.

"One Hour To Bid" - April 12

May 2016

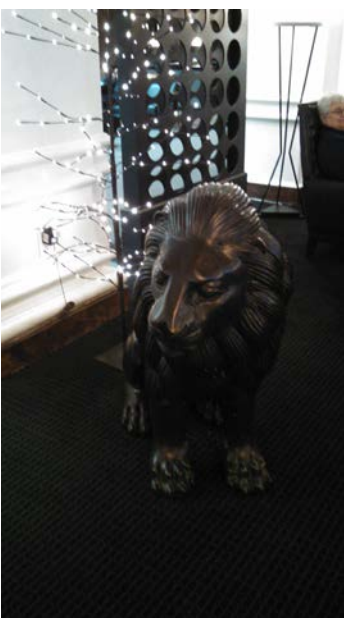


May 2016

Region Conference - Baltimore, April 8-10



Rich Strayer promotes Pittsburgh for the 2017 Conference



Marvin Kemp gives the keynote address at lunch.



Keynote luncheon



Lobby of Lord Baltimore Hotel

Chapter Leadership

May 2016

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Building Tour Information - May 10

**Meet at 4:45 p.m. at the loading dock
at the rear of the building,
on William Penn Place,
across from the August Wilson Center.**

Tour starts at 5:00 p.m.

**This is a hard hat tour.
Hard sole shoes also required.**

