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Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter,
Construction Specifications Institute

September 2016



Chapter Meeting Tuesday September 13th

Cefalo's
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Controlling Risk Through Information Management

Speaker:
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Board Meeting 5:00
Networking 5:30
Dinner 6:15
Program 7:00

\$35.00 per person

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President's Message

September 2016

by Richard Strayer

Dear Chapter Members,

My involvement with CSI, Pittsburgh has taken a significant step forward as I assume the duties of the office of president of the Pittsburgh Chapter. Over the past few years I have watched and helped the chapter leadership. Now it is my turn to lead the team! You may not know it, but the Pittsburgh Chapter is likely the strongest chapter in all of the Mid-Atlantic Region of CSI. We have an active membership, a strong financial base, and a group of dedicated leaders that have a keen interest in the continued success of our Chapter.



As president I get to play conductor to this group of dedicated people. For a comprehensive list check the last page of the Specigram.

As with all volunteer organizations we are in need of additional interested individuals that can spend a minimal amount of time to help divide the work load even more. As you will see in this issue we have a few committee chairperson openings. We also have a few "committees-of-one", where a chair could use some help. If you see something that interests you, please reach out to me or any chapter leader you know. We really do have a fun group of people working toward a common goal.

Monthly meetings are a great way to learn some technical information and meet other members. By the way, the food at Cefelo's in Carnegie is really good. Come out and join us every 2nd Tuesday of the month. Watch the Specigram and other chapter announcements for monthly meeting details.

In May, 2017 we are hosting the MARC meeting at the Sheraton Hotel at Station square. We are going all out to make this an event that attendees from all over the Mid-Atlantic region will remember. Please mark your calendar for May 19th to 21st to participate in the meeting. Highlights include prominent speakers for lunches and a Saturday evening dinner cruise on Pittsburgh's three rivers.

Thanks for your continued support.

Highlights from the Board

Aug 24 at Strayer Residence

President's Remarks: Miller looking for a replacement to do meeting postcards.

Hospitality: Holiday Party will be at The Chadwick on 2nd Tuesday of December.

Programs: Bailey noted September Program will be "Controlling Risk Thru Information Management."

No program set for October yet.

Website: Schuster noted website has been updated.

Publicity: Bailey noted end-of-summer newsletter set to go out.

Membership: Strayer noted McNamee needs 10 year chevron, will receive in September.

Certification: Bosco noted that K. Brown passed her CCS, Jeff Carty purchased study guide.

Awards: Thornton noted Nagie received Institute Certificate of Appreciation & Merit.

GBA Liason & Student Outreach: Strayer noted chairs are needed for both; putting ad in Specigram.

MARC 2017: Need to reconvene meetings. MARC 2018 in Winchester, VA April 19-22.

LOS: Thornton noted location for CONSTRUCT 2017 not set yet.

Region is looking to establish a Regional Finance Group.

Nagie noted LOS went well although attendance was down.

Old Business: Budget for FY2016-17 approved.

Thank you notes received from Central Food Pantry and Bailey for donation made.

Member News

Bruce Pollock, Chapter Director, will be among the new Board of Directors at his firm, Ross Schonder Sterzinger Cupcheck P.C. Bruce has been with the firm for 19 years and has been a principal since 2013.

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credit card.

*Deadline to register is
September 10.*

Fall Golf Outing

September 15

\$85.00 per Person
\$320.00 for a foursome
\$50.00 hole sponsor

Strip Steak dinner
Hot dog and drink at turn.

SHOTGUN start
at 9:00am
Scramble format

Be there 1/2
hour before start
please!

Donations can be
brought to golf
outing,
but Mark needs to
know what you are
donating.



Opportunities

September 2016

Help Wanted!!

Do you want to make a difference in this Chapter?

Volunteers are needed!

Please contact Chapter president Rich Strayer if interested.

Publicity

The Chapter needs someone to produce the montly meeting notice postcard and get it mailed out on a timely basis.

GBA Liason

The Chapter needs someone to manage and cultivate the relationship with Pittsburgh's Green Building Alliance.

Student Outreach

The Chapter needs needs someone to manage and cultivate the relationship with local colleges and universities such as CMU, Chatham and The Art Institute.

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](#).



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Mid-Atlantic Region Conference 2017

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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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