

SPECIGRAM

Official Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)

Join us for our first program of 2024 by looking at the past and peering into the future for sustainability and green building here in the 'Burgh.

**Leslie Montgomery, Vice President of Education & Communications
at Green Building Alliance (GBA)** and LEED AP BD+C

will review the history of GBA (they just celebrated their 30th anniversary!!), where we stand now as a design and construction community and where we might be headed.

Pittsburgh has been at the forefront of the green building movement thanks to GBA and other champions in the AEC industry. At one time we were one the leaders in having the most LEED buildings in the country. Pittsburgh was one of the first cities to track carbon emissions of buildings with the Pittsburgh 2030 District.

With GBA receiving a grant from the Appalachian Regional Commission for the Appalachian Regional Initiative for Stronger Communities, GBA will forge an economic hub for a green building supply chain in our region.

If you want to know where our region stands in regard to sustainability and green buildings, come to our meeting.

Date: January 9, 2024

Location: Cefalo's, 428 Washington Ave, Carnegie, PA

Networking: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:15 pm

Presentation: 6:45 pm

Reservations: <https://app.memberplanet.com/#/event/csi-pittsburghchapter/futureofgreenbuildings>

Cost: \$46 (credit cards will include an additional fee)

We are using a new registration system that will hopefully be easier called MemberPlanet. You can pay at the door (cash or check) or when using a credit card the MemberPlanet site which will add an additional processing charge.

Questions: contact Brian Trimble at btrimble@imiweb.org or (703) 300-0109.

MEMBER NEWS

New Members

Cait Ross

PPG

December Anniversaries

45	James Gerard	Gerard Associates Architects
37	Brian Trimble	International Masonry Institute
32	Phil Dorenkott	ATAS International, Inc.
24	Bruce Pollock	RSSC Architecture
17	Michaeleen Vargo	LGA Partners
5	Tabatha Harding	A.L. Harding & Co., LLC

January Anniversaries

39	Bob Bailey	IKM Architecture
29	Donna Radock	Stantec
27	Patrick Starr	ATAS International, Inc.
18	Bill Vernon	McGregor Associates Architects
12	Bob Ober	YKK AP America
10	Kelly Brown	RM Creative
7	Thomas Seidel	ASSA ABLOY
6	Sam Roberts	The Garland Co., Inc.

Current Membership: 71

CSI Members

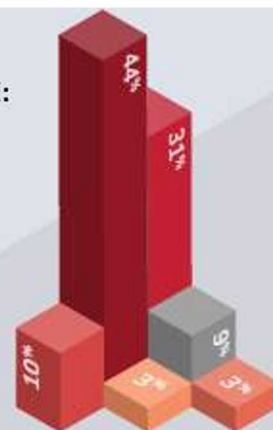
BY OCCUPATION:

- Architecture, Design
- Building Product Manufacturers
- Construction, Contracting
- Specifications
- Engineering
- Other



BY ORGANIZATION TYPE:

- Firms
- Manufacturing
- Contracting, Development and Management
- Academic and Association
- Government
- Other



HIGHLIGHTS FROM THE BOARD

November 14, 2023 Board Meeting *(Remote)*

TREASURER

Reports from Member Planet were shown and reviewed.

Gala & November's event were broken down on these reports per payee.

HOSPITALITY

Currently being handled by Thornton, Lander & Trimble.

**** NEEDS CHAIR ****

MEMBERSHIP

We have (1) new member: Jenna Glover. She works with Brown and is currently a Project Designer but is working on spec writing.

This brings our total membership to (71) members

We are working on ways to appeal to the younger generation.

"CSI Open House" to be held virtually a few weeks before the airport tour; as soon as Trimble confirms the date, this will be set up.

Bailey, Thornton, Henshaw & Helbling will work on the open house.

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ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Helbling currently helping Schuster.

National is in the process of developing websites, hosting, etc. for the chapters, at \$180 per year, including all changes made to the site. This will help to free up members time to work on the CSI things at hand.

TECHNICAL/EDUCATION

Exam preps are happening now.

Testing is coming up.

BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

PROGRAMS

November: 11/14/23: "Old Buildings – New Life", presented by LGA Partners, at "Construction Junction"

December: 12/12/23: Holiday Gala/Product Show

January or February: Airport Tour

(** CSI Open House to run two weeks prior to the Airport Tour)

** Still needs programs for Jan or Feb, March & April

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Committee members are the past (3) presidents.

This committee is also the "Nominating Committee"

GOLF OUTING

Quicksilver has blocked the Thursday before Memorial Day for us.

Their prices are already high and will be increasing. Barra will look at other options to compare pricing; however, Quicksilver treats us well, so if the price increase is not substantial, we will most likely stay at Quicksilver.

NEW BUSINESS

Suggestion to create a sub committee under Marketing for "Onboarding".

Henshaw offered to head this committee and will work up an "agenda" to review with the board before moving forward.

Bailey, Thornton, Henshaw & Helbling will work on an updated, "CSI 101".



BOARD HIGHLIGHTS (Cont'd)

December 12, 2023 Board Meeting *(Remote)*

TREASURER

Taxes were completed and filed.

HOSPITALITY

Lander is the new chair for this committee.

HOLIDAY GALA

Per Thornton, we are "looking good".

We have (22) tables for the vendors, and approximately (30) design professionals registered online, with more expected.

MEMBERSHIP

We have a new member: Cameron Fine with National Gypsum.

This brings our current membership to (72)**

** Lander stated (71), but with last month's new member, Jenna Glover, which makes the total (72)

PROGRAMS

Trimble is waiting to hear back from the airport to confirm our visit for either January or February.

Trimble will work with Jenna Glover to put a slate of programs together for 2024.

TOP GOLF

We will shoot for June again in 2024 and will have contact to hold a date for us.

GOLF OUTING

Quick Silver is charging \$65/person plus \$18-\$22 for food. We charge \$120/person.

We are booked for the Thursday before Memorial Day; however, we might look at other places.

CERTIFICATION

Vernon said all the classes have ended, just waiting for the test results. He will check to see if the list is available and will bring it this evening if so.

December 12, 2023 Board Meeting *(Remote)*

GBA LIAISON

Trimble is working with them on a few joint programs.

OLD BUSINESS

Still need a few board positions filled.

Susan, Damian & Miki to get together to investigate membership.

NEW BUSINESS

Need to have our board list ready to go for April.



HOLIDAY GALA - DECEMBER 12





A word of Thank You and Appreciation to all the sponsors of this event:

A.L. Harding & Co. – Patrick & Tabatha Harding - Pizza Flat-bread and Cheese Cake

Armstrong Industries – Lauren Pataky - Soft Pretzels

Assa Abloy – Dan Barra - Pot Stickers

ATAS – Phil Dorenkott & Pat Starr - Mac n' Cheese Station

AVT Inc. – Matt Lander - Italian Sausage and Peppers

Bekon Group (The) - Susan Henshaw & Mark Stevenson - Chocolate Dip Station

BWA South – Matt Stanziano - Boneless wings

GAF – Walt Postufka - Mini cheese pierogies

*International Masonry Institute – Brian Trimble Spinach and Artichoke Dip
and Buffalo Chicken Dip*

KBA – Jeremy Melton - Nacho Bar

Key Resin – Dan O'Connell - Meatballs

McGory Glass – Bobby Chestnut - Pulled Pork Sliders

Modernfold of Reading – Bill Brightbill - Mashed Potatoes

National Gypsum – Thad Goodman - Tater Tot Station

Overhead Door Company – Jason Henze - Salad-tini Station

PPG Paints – Carly Helbling - Ice Cream Sundae Station

RJ Bridges Corp. – Brad Bridges & Ben Marnik - Mini Ciabatta Sandwich Bites

Roofing & Exterior Products of Services of Ohio – Ryan Dietz - Antipasto Board

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Tremco Inc. – Dante Marimpietri & Rich Kosuda - Dessert Shooters

Vitro – Justin D'Alessandro - Mediterranean Bar

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