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President's Message

July-August 2019

By Martin (Marty) Thornton II, CCS, CSI

The dog days of summer are upon us and your Pittsburgh Chapter board has been working hard developing ideas for the upcoming year. Our first meeting will be a member's appreciation event at the Over Eden Restaurant (Tryp Hotel). As you know, CSI is a great way to network across all building construction disciplines, however, with the ever increasing time constraints on personal and professional lives it can be difficult to network face-to-face. This event is your chance to tell us what is and isn't working. Other CSI chapters across the country have had similar meetings to allow members to voice their opinions and now is your chance. We look forward to hearing your ideas while enjoying the atmosphere of the Over Eden restaurant in Lawrenceville.



The Institute convention: Construct will take place on October 9-11 at the National Harbor in Baltimore, MD. This is basically in our back yard! I am looking forward to representing the Pittsburgh Chapter and I hope to see more chapter members attending this year. Check out the latest issue of Specifier magazine for more details.

September 19th is the date for our Fall Golf Outing. We will be at Pittsburgh National with a very attractive golf package including lunch, dinner, prizes and of course, golf! Look for contact information in our award winning newsletter.

Once again, we are planning to have our Holiday Gala and Product Show in December at the Chadwick. Last year's event was a great success and with design professionals invited free of charge it was well attended. Let's start spreading the word today to continue the fun!

If you are a CDT, CCS, CCPR, or CCCA: have you downloaded the free graphic for your marketing and business materials? The Institute is putting greater emphasis on your earned certifications. Information was distributed via email but if you have not received it, please contact member services. This is a great way to show your employer and business contacts your accomplishments.

Lastly, I would like to take time to remember Mike Desiderio. He was a great representative for Caldwells Windoware, a big supporter of the Pittsburgh Chapter (especially the golf) but also was a good friend and mentor to others in the design profession. Mike always made time to answer your questions or simply just listen, even when he was "retired." I am glad to have known him.

I look forward to seeing all of you throughout year at our chapter meetings and events.

Thank you,
Marty

Member News

July-August 2019

April Anniversaries

39th	Brian Joos	
33rd	Martin Thornton II	WTW Architects
31st	Michael Bosco	DLA + ARCHITECTURE & INTERIOR DESIGN
23rd	Joseph Kostuch	The K Group PGH LLC
20th	Barbara Matejka	HHSDR Architects/Engineers
20th	James Geist	The Sherwin-Williams Co.
8th	John Bliss	R.I. Lampus Company
5th	Pamela Neely	Inpro
25th	Jason Hamilton	
2nd	Patti Lamp	HoLampCo International

May Anniversaries

6th	Brad Bridges	RJ Bridges Corporation
2nd	Jeff Konkle	
1st	David Mosovsky	Daltile
1st	Ron Baldwin	PPG

June Anniversaries

19th	William Fiedler Jr.	Cintar Engineers
10th	Kate Schuster	V.O. George Group, Inc.
6th	Damian Carnegie	AVT Inc.
3rd	Colleen DeFilippo	Bonitz Inc.
3rd	Susan Henshaw	The Bekon Group

July Anniversaries

29th	Gail Lynn Nagie	
24th	Catherine Houska	Catherine Houska Consulting LLC
20th	Walter Boykowycz	
6th	Patrick Harding	AL Harding & Co
2nd	Kristin Kennedy	Florida Consulting LLC
1st	Alexandra Apostolou	
1st	Steve Favin	Spek

August Anniversaries

38th	Dennis Buirge	
14th	Eric Ghise	
2nd	Patrick Mooney	Mecho
2nd	Scott Keener	
2nd	William Pope	NEXT architecture
1st	Dan Barra	DSS Tri-state

New Members

Pia Naiditch	
Stephen Preis	Deltek
Spencer Reading	Duro-Last Roofing

Current Membership

104

Member News

July-August 2019

It is with heavy heart we mourn the loss of one of our long time members, **Mike Desiderio**. Mike was a big supporter of our chapter and a wealth of knowledge to the design community. He was a very giving person, always was genuinely caring about others and their families. Mike will be missed but not forgotten.



You can read more about him at <https://www.musmannofh.com/notices/Michael-Desiderio>.

David Miller has joined Topakustik USA and will be covering Philadelphia and New York City.

www.topakustikusa.com



Opening Night 2019

July-August 2019

Tuesday, September 10, 2019

Over Eden Restaurant (Tryp Hotel), Lawrenceville



Pittsburgh CSI chapter invites you to attend our inaugural event for the year at the new rooftop restaurant & garden bar Over Eden in Lawrenceville.

The first meeting of the year will be devoted to our members and what they want to get out of CSI and their Pittsburgh chapter. Networking with chapter members is a high priority due to the number of knowledgeable members in our chapter.

We will open the presentation with some remarks from Desmone Architects, architect on the project. We will then recognize some of our chapter members who have assisted with the growth of our chapter. In addition, new members from the past year will be introduced. A listening session will take place where members can voice their opinion on the programs they would like the chapter to host. Bring a friend for this fun night out!

New members who joined from September 2018 until now will receive a 50% discount off of their dinner.

Networking: 5:30 pm

Dinner: 6:15 pm

Desmone presentation: 7:00 pm (approx. 15-20 minutes)

Member recognition and new member introduction (15 minutes)

Listening session to follow (30 minutes)

Reservations: Mark Zell (412) 951-8715 or MAZell@NationalGypsum.com

Golf Outing

July-August 2019

2019 FALL CSI GOLF OUTING

WHERE:

PITTSBURGH NATIONAL GOLF CLUB

287 Monier Rd, Gibsonia, PA 15044

WHEN:

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH, 2019

Shotgun Start at 9:00 am



COST: \$360 FOR A FOURSOME \$100 SINGLE

Includes: Skill prizes, 50/50, give-away prizes, Italian Buffet, hot dog, drink and chips at the turn and a good social event. Coffee registration at 8AM.

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Region News

July-August 2019

After four years I have stepped aside as President of the Middle Atlantic Region of CSI. It has been my honor to serve our members and The Region. We have accomplished much and brought the Region forward in many ways.

I am happy to report that Tom Feulner of DC Metro Chapter has already moved into the job and has developed visions of how he will guide the Region over the next couple of years. Big things are coming and I think all members will be excited with what's at our doorstep.

I thank the Region Board for its support and help during my term of office. I now assume the duties of the Past President and Chair of the nominations committee. This will be a pleasant change and one I look forward to very much.

I request everyone in the Pittsburgh chapter to consider attending LEAD on August 16 & 17 in York, Pa, Please show your support to Tom like you did for me. I will now continue to be active in the Pittsburgh chapter.

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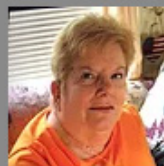
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Highlights from the Board

July-August 2019

March 12, 2019 - Conference Call

PRESIDENT

Thanks to everyone who came to February meeting. Great turnout and event.

May 20 institute award deadline

July 15 outstanding chapter award deadline

October 9-11 Construct - Gaylord Nat'l Resort & Conv.Ctr – National Harbor, MD

MARC Greater Leigh Valley May 2-4 Back from the Future

Town Hall meeting - certification changes - with Institute - March 22nd 2:00 pm 2:30

The regional leadership conference will be August 15-16

PROGRAMS

March – Global Color Trends at Cefalos tonight.

April –Potentially tour of new Thomas Jefferson High School Thornton. Will need dinner location in Clairton area. Maybe another building for easier access.

May - Walking Tour of Pittsburgh Walk Pittsburgh \$25 per person for tour. Considering sponsorship to cover cost of tour to keep meeting cost the same and include food Brown/Thornton to discuss further.

June – Strayer to establish location and theme.

MEMBERSHIP

Total Membership 105 down 1. Wasn't able to download report yet.

TECHNICAL/EDUCATION

Phil D. setting up paint seminar with MBA

CERTIFICATION

Only CDT being offered this year by institute

AWARDS

May 20 Institute award deadline

Chapter awards June

Need updated board member bios

STUDENT OUTREACH

Working towards September or October event.

OLD BUSINESS

Awards in progress

MARC Greater Leigh Valley May 2-4 Back from the Future - Send email to Thornton if you plan to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Chapter elections in April. Working on nominations.

Highlights from the Board

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APRIL 9, 2019 - Conference Call

PRESIDENT

Early bird deadline for MARC extended to April 15th.
Information on townhall meeting and link to recording distributed
Institute information – Mark Dorsey to attend MARC

PROGRAMS

April – Construction tour of Pressley Ridge School. Dinner to follow at
May - Walking Tour of Pittsburgh Walk Pittsburgh \$25 per person for tour with Walk the Burgh. Will have invoice for deposit. Nagie will send check. Looking at after tour social options.
June – TJ High School now available. Present awards at dinner afterwards. Thornton/Zell to discuss options for dinner.

MEMBERSHIP

Possibility of offering free program as joining incentive during first six months as incentive to participate. Start now as trial process under membership budget. Discuss as a part of budgeting process in August.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Phil setting up paint seminar with MBA. Tentatively Thursday, June 6th.

AWARDS

Need bios on file to include with award submissions. Strayer will check with Bailey on availability of previous versions.
Chapter received awards from region. Bailey for electronic communications (Specigram) and Defilippo for education program.
May 29 Institute award deadline. July 15 Outstanding Chapter deadline. Chapter awards June.

GOLF OUTING

May 23rd at Quicksilver. 13 foursomes signed up. A number of holes sponsors signed up.
Working on additional hole sponsors and door prizes from participants.
PayPal up and running. Committee to select food options.

STUDENT OUTREACH

Working towards September or October event.

LONG RANGE PLANNING

Chapter elections in April. Slate is Thornton President 2020 Brown 1st VP Lander 2nd VP Nagie Treasurer 2021 Geist Bartley Barra BOD 2022

OLD BUSINESS

MARC Greater Leigh Valley May 2-4 Back from the Future - Send email to Thornton if you plan to attend.

NEW BUSINESS

Housing reservations are open for Construct. Registration is not open.

Highlights from the Board

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MAY 20, 2019 - Conference Call

PRESIDENT

Great April meeting and May tour

Thank Nagie for service to region as president

New region officers – President – Tom Feulner, First Vice-President - Steve Lawrey, Second Vice-President – Robert Vaughn, Secretary – Stephen Weisensale. Dan Cudney remains Treasurer.

CDT will be certification and CE hours will be required

Will be providing electronic seals starting with CDT

MARC was held at beginning of the month. Hosted by greater Leigh Valley. Excellent tours and sessions.

PROGRAMS

May – Tour was a success and a lot of fun.

June – TJ High School tour is set up with three tour guides. Dinner will be at Blue Flame Restaurant. Awards at dinner afterwards.

Board to confirm availability for summer meetings by email to Thornton

MEMBERSHIP

Vargo still needs access online membership reports. Thornton to authorize.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

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AWARDS

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GOLF OUTING

May 23rd at Quicksilver. Weather looks good for Thursday.

18 foursomes signed up.

PayPal up and running.

NEW BUSINESS

August 16-17, 2019. Leadership Education and Development Conference (LEAD - formerly LOS), Heritage Hills Golf Resort, York, PA. Registration open through end of July.

October 9-11, 2019, CONSTRUCT 2019 and National Convention, Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, MD

April 2-5, 2020 MARC. Hotel Madison, Harrisonburg, VA. Autonomous construction vehicles

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JUNE 17, 2019 - Conference Call

PRESIDENT

LEAD is in York, PA, August 16th and 17th. The Region pays for chapter members up to six and the chapter will reimburse members (up to 90%) for travel and hotel.

Construct is October 9th thru the 11th at National Harbor, MD. Early bird pricing ends June 24th. Chapter reimburses based on the early bird registration costs.

PROGRAMS

June – TJ High School tour occurred on June 11th.

AWARDS

July 15 Outstanding Chapter Award deadline.

Chapter awards to be in September.

GBA LIASON

Discussed social events with the GBA. Carty to review GBA's schedule and report back.

GOLF OUTING

Thursday, May 23rd at Quicksilver. Weather was great (for the most part) and the golf was better.

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JULY 25, 2019 - IKM Offices

PRESIDENT

Institute: Chapter Board and Committees have been updated on CSResources website. Leaders can access Leadership Tools through their "MyProfile" tab located in the center of your homepage.

LEAD is August 16th and 17th in York, PA. Brown and Thornton to attend.

MARC: the next conference is scheduled for April 2-5, 2020 in Harrisonburg, VA hosted by the Central Virginia Chapter.

CONSTRUCT: CSI Convention and Show is October 9-11, 2019 in National Harbor, MD. Early bird registration has past – note chapter reimburses on the early bird pricing.

Thanks to Bob Bailey and IKM for hosting the July meeting.

PROGRAMS

Brian Trimble is now Program Chair. Trimble provided a list of potential programs to consider for the year. Trimble will contact Michelle at AIA to set-up a joint venture program.

September: Member appreciation night with a member forum; Tryp Hotel and Over Eden Rooftop Restaurant.

October: Discussed moving date to October 15 due to the Construct Show conflict. Suggested events are Octoberfest with tour of a local brewery.

HOSPITALITY

Golf Outing – Dan Barra presented information for the fall outing to be held September 19th at Pittsburgh National Golf Course. Barra to send Nagie course proposal for review.

Holiday Party – Nagie stated that the date has been reserved for the Chadwick.

TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Dorenkott looking at fall seminar.

AWARDS

Chapter Awards: Will have a short program at September meeting.

Outstanding Chapter Commendation: Paperwork was submitted.

GBA LIASON:

Discussed the GBA Summer Soiree that the chapter sponsored. Carty attended and was impressed with their event. Possibly two new members for the chapter were contacted. Carty suggested we share education opportunities with GBA.

NEW BUSINESS

We need to start having CSI Certification Classes.

Next meeting will be August 13, 2019, at WTW's Offices.

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AUGUST 13, 2019 - WTW Offices

PRESIDENT

METALCON Show - Need promo materials.
Review Chapter leadership info.

PROGRAMS

September – Opening Night at Over Eden: Future of Pittsburgh Chapter.

HOSPITALITY

Fall Golf Outing September 19. Spring May 21.
Holiday Party December 10.

MEMBERSHIP

Total membership 105.

AWARDS

Outstanding Chapter Award due December 31.

STUDENT OUTREACH

Carnegie Mellon - October - tentative.

LONG RANGE PLANNING - Update Strategic Plan - Chapter tools.

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