



January 14, 2020

The Sky is Falling! *And how to stop it,* with **Facade Ordinance Inspections**

Philip Elgin of Wiss Janney Elstner will walk us through the various inspections that we should be conducting on buildings. He will emphasize the importance of conducting these inspections on a periodic basis as is required by Pittsburgh's façade ordinance. Finally, he will discuss some case studies of projects where façade inspections turned up some critical repairs that were necessary. Come hear from an expert who has done façade inspections and has dealt with the repairs necessary to bring buildings into compliance.

Philip Elgin is an Associate Principal and Associate Unit Manager for WJE's Pittsburgh office.

WHERE: Cefalo's Restaurant
428 Washington Ave., Carnegie, PA

WHEN: Tuesday, January 14th, 2020
Networking: 5:30 PM
Dinner: 6:15 PM
Program: 7:00 PM

COSTS: \$35 per person (cash or check)
\$37 person (credit card – PayPal)

RSVP: To Marc Zell by end of day, Friday, Jan. 10
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President's Message

by Martin (Marty) Thornton II, CCS, CSI

Our December Holiday Gala and Product Show was fun and entertaining. It was a pleasure seeing my favorite (new and old) product representatives showing off their knowledge of their product mixing it with good food and spirits. I personally thank all those who displayed their products and for supporting the Chapter. Already looking forward to next year. If you have comments on how to make it even more better, feel free to send them my way. There has been discussion about moving to a more central location. All comments are welcome. I also once again thank Jim Geist, CSI of Sherwin-Williams for his hard work. Next year will mark our 15th year hosting this event.



Our January Chapter meeting will be at Cefalo's in Carnegie. "The Sky is Falling" is the title of this presentation and will cover the importance of façade inspections. I have known the presenter, Phil Elgin for quite a few years and look forward to his presentation. I believe it was Miki Vargo that once said to me, very few people take the time to look up at the fascinating and ornate architecture that is above their heads. This is so true in Pittsburgh. We are blessed with many different architectural styles in the city. Take the time to look up.

The February Chapter meeting will also be at Cefalo's and will be our annual Speed Dating event. A registration form will be posted to our Chapter website.

If you are interested in taking the certification exams (CDT, CCS and CCCA) that CSI offers or you just want to know more about construction documentation, the Pittsburgh Chapter is offering classes to prepare you. See our website, our newsletter or contact Mike Bosco for more information. If you are involved with interacting with people in the built environment, the CDT (Certified Document Technology) certification is a valuable tool to have after your name. It says that you understand their business and how it affects the design and building communities.

In Chapter Board news, Brett Wygal, CDT, CSI of the Garland Company has been promoted, which is good news for him but sad news for our Chapter. Brett has served the chapter as a Director and we wish him well in his new position even though he is moving to Cleveland. In December our Board voted to appoint Miki Vargo, CSI, LEED AP to fulfill Brett's Director position. Miki's position as a Board Advisor will be fulfilled by Bob Bailey, AIA, CCS, CSI, LEED AP. Thanks to both Miki and Bob for stepping in. Finally - This is 2020 (sorry, had to say it). PSA: I saw a report about abbreviating 2020 to just 20. Banks and lenders may not recognize that as a legal date/year. Just a reminder to follow good specification writing recommendations. It's never good to abbreviate. When in doubt, spell it out. (I hear Ken's voice in my head as I typed that, scary.)

Happy New Year! Welcome to a new decade.

Marty

Highlights from the Board

January 2020

December 11, 2019 by conference call

PRESIDENT

Region News: Middle Atlantic Region Survey; please complete this survey:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQRMNVN>

PROGRAMS

- Jan – Exterior enclosure failures
- Feb – Speed dating ask Pia from Pella to assist

PUBLICITY / ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

Website – Still looking for past meeting minutes.
Postcards – Postcards were sent for the November meeting.
Emails – Email blasts were sent for the November meeting.

PRODUCT SHOW/HOLIDAY GALA

Holiday Party – Date at Chadwick is reserved with deposit. Considering alternative locations closer to downtown. Possibly a joint event with AIA PIYAF. Defilippo suggested Point Park University.

AWARDS

- Region Awards: Are due December 31st.
- MOTION: To approve the submitting the following for region awards was proposed by Strayer, seconded by Henze; motion unanimously approved.
 - Student Outreach – Defilippo
 - GBA Liaison – Carty
 - 60th Anniversary - Nagie

BY-LAWS

- Thornton has started review of bylaws.

OLD BUSINESS

- MARC is in Harrisonburg, VA, April 2-5.

NEW BUSINESS

- MOTION: To approve appoint Vargo as director for balance of Barra's term and Bailey as advisor for the remainder of Vargo's term was proposed by Geist, seconded by Barra; motion approved unanimously by roll call vote.
- Region would like chapter to have a new year's resolution. Thornton suggested adding additional young architects.

Member News

January 2020

January Anniversaries

35th	Robert Bailey	IKM Architecture
25th	Donna Radock	Ross Schonder Sterzinger Cupcheck, P.C
23rd	Patrick Starr	ATAS International, Inc.
20th	Raymond Stander Jr.	The Wiremold Company
17th	Leisa McNamee	
14th	William Vernon	R3A Architects
14th	Courtney Watson	GCP Applied Technologies
8th	Robert Ober	YKK AP America, Inc.
6th	Kelly Brown	RM Creative
3rd	Brian Antal	Dimensional Metals, Inc.
1st	Charles Schafer	

Current Membership: 104

**CSI Pittsburgh
Spring 2020 Golf Outing**

Thursday, May 21

**Quicksilver
Golf Club
McDonald, PA**

**More details as we
get nearer to the date!**

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Pittsburgh Specifiers Roundtable

January 2020

Who:

You (*Design professionals, product reps, and other building industry professionals who are CSI members*).

When:

TUESDAY, JANUARY 28, 2020 - 12:00 noon start.

Where:

Clark Bar and Grill - 503 Martindale St.; Pittsburgh, PA 15212; 412-231-5720.

What:

Topic - Division 00 (tentative)

Parking:

Even though lot signs say 'leases only', there is FREE parking around the entire building; it is best to park opposite the restaurant (on the river/south side of building). You do NOT need to check-in at the front desk (north side of the building) prior to eating lunch at the restaurant. As usual, we will try to reserve the 'back room' with various sports memorabilia.

Feel free to invite others in your office or friends from another firm.

If possible, let Dennis Buirge know by 10:00 the day of the meeting if you plan to attend; he would like to have an approximate head count to give the restaurant. No need to touch base if you are NOT able to attend.

Lastly, please offer any topic of preference, even if you have no experience or lack information; it will be tossed on the Roundtable for discussion.

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CSI Speed Dating

January 2020

9th Annual Speed Dating Event Tuesday, February 11, 2020

Design Professionals: Meet new contacts and learn about the latest products and technologies for your current projects.

Product Representatives: Meet design professionals who would benefit from learning more about your products.

CSI Speed dating works like this: Each “couple” will have 4 minutes to meet and talk about their current projects and products to see if they are compatible, and when the buzzer sounds, the design professional will move to the next table.

Join us for a fun and informative networking event - AND a chance to win door prizes at the end of the evening.

If you are interested in participating as a “date” or donating a door prize, sign up through Eventbrite: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/csi-pittsburgh-speed-dating-registration-tickets-88561254095>

Registration Open: January 10, 2019
Last Day to register is February 7, 2019

Only 20 spots available for Product Reps, so register soon!!

Hors d’oeuvres will be served during the speed dating event.

Cefalo’s Restaurant 428 Washington Ave Carnegie, PA 15106

4:45 Registration

5:30 Speed Dating

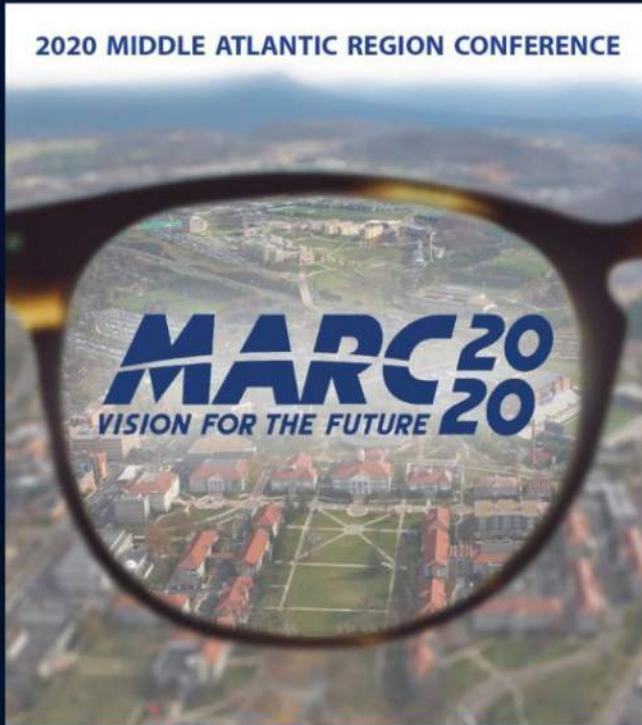
7:00 Dinner

8:00 Board Meeting

Cost: \$35/person at the door

2020 Mid-Atlantic Region Conference

January 2020



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