

November 10th Meeting

“Managing Construction Risk Amidst the Coronavirus – A Legal Perspective”



Lisa Wampler is Managing Partner of Cohen Seglias' Pittsburgh office. She represents owners, general contractors, construction managers, and the different trades in complex matters involving all phases of the construction process.

Cohen Seglias attorney Lisa Wampler will discuss and explain the relevant contractual provisions that can both expose and protect your company in light of the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, as well as give some tips and tricks on how to best position yourself to ensure payment during these unprecedented times.

REGISTRATION: <https://forms.gle/qP5WKX61MytVTEwa9>

An email will be sent to each registrant the day of the event to join the virtual meeting.

Questions: E-mail Brian Trimble at btrimble@imiweb.org or call 703-300-0109.

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President's Message

Kelly W. Brown, AIA, CCS

Perspective is everything. It's best to look for the silver linings.

We learned a lot from our "Building PC (Post COVID) panelists last month. Many thanks to Eric Booth of Desmone, Drew Kerr of Turner Construction and Jennifer Pavlik of DLA Plus for sharing what they've learned over the past eight months. Sure, there are tough times: the design market is slow, supply chain is a challenge, and downtown businesses are in trouble. However, the overriding theme from our panelists is that the future is bright. Design contracts are starting to move forward again and our industry is still relevant.



This month, at our November 10th program, Lisa Wampler of Cohen Seglias will discuss construction litigation during COVID. When it comes to litigation, you can never be too prepared. However, there is no need to feel fearful. Please join in to hear what Lisa has to share with us and bring your questions.

Next month we continue the theme, but with a different risk. We'll take a break from COVID and focus on preparation for natural disasters. Christine Mondor of EvolveEA and Daniel Dain of Huckabee will be our speakers on December 8th. They will present ways to address design for flooding and high winds along with other resiliency strategies.

I know we've focused a lot lately on big changes, and new landmines, which is really hard. Hang in there, it really is all going to be okay. Look for the silver linings. Appreciate the people you have in your lives (work, family, neighbors, the mailman). It is, after all, November and it's time to give thanks.

*Have a Happy Thanksgiving everyone,
Kelly*

CSI Annual Events - November 5th

November 2020

Register for CSI's Annual (Virtual) Events on November 5

Chapter and Region Leadership Forum sponsored by TREMCO*: 1:00-1:50 p.m., EST

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December 8th Meeting

“2020 The Year of Disasters; 2021 The Year of Resilience”

Presented by:
Christine Mondor, EvolveEA
Daniel Dain, Huckabee

The presentation will address ways to design for flooding and high winds along with other resiliency strategies.

Christine Mondor, FAIA, LEED AP, is strategic Principal of evolveEA in Pittsburgh. She has taught architecture, landscape design and sustainability concepts at CMY, Slippery Rock, and Chatham. She is a 2019 AIA Fellow.

Daniel Dain, AIA, LEED AP BDC, is a Principal at Huckabee and a subject matter expert in storm shelters. He serves on the National Storm Shelter Association’s Design Practices Committee and is working with the ICC 500 committee on the 2020 edition.

Registration information will be forthcoming.

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Highlights from the Board

November 2020

Tuesday, October 16, 2020 by teleconference

PRESIDENT

1. Due to other commitments, K.Schuster has tendered her resignation as a board member.
Bob Bailey was nominated to fill the remainder of the vacated term.
The Board approved by unanimous vote.
President Brown thanks Bob Bailey for his willingness to fill this vacated position.
2. There were approximately 70 people who attended up for the program on Building PC (Post-COVID).
3. Several Chapter Board Members attended the Construct virtual sessions.
Recordings of the presentations are available at the Construct website (<https://explore.constructshow.com/Attendee/conference/sessions>).

PROGRAMS

1. Building PC (Post-Covid).
70 people attended the Building PC presentation out of approximately 100 sign-ups.
The program included a presentation and Q&A session.
The design market is slow.
The labor market slowed during the early stage of the pandemic, but is rebounding now. Approximately 80% of skilled tradespersons are working now.
2. Virtual Tour: The virtual tour scheduled for November has been postponed. Date TBD.
There may be a possibility that the Pennsylvania public service cable network, PCN, may provide recording for virtual plant tours.
PCN will be contacted to investigate costs and logistics of a virtual plant tour program.
3. November Program: Lisa Wampler of Cohen Seglias will make a presentation on "2020 - Year of Disaster, 2021 - Year of ???".
4. January Program: Trying to set up a virtual plant tour of Consolidated Glass Corp., New Castle.
5. February Program: Speed Dating via Zoom.

PRODUCT SHOW: Postponed until 2021.

Highlights from the Board (cont'd)

November 2020

CERTIFICATION

- There are no certification review courses in session now.
It was pointed out that the self-reported continuing education function maintained by CSI is a good resource for keeping track of CEU data.

To reach the self-reporting function, do the following:

Login at <https://www.csiresources.org/home>.

Navigate to: <https://www.csiresources.org/certification/mycertifications>.

Click "MANAGE CONTINUING EDUCATION"

Enter information for each Continuing Education Course.

Recommend attaching pdf of Certificate of Completion for each course.

AWARDS

- Committee Awards:
No new awards this month.
Bob Bailey will be recognized by CSI on November 7 for his Institute award.

GBA LIAISON: Need chairperson.

STUDENT OUTREACH: Need chairperson.

BYLAWS

- A copy of the current Chapter Bylaws and Policies was emailed to each Board Member.
- Marty Thornton recommends that no changes to either document are required at this time.
- A Chapter Guide for Bylaws and Policies is being prepared for distribution to Chapter members.
It could be easier to reach quorum with fewer Board members.
On the other hand, a smaller Board means fewer helping hands.
Change of Board makeup requires a bylaw change.

NEW BUSINESS

- CSI Annual Member Chapter and Region Meeting: Format for 2020 will be held on November 5 in virtual format.

Practice Guides / MasterFormat

November 2020

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