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Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter,
Construction Specifications Institute

December 2019



December 10
6:00 - 9:00 p.m.

14th Annual Holiday Gala

The Chadwick

1 Wexford Square Wexford, PA

**Admission
free to design
professionals**

\$10 all others

**Hors d'oeuvre
and dessert
tables**

**Product
displays**

**RSVP by Dec 6 to
mazelekovitz@nationalgypsum.com**

**See next page for
participating vendors**

14th Annual Holiday Gala

PARTICIPATING VENDORS

National Gypsum Co.

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Eastern Architectural Products /A.L. Harding & Co. LLC

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Architectural Resources

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Davinci Roofscapes

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PPG

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Franklin Interiors / Steelcase

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Stonhard

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Assa Abloy

Duro-Last Roofing

Nacho Bar

Mashed Potato Martinis

Dipping Bar

Hot Pretzels

Spicy Meatballs

Boneless BBQ Wings

Mini Mac & Cheese

Mini Pierogie station

Mini Cupcake station

Assorted Bacon Station

Hummus Station

Crème Brulee Shooters

Zucchini Fries

Tater Tot Station

Brownie Bar

Savory Meatball Station

Pulled Pork Sliders

Guacomole Dip Station

Mini Hot Dog Station

Mini Hot Wings

Chocolate Dip Station

Antipasto Station

Mini Vegetable Egg Rolls

Oriental Pot Stickers

Naan Bites

Flat Breads

President's Message

by Martin (Marty) Thornton II, CCS, CSI

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays! Our Chapter's Holiday Gala and Products Show is December 10 at the Chadwick in Wexford. I look forward to another great event networking with colleagues and friends. The Gala is a time to meet product representatives and review new products. Design professionals are invited free of charge, so please spread the word about this fun, informative event!



Our November 12th Chapter meeting at Cefalo's with Jeff Burd of Tall Timber Group was well attended and enlightening. There is optimism for the construction economy in Pittsburgh for next year and on. The Chapter is very grateful and much appreciative to Jeff for his presentation.

The CSI Middle Atlantic Region leadership needs your input on how to meet the needs of the Chapters and members within the region. The Region has set up a survey on SurveyMonkey and is open to all Pittsburgh Chapter members. Please take the time to fill out this survey. It only takes 5 minutes. Here is the link to the site: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WQRMNVN>

Look for future announcements on our January meeting. The February Chapter meeting will be at Cefalo's in Carnegie and will be our annual Speed Dating event. If you are interested in participating, a registration form will be posted to our Chapter website. Please be safe this holiday season, and I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our Holiday Gala.

Thanks,
Marty

"What if you gave someone a gift, and they neglected to thank you for it -- would you be likely to give them another? Life is the same way. In order to attract more of the blessings that life has to offer, you must truly appreciate what you already have." - Ralph Marston, American writer.



Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) 2020 Study Sessions

Register no later than Thursday, January 9, 2020

by email or phone call to Michael C. Bosco (see info below).

Cost: CSI Members \$100.00 Non-CSI Members \$120.00

Checks made payable to: CSI PITTSBURGH CHAPTER.

NOTE: Pizza will be provided during class. Beverage dispensers are located in the Confluence Center.

Session No.	PPT Sessions	Date (Thursdays)	Time (2-1/2 hours)
1	1 & 2	January 16	6:00 pm to 8:30 pm
2	3 & 4	January 30	“
3	5 & 6	February 13	“
4	7 & 8	February 27	“
5	9 & 10	March 12	“
6	11	March 26	“

Location: . 9 Foster Plaza, Pittsburgh, PA 15220 Suite 200 Second Floor
(Building thru Main Entrance (Second Floor) (Parking is free).

Exam Date Window: April 15, 2020 - May 24, 2020 Exams are administered by Prometric, see www.prometric.com for a location near you. Registration for the test is separate from registering for the study sessions. Register for the test, and pay the separate exam fee, online - <https://www.csiresources.org/certification/cdt>

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TEXT: CSI's Project Delivery Practice Guide, CSI MasterFormat 2004/2010.

Purchase a copy of the CSI Project Delivery Practice Guide from the CSI website and bring it with you to the first class.

Additional Supplies Required: pens and paper to take notes. Attendees are permitted to use tape recorders and personal computers to help with the comprehension of session lectures.

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course will present the value and importance of how construction documents define the rights of, responsibilities of and relationships among all the parties that are necessary for the successful completion of any project. The architect/engineer (A/E), the contractor(s) and all the other project participants must work within guidelines for a successful project conception through design and construction to facility management. Investigation into various documents, agreements and conditions of contracts will be addressed. The importance of standardized document format will be emphasized. The Construction Documents Technology (CDT) Program provides a comprehensive overview for anyone who writes, interprets, enforces, or manages construction documents. Project architects, contractors, contract administrators, material suppliers, and manufacturers' representatives are all realizing the advantages of being Construction Documents Technologists. By being able to understand and interpret written construction documents, CDTs perform their jobs more effectively. By understanding the roles and relationships of all participants, CDTs improve communication among all members of the construction team.

Highlights from the Board

December 2019

November 12, 2019 Cefalo's Restaurant, Carnegie

PRESIDENT

- Convention Wrap-up: President Thornton presented reimbursement breakdowns for members that attended the Convention (Thornton, Buirge and Keener). Next year's convention is in Grapevine, TX, September 30 thru October 2, 2020.
- Emerging Professional: We need to start targeting and mentoring emerging professionals including new product representatives. Maybe create an ad-hoc committee.
- Region News: Look for an email from the region for education webinars and Region Mission Statement.

PROGRAMS

January: Learning from Building Enclosure Failures.
February: Speed Dating.

HOSPITALITY

Zell will get with Trimble to book Cefalo's for January and February.

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 – Currently we have 20 tables registered; we need to get to 21; ideal is 25.

CERTIFICATION

CDT Classes will begin in January. Information is on the Pittsburgh Chapter's website. Classes will take place at DLA's (Bosco) offices.

AWARDS

Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award: We did not receive the OCC due to not having our By-laws reviewed by the Chapter Board. See comments below.
Region Awards: Are due December 31st.

SGBA LIASON

Potential joint meeting with GBA. Possibility of sharing contact list. Carty will stay in contact with Elisabeth Vdyawar, GBA Relationship Development Director. Also consider contacting Sean Sheffler of LGA who leads the AIA YAF (Young Architects Forum).

STUDENT OUTREACH

Confirmed we had 50 students attend the Student outreach program at CMU in October.

BY-LAWS

Institute wants the Chapter By-Laws to be reviewed every year with the Chapter Board and have this recorded in the board meeting minutes.

OLD BUSINESS

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

NEW BUSINESS

LEAD is not yet scheduled; likely end of August.

Member News

December 2019

November Anniversaries

41st	James Gerard	Gerard Associates Architects, LLC
33rd	Brian Trimble	International Masonry Institute
28th	Philip Dorenkott	ATAS International, Inc.
20th	Bruce Pollock	RSSC Architecture
16th	Steve Nearhoof	Stantec
13th	Dawn DiMedio	Gerard Associates Architects, LLC
13th	Miki Vargo	LGA Partners
8th	Thomas Christiansen	ASSA ABLOY
3rd	Alyssa Sineway	Ardex
1st	Tabatha Harding	A.L. Harding & Co.

December Anniversaries

37th	Jeffery Anderson	Mistick Construction
17th	Michael Konkle	Mak Sales Inc.
9th	Matthew Lander	AVT, Inc.
9th	Kevin Shinton	Easley & Rivers, Inc.
9th	Richard Onslager	Robbins Sports Surfaces
4th	Chuck Biasucci	CertainTeed Ceilings
1st	Ryan Dietz	REPS of Ohio
1st	Bobby Chestnut	
1st	Jacob Bowser	Standard Bent Glass Corp

New Members

Katelyn Rossier	Studio 109 Designs
Daniel Sutton	Vitro Architectural Glass
Kenneth Codeluppi	Damtite Waterproofing/WFI

Current Membership: 104

Pittsburgh Specifiers Roundtable

December 2019

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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