

## October 12th Program

### Why Commission the Building Enclosure? *Better Project Outcomes, Lessons Learned*

5:00 – 6:00 PM via Zoom Meetings

This presentation will shed light on building enclosure commissioning (BECx), enclosure field testing, and their benefits for projects. Includes insight on selecting various types of enclosure field testing and some lessons learned from failed testing.

#### Learning Objectives:

1. Identify when appropriate and know the benefits of BECx and more robust enclosure field testing scope;
2. Implement tools and best practices for more effective enclosure QC/QA, incorporate BECx processes into projects;
3. Deeper insight on various types of enclosure field testing, recommendations on what to specify;
4. Awareness of building enclosure design and construction issues that can affect performance, how to minimize the risk of future leaks.

#### REGISTRATION:

<https://imiweb-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZEkd-6vqDwsEgFC7D5OqLa27QnzzdVhjK6n>

This program meets the AIA/CES requirements for continuing education  
and qualifies for 1.0 HSW Learning Units.

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*Rich is an Associate and Senior Architect with WDP with 32 years of extensive on-site and collaborative experience as an Architect, Project Manager, and Team Lead, and a focus on building envelope consulting and quality assurance (QA).*



# President's Message

Kelly W. Brown, AIA, CCS

There is a new brand for CSI. A new way of thinking about who we are and what we do. The key strategic directions that are the focus of the Institute, as shared at the CSI National Conference, are:

- Creating a Community of Belonging
- Being a Center for Innovation
- Elevating the Profession



Building our Community through inclusion, equity, and diversity, will allow for growth in the pool of qualified construction information and specification professionals. Focusing on innovation allow us to change and adapt to a changing environment and leverage the information, experience, and wisdom of our collective community. CSI elevates the profession by continuing to build relationships with other professional organizations and providing a certification courses and a learning library for members.

Please check out these links:

- CSI website: <https://www.csiresources.org/home>
- "The Future of CSI" presentation, unveiling the new CSI logo, by Mark Dorsey and Martin Kemp at the CSI National Conference:  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hg1MZVr84eg>
- CSI Learning Library:  
<https://www.pathlms.com/csi/>



CSI is for every member of the construction industry. It is a network. It is a community dedicated to making the built environment.

Our Pittsburgh CSI Chapter is excited to continue to promote community. Please mark your calendars to attend the upcoming **CSI Holiday Party on December 14, 2021** at the Chadwick. If you would like to participate, please contact Jim Geist: [jim.l.geist@sherwin.com](mailto:jim.l.geist@sherwin.com)

If you know an emerging professional that may benefit from earning their Construction Documents Technology certification, let them know that CSI Pittsburgh will be conducting a **CDT Study Course in January and February**.

If you're interested, please contact Bill Vernon: [bjv@r3a.com](mailto:bjv@r3a.com)

Yours truly,

# Member News

September 2021

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## October Anniversaries

39th	Timothy Fyock	
26th	Joel Cluskey	RSH Architects
21st	Barbara Smith	Barbara J Sales Associates, Inc.
15th	Toby Knight Knight	Athletics, Inc.
14th	Peter Eritano	C&MS
13th	Barbara Ruppel	Dodge Data & Analytics
13th	Kimberly Hummel	
9th	Michael Andrews	Allegion
2nd	Kenneth Codeluppi	DAMTITE WATERPROOFING/WFI
1st	Jessica Stuck	MCF Architects

**Current Membership: 76**



# Highlights from the Board

October 2021

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**Tuesday, April 13, 2021** 3:00 PM by teleconference

## PRESIDENT

- Brown advised that Thornton would recognize the Chapter at the Regional meeting next week.
- Brown will follow up on access to the CSI Chapter Roster data, and updates to the Chapter website.

## PROGRAMS

- April 13, 2021 Program: Building Restoration Presentation by Rob Pfaffman. 44 attendees are registered.
- May 2021: Sal Verrastro (Lehigh Valley Chapter) will speak about incorporating off-site construction (modular, pre-fab, etc.) into projects. A local presenter counterpart is needed for the program panel.
- June Program: Top Golf - In person activity. Planning on 12 attendees hitting from 2 bays. Need to verify whether there are restrictions.
- Product Show: Geist will begin looking for sponsors during the summer.
- Ideas:

Tours in Fall.

ITX (organizing group) has hands-on workshops from Harold Garber.

Is this a program we would like to utilize?

Topics: Building Envelope, Rainscreen, etc.

Free of charge.

Four manufacturers conduct presentations.

- Chapter Awards will be presented at the June meeting.

Golden Plunger

Sisyphus (for special effort, last awarded in 2019)

Educational.

Technical.

Brown and Strayer will teleconference to discuss these awards.

## GOLF OUTING

- Barra reported that the golf outing is scheduled for May 27, 2021 (Thursday before Memorial Day).

9 or 10 foursomes currently registered. 9 or 10 hole sponsors currently registered.

Goal is 18 foursomes. Brian Trimble will send an email blast this week.

Menu is being developed.

Nagie and Brown will be volunteering.

Suggested Gift: 3-pack of balls.



# Highlights from the Board (cont'd)

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## Tuesday April 13, 2021 (cont'd)

### CERTIFICATION

- Reminder to sign up for exams. Perhaps add a reminder to the Specigram for distribution to the whole Chapter.

### AWARDS

- Institute Award Nominations: End of May.
- Chapter Report: End of May.  
Brown will submit. Thornton prepared the report in 2020, and will share the submission with Brown.
- Outstanding Chapter Commendation: Submission due to CSI on July 15.

### NEW BUSINESS

- Elections:  
President: Kelly Brown  
1st Vice President: Matt Lander  
2nd Vice President: Brian Trimble  
Treasurer: John Danes  
Directors: Miki Vargo and Mike Bosco
- Thornton will send out a Survey Monkey for elections, and will make an announcement at the program this evening.
- Vargo advised that 9 people from her firm would be in attendance.

## Tuesday, May 11, 2021 3:00 PM by teleconference

### PRESIDENT

- Brown met regarding CSI Pittsburgh awards, and will be ready to present them at the Top Golf event.
- Brown requested a membership grid from CSI to use for mailing labels. The Chapter has 79 members, of whom 2 are emeritus.

### TREASURER

- Nagie wants to send refunds out in May. Thornton will make address labels.
- Strayer will need to sign the refund checks.
- Funds will be transferred to "Special Function" account.
- Nagie will instruct the incoming Treasurer.
- In April there were deposits of \$605 (February dues received), and \$0.27 interest was received.
- Nagie suggested a summer social event.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

# Highlights from the Board (cont'd)

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## PROGRAMS

- June Program: Top Golf
  - Expected cost to Chapter: \$600, which is within the budget for the event.
  - Cost to Attend: \$35 - members; \$50 - non-members. There is a \$2 fee for payments received via PayPal.
  - Accepting sponsors.
  - Unanimously approved.

## PUBLICITY / ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATIONS

- Trimble reported that he uses "Click to Mail" service for sending post cards.

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  - 2nd Vice President: Brian Trimble
  - Treasurer: John Danes
  - Directors: Miki Vargo and Mike Bosco
- Thornton reported on the Region Conference.
  - Region Conference will be in Richmond in 2022, or may change to North Central PA.
  - Another possibility is to host the event as a joint conference.
  - Pittsburgh is next scheduled to host the conference in 2027, or sooner.
- Marty Thornton reported that 10 emails were undeliverable, based on the roster dated April 7, 2021. The roster still includes Ray Brooks (deceased).
- Brooks' obituary notice will be sent to CSI so they will remove him from the roster.

# Highlights from the Board (cont'd)

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**TUESDAY JULY 20, 2021** 5:30 pm. 20 Stanwix Street Meeting room.

## PRESIDENT

- Brown thanked members both in person and online for attending. Tonight we will begin to plan for the year 2021- 22.

## TREASURER

- Proposed budget for 2021-22 was presented. Questions were answered. This item will be acted upon at the August meeting. Please review and be ready to act on it when all Committee Chairs will have had more time to have reviewed. This item was tabled.
- Star Chapter. Brought up by Lander. After further discussion all agreed we as a chapter are able to plan and carry out meetings, events and fundraising on our own. Other chapters are paying hundreds of dollars each year for this same service.

## PROGRAMS

- Trimble is planning to return to in person meetings in September. The 2020-21 programs were successful. In most cases attendance was excellent.
- Trimble collected suggestions for tours including: Standard Bent Glass, Exone Printing (3D Printing), Project tours, St Clair Hospital, AGH Wexford Hospital, Seneca Valley Elementary School, Cracker plant, Hazelwood Green.
- Social events included Biking, Kayaking, Ax throwing, Top Golf.
- Trimble will look into details and report back at the next meeting. It was also suggested we go on zoom for those who can not attend the meetings in person. Social events we should consider non-meetings events like Trivia, night at the casino, Bingo or cards.

## EVENTS/FUND RAISERS

- Fall Golf outing tentative date 9-23.
- Spring Golf outing tentative date 5/26.
- Sporting Clay shoot tentative date 6/23.

## MEMBERSHIP

- Chapter membership is down to 74, at one point we had over 200. We must do everything we can to stop this bleeding. Last year 86 of 127 chapters throughout CSI dropped in their member numbers only one chapter in the Middle Atlantic Region was up in their numbers. Vargo and Nagie Have volunteered to help Carnegie brainstorm to develop a plan to improve our membership.

## TECHNICAL EDUCATION

Chair open.

# Highlights from the Board (cont'd)

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## TUESDAY JULY 20, 2021 (cont'd)

### CERTIFICATION

- Vernon and Danes volunteered to help Bosco set up a new program of Certification Classes for the Spring of 2022.

### HOLIDAY GALA/DRODUCT SHOW

- Geist plans to start a little earlier this year to see if vendors are interested.

### GBA LIASON

Chair open.

### STUDENT OUTREACH

Chair open.

### OLD BUSINESS

- Updated list of Officers and Committee Chairs has been submitted to the Institute.





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