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CSI's "Summer" has arrived! So we won't be having a regular meeting. The Chapter's Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs will be meeting to plan events for this Fiscal Year. All members are welcome to attend, and become involved.

Meeting Details

Place

American Cedar and Millwork
1404 Bare Hills Avenue off Falls
Road in the Lake Roland area
Baltimore, MD 21209

Thursday, July 13, 2017

5:30 Board Meeting

**Let us know if you
are attending by
Noon, Tuesday
July 11, 2017**

Email at
reservations@csibaltimore.org

September's Program

Baltimore City Hall's Facade Repairs STRATEGIES FOR REPAIRS, BUDGET , AND SCHEDULE

Constructed in the 1870's, Baltimore City Hall has seen much history. Constructed of load-bearing brick and marble walls with a cast-iron dome, the building has experienced deterioration associated with its age. Due to the extensiveness of necessary repairs, a strategy has been developed to prioritize the repairs based upon severity of issue and the City Government's budget management constraints.

Last fully rehabilitated in the late 1970's as part of the initial movement of contemporary historic preservation efforts, we'll see how those repairs have fared over the past 40 years. We'll also address the need for facade management performed similar to facility management of interiors and service systems.

Dennis Chojnowski from the Baltimore City Department of General Services, Mark Howell from Building Envelope Consultants and Scientists, and Scott Sider from KANN Partners will describe the facade survey, conditions evaluation, and repair strategy process being undertaken.

October's Program

To be announced

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Mtg Exhibitors	Todd Guntner	410-234-3600
Membership	[Vacant]	
Newsletter	Scott Sider	443-573-2248
Nominations	Rod Anderson	410-997-1000
Planning	[Vacant]	
Prof Dvlpmnt	Scott Sider	443-573-2248
Programs	[Vacant]	
Rebuilding Together Baltimore	Alexander Howe	301-717-9717
	Marty Jakovics	443-928-9173
Tellers	Scott Sider	443-573-2248
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www.csibaltimore.org

or

www.baltimorecsi.org

for information about Chapter events and activities

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President's Message

It's hard to believe the Baltimore Chapter CSI is coming up on 58 years this September from when the Chapter was chartered in 1959. I became a member back in 2000 and last served as President in 2003 to 2004. I now look forward to serving this Chapter along with a great group of member volunteers in the coming year.

Organizations such as ours rely heavily on the support of its membership and the support of those members who volunteer their time to serve on the Board of Directors, serve as Committee Chairs and participate in Chapter activities and functions. We are grateful for all of the member volunteers that assist us each year and continue to support our efforts with their time and resources. We could not do most of the work we do without their support.

We will take a close look this year at membership and how we can build our membership base through Chapter activities and networking events. If you are an existing member, thank you for being a part of this organization and we encourage you to join us this Fall at our September meeting. If you haven't been to a meeting in a while, we would sure like to see you.

Leadership Orientation Seminar (LOS) is being held next month, on August 11 and 12, at the Heritage Hills Country Club in York, Pennsylvania. The Middle Atlantic Region is one of few Regions that does this type of event and it's a great tool for leadership development not only for Chapter leader duties but also in your work life. Some of the seminars offered this year provide information on leadership, what makes them and how to keep them, Public speaking and how to make presentations more compelling and helpful information for committee chairs and those serving on the board of directors. There is useful information here for everyone and I hope you will plan to attend.

Lastly, I would like to share with you some exciting news about one of our own. Fellowship is one of two top honors given by the Institute and fellows of the Institute are chosen by their peers. I am pleased to announce that Marvin Kemp has received the honor of Institute Fellowship. Please join me in congratulating Marvin for this very prestigious honor.

Enjoy the rest of your summer and I will look forward to seeing you in September.

Liz Stone, CSI, CDT

President

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Middle Atlantic Region Conferences

The Northern Virginia Chapter is hosting 2018 MARC April 19 to 22 at the George Washington Wyndham Grand Hotel in Old Town Winchester, Virginia. The theme will be *Building Enclosure — Top to Bottom*. For sponsorships, contact [Bill Rains](#) at 301-902-3229. For pre-conference sporting events, contact [Mike Clancy](#) at 301-982-6464. For education and other information, contact [David Lorenzini](#).

Summer Planning for July and August

CSI's "Summer" arrives! So, we won't be having a regular meeting. But, that doesn't mean you can't join us. The Chapter's Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs will be meeting to plan events for next Fiscal Year. Activities this Summer include planning our monthly programs, meeting venues, and education sessions for next fiscal year.

Several kinds of events are in the works, including tours and networking opportunities outside of the regular monthly meetings.

Program planning includes the following potential topics:

- Construction Administration Practice Issues.
- Construction Labor Availability and Training - Discussion of Practical Issues.
- Facility Security, Defensible Space, and Safe Rooms.
- Introduction of Robots on Construction Sites.
- Legal Update.
- Specification Practice Issues.
- Subtleties of ADA Architectural Guideline Compliance.

Committee Chairs Needed

If you are want to have a Chapter leadership position, do we have an opportunity for you! We need people to lead the Awards, Membership, Planning, and Programs Committees. If you are interested, contact [Liz Stone](#)

Board Meeting Highlights June 2017

Treasurer Steven Evans reported that as we wind down FY 2017 we need to look at the FY 2018 budget, and if anyone has some FY '17-related costs, they need to forward them to Steve. Only significant item is the difference between meeting costs and revenue. That's related to the bowling event and sponsorships, and the fact that membership has dropped. Chapter dues for FY 2018 will remain the same. There was a discussion of the Leadership Orientation Seminar, which is paid by the Region, and is not in our budget. LOS will be in York, Pennsylvania.

Electronic Communications Chair Marc Held, reported that he, Katherine Good, and Institute Director Kemp met at the offices of Design Collective. There are adjustments to migrate the domain from Dopster to Wix, which is Marc's primary goal at this time. At the moment, the domain is still administered by Dopster, and we have two domains. Katherine explained that we will reduce the number of e-mail addresses, and turn management over to Wix, in order to control costs. There will be a budget line item increase, but it will be small, in the neighborhood of \$100. It will be updated for next year. There followed some discussion as to which e-mail address we should be using. Katherine added that as long as there were no objection from the Board, she, Marc, and Marvin will continue to administer the new domain issues, and make decisions. Also, the website has been updated, and has the newest **Constellation**. Katherine will train Marc and Marvin on how to update the website.

Incoming President Liz Stone stated that she expects to examine the membership situation early in her term. There was discussion as to whether our present meeting location is convenient for the majority of the membership.

Rod Anderson brought up the subject of information to be given to the Region, with respect to last year's Region Conference in Baltimore. Apparently, the Region was really interested in attendance figures, which were, in fact, in President Lewis' report. Some discussion of attendance at the Pittsburgh meeting followed.

Institute Director Kemp reported on the CSI Board meeting in Alexandria last weekend. There were two philosophical takeaways from the meeting, in his opinion:

- There seems to be a certain amount of negative communications with and around the national CSI level. But, as Director Kemp explained, there's a paid professional staff at CSI headquarters, and he believes that they're performing very well. Many legacy decisions need to be reviewed and changed. The supposed negativity issue as to what national is doing for us will be replaced by the concept that the Chapters will look for ways to partner with national.
- Concept of dirty data. The Institute has multiple systems, logins, and passwords, that are being cleaned up and centralized. New Internet address is csiresources.org. Everyone is encouraged to log in, and update their credentials.

Additionally, there are two items of news from the Institute:

- New things are coming with respect to education and certification. Certification will be in accordance with ANSI accreditation rules. The CDT will become a certification, like the CCS, CCPR, and CCA certifications.
- Member outreach will be beefed up. They'll be trying to get more people involved in examinations, and in joining CSI, and in renewing memberships.
- In Fiscal Year 2019, the Middle Atlantic Region will have to submit a name for the CSI Institute Nominations Committee. He'll work on the Region Board to place names on that Committee.

President Lewis, presiding at the last meeting of his term, thanked everyone, and expressed his willingness to continue to help with chapter affairs.

Sam Grant, CSI
Chapter Secretary
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"Old" Buildings Aren't the Only Ones Needing Facade Repairs

With June's and September's Programs describing facade failures and repairs of buildings from the 19th Century, we need to remember that buildings from the 20th Century are not immune to failure of facade components.

During the post-World War 2 era, many buildings exhibiting the concepts of simplicity of form and detailing contained in the architectural theory of "Modernism" were constructed. Most are humble with some that are famous. Many of the "famous" buildings are now approaching or past their 50th birthdays, which qualifies them to be deemed "historic" under the Secretary of the Interior's Guidelines for Historic Structures.

One of these famous examples of Modernism in Washington, DC (completed in 1978) recently completed its rehabilitation of exterior walls, roof, HVAC systems, interior, and skylights.

Be the first person to identify this building from the photo below and you will receive free dinner to September's meeting. Since last month's photo did not result in a winner, try this one.



Send your responses to swsider@kannpartners.com. Results will be announced at September's meeting.



The Chapter has implemented Eventbrite for making and paying for Chapter meeting reservations. Paypal will remain the method for monthly meeting Tabletop Sponsor payments meeting Tabletop Sponsor payments.

Calendar Of Events

July

13 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting.

August

10 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting.
11-12 Leadership Orientation Seminars in York, Pennsylvania.

September

13-15 [CONSTRUCT 2017](#) and CSI Annual Convention at the Rhode Island Convention Center in Providence, Rhode Island
21 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. *Planning Baltimore City Hall's Facade Repairs.*

Architectural Woodwork Standards Evolving — Separately

You may be familiar with the *Architectural Woodwork Standard* (AWS). Jointly produced by the Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI), the Woodwork Institute (WI), and the Architectural Woodwork Manufacturers of Canada (AWMAC), the last edition was issued in October 2014. In late 2014, AWI decided to pursue ANSI-approval of the AWS. WI and AWMAC decided to not join AWI and published the *North American Architectural Woodwork Standard* (NAWS) in May 2016, due to concerns regarding the ANSI standard's ability to be the highest quality nor being comprehensive in scope, even though being acceptable to a wide variety of stakeholders. The proposed ANSI/AWI Standard is based upon two fundamental concepts:

- Product *Performance Measures* to establish minimum service duty.
- Product *Aesthetics Measures* to establish minimum appearance levels.

AWI's efforts to create 14 ANSI-approved woodwork standards continues with voting and approvals to occur in 2018 and 2019.

For more information:

- [Architectural Woodwork Institute.](#)
- [4specs.com Specification Discussion on North American Woodwork Standard.](#)

July Anniversaries

Leisl Ashby, CSI, CCS	15
Frederick Baumert, CSI, CCS	29
Richard Brown, CSI, CCS, CCCA	4
Jeff Crabtree, CSI	19
Tom Gangl, CSI	1
Samuel Grant, CSI	7
Todd Guntner, CSI	36
Anne Harney, CSI, CCS	13
John Hugendubler, CSI, CDT	13
K. Kline, CSI	17
David McCormick, CSI	20
Neal Morris, CSI	3
Vernon Sparks Jr., CSI, CCS, CCCA	19

New Members

Joel Asrael
Anthony Vattimo

