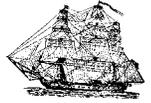




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June Meeting Details

Thursday, June 11, 2020

12:00 Board Meeting will be held
via conference call

4:30 Program

July Meeting Details

Place

To be announced

Thursday, July 9, 2020

4:30 Board Meeting

**Make your reservation before
Noon
Tuesday, June 9, 2020**

RSVP



There is No Cost

June's Program

Green Globes

THE OTHER SUSTAINABILITY CERTIFICATION PROGRAM

In the world of sustainability programs, there are many from which you can choose. Many are prescribed, either by statute or by the project's financing source. In Baltimore City, your choices are the International Green Construction Code or another "recognized" sustainability program. Many programs are targeted towards housing, like Enterprise Green, ICC/ASHRAE 700 National Green Building Standard, and LEED for Multifamily. For non-residential projects, other than the IgCC, there are LEED, Green Globes, Well, and the Living Building Challenge.

If you are not mandated to use a program dictated by the financing sources, which do you choose? It depends upon your goals. Each program has its biases. Each program has inherent difficulties.

As an alternative to USGBC's LEED, there is Green Globes. Green Globes is an online assessment protocol, rating system, and guidance for green building design, operation and management. It is interactive, flexible and affordable, and provides market recognition of a building's environmental attributes through third-party assessment. The program has certification categories for new construction, core and shell, interiors, new or existing multi-family, and existing buildings.

In keeping with social distancing requirements during the Covid-19 pandemic, this program will be a virtual meeting. When you register, you will receive the link to join us.

July's Program

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.

September's Program

We haven't decided what we will be doing. If the social distancing restrictions which have been in place since March are lifted, we will have an in-person meeting

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 for information about Chapter
 events and activities

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Editorial deadline is the last Wednesday of each month.

President's Message

Happy Summer All! Once again, I hope everyone is doing well, staying safe, and you and your families are healthy. What a year this has been, 2020 has definitely been different, plenty of ups and downs, challenges, and certainly change. Most of my messages this year have been about developing a path to change, how hard it is, how we need to embrace our differences, and open our minds. I do not typically talk about myself personally, my background, my accomplishments, and my failures. To be honest, it makes me uncomfortable. But lately I have been reading more about one of my favorite bands, The Grateful Dead, their history, lyrics struggles, how they influenced so many people, and really how they came about in the 60's into the 70's and are still relevant today. I would not consider myself a "Dead Head" or a "hippie," I just like their music. When I started to read more into their history and how their lyrics came about mostly written by the late Robert Hunter. Yes, they were artists and musicians, but also made of a group of people with different talents, backgrounds, knowledge, and personalities. They were innovative and extremely smart people in their own distinctive way and stereotyped. But they would never have made it if they did not embrace all of those things and work together no matter what was going on at that time or if they disagreed. A lot of similarities to CSI, our industry as a whole, and the world today. Robert Hunter when asked what it took to be a song writer and this only a small part but it relates to what we do.

"Trust in how you feel about things, not in their so-called reality. Love God ferociously and live like the very devil. Compromise on the larger picture but never on the details. Remember that deadlines are for dummies. If you can't neglect an appointment, at least be late. Be of good cheer where others moan, and strike a glum face in the midst of merriment. Remember, you're an artist and it's your proud tradition to be difficult."

Take that how you will and maybe the "deadlines" part is not realistic, but it makes sense and we are all artists in our own space, specifically design professionals and spec writers.

I believe our Chapter has the ability to grow and change and I am excited to see it happen. I have no doubt that our next President, Katherine Good, will help accomplish our goals and will lead us to great things. Katherine has the passion, drive, and enthusiasm for CSI and this Chapter that will ensure success.

With all that said, I want to leave you all with some lyrics:

There is a road, no simple highway, Between the dawn and the dark of night,
 And if you go no one may follow, That path is for your steps alone - Ripple

Once in a while you get shown the light, In the strangest of places if you look
 at it right - Scarlett Begonias

Inspiration, Move Me Brightly - Terrapin Station

Every silver lining's got a touch of grey - Touch of Grey

Thank You All, for your assistance, taking the time to volunteer, attending meetings, and helping this Chapter move Forward and thank you for allowing me to serve you this past year. Please continue to stay safe, healthy, and remember you are not alone.

Keep Truckin!!!

[Marty Jakovics](#), CSI-EP, CDT
 Chapter President

Summer Planning for July and August

CSI's "Summer" is arriving! So, we won't be having a regular meetings in July and August. 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.
- Legal Update.
- Specification Practice Issues.
- Subtleties of ADA Architectural Guideline Compliance.
- Managing Multiple Generations of Staff Personnel.
- When is a Code Interpretation from an AHJ to be Relied Upon?

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 Nominations, Planning, and Programs Committees. If you are interested, contact [Katherine Good](#).

Board Meeting Highlights May 2020

First Vice-President Katherine Good presided over the meeting since President Marty Jakovics was delayed in joining the meeting. Katherine welcomed attendees for joining the online meeting.

Awards Committee Chair, Jim Clancy, reported that he is waiting to hear back from President Jakovics and will he will reach out to the President. We will have to incorporate awards into the June meeting. But, in view of the COVID 19 situation, we might not be able to pass out awards in person; that might be delayed until a future meeting.

Electronic Communications Committee Chair, Meagan Elfert, reported that website is up-to-date; but did not include tonight's event.

Treasurer, Steven Evans, reported that the past month involved usual expenses and revenues, as discussed in his email report. It was straightforward, as no meeting had been conducted in April, due to the coronavirus situation. There was also, the annual website costs.

Handbook Committee Chair, Scott Sider, reported that the Handbook's rosters were updated

House Committee Chair, Katherine Good, reported that tonight's meeting is an online happy hour event for this evening at 4:30. No formal lecture or presentation.

Newsletter Committee Chair, Scott Sider, reported that The Constellation was distributed.

Professional Development Committee Chair, Scott Sider, reported that he has made a request to the American Institute of Architects, for a password to AIA's continuing education program. He has not heard back from AIA.

This evening's Chapter Meeting will be a happy hour, and only that. The group discussed how we might conduct June's meeting. Issue as to doing it in person, and what the COVID-19 regulations might be allowing in June. We should probably have a plan A and plan B, as a result of such uncertainty. Scott stated that he'll contact Green Globes, in order to determine if it's still available. Maybe we could do that event remotely.

Tellers Committee Chair Scott Sider, reported the results of the Chapter's election. The nominated slate was accepted.

There was discussion as to how we might conduct the June meeting, as to doing it in person, and what the COVID-19 regulations might be allowing in June. We should probably have a plan A and plan B, as a result of such uncertainty. Scott stated that he'll contact Green Globes, in order to determine if it's still available. Maybe we could do that event remotely. Meagan has contacted Baltimore Disc Golf, to determine whether it may be a possibility. Perhaps we could do a fun event this summer, with social distancing. President Marty Jakovics, raised the possibility that we might do an in-person Chapter meeting in July, if conditions have improved by then.

Katherine stated that she will not be available the during the week of September 10th.

Sam Grant, CSI
Chapter Secretary
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Middle Atlantic Region Conferences

The Charlottesville Chapter will be hosting the [2020 Region Conference](#) in Harrisonburg, VA will be rescheduled to a future date, likely in the Fall.

CSI Member Support Program

To apply for the Member Support Program, you must be:

- An active member of CSI with an expiration date on or after March 31st, 2020
- Undergoing financial hardship due to the economic crisis

A member who wishes to apply must contact CSI to begin the process. Email memberservices@csinet.org or call 1-800-689-2900

Chapters can opt-out of participating in this program. If a Chapter does not participate, a member will be responsible for 3-months' worth of their Chapter(s) dues before the deferment begins.

Looking forward, CSI continues to evaluate how to support its members during this unprecedented time. If changes or extensions to the program are made, CSI will communicate with members as soon as possible.

For more information on the program, please visit the [Member Support Program FAQs](#).

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



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Calendar Of Events

June

- 5 CDT®, CCS, and CCCA Exam period ends.
11 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. *Green Globes*.

July

- 9 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting.

August

- 3 Early Registration opens for Fall CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams.
13 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting.
31 Early Registration ends for Fall CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams.

September

- 1 Regular Registration opens for Fall CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams.
10 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Program to be announced. Maybe we will be able to meeting in person!

Spring Exam Options

- In-Person at Prometric testing center. Required to bring your own mask and wear it during the exam. Testing center hours and appointments vary by region with reduced occupancy to assure safe social distancing within the exam seating.
- Remote Proctored Testing (RPT). Secure, virtual, online monitored exam from your home office. Technical and space requirements must be confirmed. Contact Prometric for more information.

June Anniversaries

D. Ronald Brasher, CSI	17
Dell Ewing, FCSI, CDT	54
Patrick Martineau, CSI	1
Michael Marushka, CSI-EP	1
Meka McBee, CSI	10
Cassandra Mellon, CSI, CCPR, CDT	22
Charles Wise, CSI	32

New Members

Matt Morris, CSI

