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## February Meeting Details

### Place

Online

We will send you the link when you register.

**Thursday, February 11, 2021**

**4:30 Board Meeting**

**5:30 Program**

**Make your reservation before  
8:00 p.m.**

**Wednesday, February 10, 2021**

**Cost: Free**

**CHEAP!**

**And it is not a typo!**

**RSVP**

**Send Email**

**to**

[Katherine Good](mailto:katherine.good@csi.org)

**OR**



## February's Program

### Construction Administration Practices

When bringing projects to fruition, the phase most fraught with stress is during construction. Vast sums of money are involved and time is of the essence. Enter the construction administrators who facilitate constructing the project for the owner, contractor, and designers. With varied skills of technicians, investigators, diplomats, and negotiators, construction administrators take drawings, specifications, and other contract documents to make dreams become reality.

Much effort is involved. Reviewing submittals to ensure products and systems are in compliance. Answering questions big and small. Reviewing costs for changes. Reviewing requests for payment. Documenting construction as built and opining on its compliance with the contract documents. Coordinating with designers, manufacturers, fabricators, and installers. And, traveling to and from construction sites.

Since it involves people, the process has varying levels of efficiency resulting from the communication skills of the participants, their data collection, and their data management. Varying kinds of software are implemented to assist. Most parties of a construction contract have their own software which they use and may expect or demand others to use.

Join us as we discuss these issues with a panel of construction administrators as they discuss these and other issues as they bring dreams to reality.

## March's Program

We have another panel discussion in planning, but we're still in planning mode with the participants.

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## President's Message

Good day, Sunshine!

Has anyone else felt like the month of January had eight days each week? I've got a feeling that it won't be long until the long and winding road towards industry recovery will be within our reach. Personally, I'm seeing projects start to pick up, either starting or restarting. However, I know some of our reps and manufacturing partners have a long, long, long back log after months of difficulties sourcing materials.

For those of you who have unfortunately lost your position during this time, I encourage you to reach out to your CSI Network; it's amazing the opportunities you can find with a little help from your friends. Together, we can work it out and hopefully help you grow in your career. Be assured there's a place for you. This is one of my favorite aspects of CSI.

During February, I'd like you to email me and tell me why you joined the AEC industry. Did you happen to fall into it, as we heard from some of our reps last month, or was it real love for building materials, design, or sales? I'd also like you to tell me what you see on the horizon. Maybe new technologies that require fewer humans and fewer imported resources? Maybe a renaissance of stone and chisel? I'm sure when I'm sixty-four, I'll still remember the past year.

From me to you, I'm optimistic about where we can go from here. I can't wait until we can gather again in person; that'll be the day! Until then, everybody's got something to hide except me and my monkey.

The end.

Katherine

ps, the astute reader might see something odd in this month's message: sixteen Beatles song titles. I blame it on getting "Can't Buy Me Love" stuck in my head the day I wrote this. See if you can find them all. Answers are at the end of the newsletter!

[Katherine Good](#), CSI  
Chapter President

## Election Time Approaches!

### INSTITUTE

CSI's 2021 election will open in March with posting of candidate profiles on [www.csiresources.org](http://www.csiresources.org). Ballots will arrive in your email later in the month or in MArch. As in past years, this year's ballots will be cast online. Election closes in April. Election results will be announced on [www.csiresources.org](http://www.csiresources.org) later in April.

### REGION

The Middle Atlantic Region will be conducting Region elections in February 2021. Candidates are:

- Thomas P. Feulner, CSI, CDT, CCS, CCCA, AIA, NCARB - President
- Robert Vaughn, CSI — First Vice President
- Katherine Good, CSI — Second Vice President
- Stephen Weisensale, AIA, CSI, CCS, CCCA — Region Secretary

The Region will be using Survey Monkey to conduct the elections. In February, you will be receiving an electronic ballot by email. If you do not receive your ballot by the 5th of February, please contact Robert Loftin of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter so that the Region can insure you can participate in the elections.

The ballot will list one candidate for each office with a space for a write-in candidate. You will have until 11:59 p.m. EST on February 28th to complete your ballot.

### CHAPTER

You will receive a ballot via email. Please vote by April 15, 2021.



## Board Meeting Highlights January 2021

Electronic Communications Chair Meagan Elfert reported that the website's home page has been updated and rosters have been posted. Katherine noted that we need to work on formatting for **The Constellation** / Publication Section which is in need of formatting updates.

Handbook Chair Scott Sider reported that the Chapter Roster has been updated and delivered to Electronic Communications for posting on the Chapter website.

Membership is at 80 people.

Professional Development Chair Scott Sider, reported that we have six attendees in the Winter Seminars.

Programs Chair Liz Stone, reported that we have a panel discussion for tonight, and is looking to put together another one, dealing with governmental agency design and construction. There was discussion of other ideas, including the Architectural Woodworking Institute, and its updated standards. Liz will reach out to the AWI. There was also discussion of the subject of space reuse, with that subject having become important during the pandemic. The Northern Virginia Chapter has done a panel discussion on bridging the gap, involving projects, specifications, and research. It is unlikely we can do gatherings in the near future; but perhaps when it warms up and having it as a possible outdoor event. There was discussion of vaccinations, and its impact on our near future. Scott described tonight's program regarding employment aspects of product representatives.

Table Top Sponsorships Chair Todd Guntner, reported that he is seeking virtual tabletop participants for the February or March meetings.

Katherine asked for discussion of Bylaws. Scott stated that he had looked over the Bylaws, and had no suggestions for changes. Bylaws are intentionally vague to allow us to do what we want regarding online programs, Board meetings, and voting. It was decided to leave the Bylaws unmodified.

As planned 2 years ago, we'll be reducing the number of Directors by one, in this election cycle.

Outstanding Chapter Commendation procedures we discussed. Awards Chair Jim Clancy will review last year's application to determine items to revise and areas which need to be addressed by end of the Fiscal Year.

Sam Grant, CSI  
Chapter Secretary  
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# Not So "Yellow Submarine"

When the weather turns warmer and the COVID-19 visitation restrictions are lifted, return to Baltimore's Inner Harbor and visit the large collection of history floating and not floating along the shoreline:

- John W Brown Liberty Ship at the Museum of Industry on Key Highway
- USF Constellation at Pier 1 Pratt Street
- US Coast Guard Light Ship Chesapeake at Pier 3 Pratt Street.
- US Coast Guard Cutter WHEC-37 at Pier 5 Pratt Street
- Seven Foot Knoll Light House at Pier 5 Pratt Street, and
- "Not Yellow" submarine USS Torsk at Pier 3 Pratt Street.



Here is the list Beatles songs referenced in the President's Message:

- Good Day, Sunshine
- Eight Days A Week
- It Won't Be Long
- Long And Winding Road
- Long, Long, Long
- With A Little Help From my [your] Friends [Katherine had to to fudge it]
- We Can Work It Out
- There's A Place For You
- Tell Me Why
- Real Love
- Tell Me What You See
- When I'm Sixty-Four
- Wait
- That'll be the Day
- Everybody's Got Something To Hide Except Me And My Monkey
- The End

[not to mention "That'll Be the Day" by Buddy Holly and the Crickets]

# Calendar Of Events

## February

- 10 Northern Virginia Chapter Meeting. *Fire-Rated Head-of-Wall Details*. Learn about the kinds of firestopping details used at the head of fire-rated walls, their ratings, deflection characteristics, advantages, and disadvantages/ Register by email to [rtrafton@nehmer.com](mailto:rtrafton@nehmer.com) by 4:00 p.m.
- 11 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. *Construction Administration Practices*.
- 17 [Firestop Contractors Industry Association](#) *Maintaining Protection of Gypsum Assemblies* webinar with Kyle Flondor, USG's Fire Systems Lead, Building Science, as he covers proper design and systems selection through the UL Product iQ. Then, follow along as he dives into the patching and repair of fire-resistance-rated gypsum assemblies. At 10:00 a.m. CST

## March

- 11 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Location and program to be determined.

## April

- 8 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Location and program to be determined.

## May

- 13 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Location and program to be determined.

## February Anniversaries

Michael Blackburn, CSI	9
Patrick Byrne, CSI, CCCA, CDT	14
Jonathan Lessem, CSI	3
Allan Monello, CSI	7
Rami Tarraf, CSI	1

## New Members

Michael Maguire, CSI
Robin Moore, CSI-S
Jude Ofosu-Afriyie, CSI-S
Tara Wyman, CSI-S

