



April Meeting Details

Place

Online

We will send you the link when you register.

Thursday, April 8, 2021

4:30 Board Meeting

5:30 Program

Make your reservation before
8:00 p.m.

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

Cost: Free

CHEAP!

And it is not a typo!

RSVP

Send Email
to

[Katherine Good](#)

OR

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April's Program

Who You Gonna Call? (It's Not *Ghostbusters*)

Seriously, when you have an issue or a question regarding a product need or other question, *who* do you call? Do you make a call or send an email to somebody you know, or do you take your chances with the email help or chat boxes on manufacturer's web site?

If you call somebody, why do you call them instead of somebody else? If you are a product representative how do you encourage designers and contractors to call you instead of somebody else? In the CSI world, certain people get the phone calls and emails about "CSI Stuff" before others get the phone call. Why and how do people become the "go to" source for answers or advice?

You might have heard of the term "trusted advisor." How do people become trusted advisors? There is no formal exam, but many people will say that there is a test. And the "test" is not easy to pass.

We're having another panel discussion this month. So join us for a discussion about how people become trusted advisors.

May's Program

Well, we're gonna try for an outdoor group gathering in May. We'll share the details when we get arrangements finalized.

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www.csibaltimore.org

or

www.baltimorecsi.org

for information about Chapter events and activities

Join us at felttips.blogspot.com

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President's Message

Happy Spring to All!

Have you heard the phrase "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water," or how about "good 'ole spring cleaning?" While the daffodils begin to bloom, many of us naturally think of new growth — in plants and in ourselves. This year, the world as a whole is beginning to think "What happens post COVID-19?"

While hope is growing along with the number of vaccinations given, none of us know when the true "end" will be, but even so, we can envision a world post-COVID. I think we all realize that it'll never go back to the way it was, and that's a good thing. Hard seasons force us to either give up or grow. This made me start to think about which changes the past year has wrought are ones we want to keep. Which do we want to throw out?

Virtual Meetings are one I'm not so sure about. One on hand, they are very convenient; and I love saving the commute (especially when it's an unproductive meeting). On the other, however, humans! In real life! No one takes for granted what it means to see people in the flesh anymore, but hopefully it'll make us pause and ponder "Does this really need to be a meeting? Does it need everyone in the same room?"

Material scarcity is one we can live without. As the long-term impacts of COVID sink in, our dependance on imports has become overwhelmingly obvious. Living in a connected world is a great thing, but I hope I've learned that there are some items I can do without, use what I have longer, or have had to come up with creative solutions. Product reps and manufacturers constantly must explain the long lead times. Owners deal with increased prices. Design teams with delayed funding and extended construction schedules. It behooves us all to stay well rounded about what is available in the marketplace, what alternatives might exist for a specific building solution.

Everyone working from home has had different responses over the past year from loving it to realizing it's not the best fit. Depending on your company and your role, this may have been a requirement, not allowed at all, or somewhere in between. I alternate days of productivity with days of having too many snacks on hand and wanting to read instead of work. For me it'll likely shake out to a balance of in office and at home for the foreseeable future.

How about you? What are the responses to COVID-19 in the AEC Industry that you'd keep? Which would you like to get rid of? Where do you hope our industry will be this Fall?

Get outside and smell the flowers!

[Katherine Good](#), CSI
Chapter President

Its Election Time!

INSTITUTE

CSI's 2021 election will open in March with posting of candidate profiles on www.csiresources.org. Middle Atlantic Region members only get to vote for the Director-at-Large position. Ballots should have arrived in your email in March. As in past years, this year's ballots will be cast online. Election closes on April 8, 2021, at 12:00 a.m. EST. Election results will be announced on www.csiresources.org later in April.

Members in good standing as of January 1, 2021, should have received an election ballot via email with their login information and instructions on how to vote. To vote, go to vote.associationvoting.com/csi and use the login information provided in the email to vote for this year's candidates to the CSI Board of Directors. If you have any questions on your ballot or your eligibility to vote, please contact Lisa Sidletsky, MS, CAE, Director, Executive Services (lsidletsky@csinet.org).

REGION

The Middle Atlantic Region will be conducting Region elections were held in February 2021. We were anticipating election result by press time, but we'll have to wait a little longer. Results will be announcing in the next month.

CHAPTER

You have received a ballot with the following candidates and positions:

President: Katherine Good, CSI
 1st V.P.: Jim Clancy, CSI
 2nd V.P.: Michael Gilbert, CSI-EP
 Secretary : Samuel Grant, CSI
 Treasurer : Steven C. Evans, CSI

Directors (FY2022 to FY2023):

- G. Todd Guntner, CSI
- Brian Porter, CSI
- Jessica Alston Reagan, CSI

You have received a ballot via email. For those who have voted and sent ballots, thank you!

Please vote by April 15, 2021.

Board Meeting Highlights March 2021

Katherine welcomed attendees to the meeting.

Electronic Communications Chair, Meagan Elfert reported that the website is updated.

Vice-President Jim Clancy reported that he had two responses to emails which he had sent out, asking new members to attend meeting. There followed some discussion as to reaching out to students; but it was observed that much of schooling is done virtually now, as a result of the pandemic. Director Scott Sider said he will provide some more information to Jim. We're at 82 members now.

Nominations Chair, Marty Jakovics, reported that the Committee is working on completing the list of candidates for Officer and open Director seats.

Professional Development Chair, Scott Sider, reported that the seminars are continuing with two sessions regaining in this year's run.

Programs Committee Chair, Liz Stone reported she is looking at prospective panel discussions for the next few months and Fall. She has a list of options for May. The attendees discussed that we may be able to get together in person in May, perhaps for an outdoors event. Possible locations were discussed. Liz mentioned other ideas, including a program on color trends. In view of the COVID Pandemic, the Board hopes that conditions will improve by Summer, with changing our usual practice of doing only Board meetings in July and August to social events.

Scholarship Committee Chair, Liz Stone reported that monies in the William Grabowski fund are available. She led discussion regarding use of the funds for education or certification session registration fees. Liz mentioned that in the past, the Chapter has funded student groups, but no formal program now exists.

Table Top Sponsorships Chair, Todd Guntner, reported that a table top participant speaking at tonight's meeting. Todd is seeking leads for future meetings.

Tellers Chair, Scott Sider, reported that he is awaiting the list of candidates so the ballot can be issued to the Chapter membership.

Sam Grant, CSI
 Chapter Secretary
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Firestops

Originally developed in the 1970's for the nuclear power industry to prevent spread of fires within power plants, firestops have evolved over the past 50 years to a complex collection of materials, details, devices, and systems.

Originally developed to prevent the spread of fire through the annular space around cable and pipe penetrations of fire-rated walls and floors, firestops have evolved. Currently, the following are ratings to which various firestops can qualify:

- F: Fire endurance (in hours); mandatory by Building Code.
- T: Temperature heat transfer (in hours); mandatory by Building Code.
- L: Air Leakage (in cubic feet per minute); mandatory by Building Code. Two values are available (5.0 — Mandatory by Building Code and 1.0)
- W: Water Leakage (resistance to 24 inches of water pressure); NOT mandatory by Building Code.
- Insulation Endurance (Perimeter-Fire-Barriers): Fire endurance (in minutes). Complies with the "T Rating" of ASTM E2307, but also limits temperature rise to 325°F above starting temperature on interior surface of the curtain wall. NOT mandatory by Building Code.
- Integrity (Perimeter-Fire-Barriers with Curtain Wall system): Complies with the requirements for "F Rating" of ASTM E2307, but also limits the passage of flame through openings in curtain wall above perimeter-fire-barrier system. Available for some systems listed by UL. NOT mandatory by Building Code.
- Severe Exposure (Through Penetration Firestops): NOT mandatory by Building Code.
- Movement (Through Penetration Firestops): Test for movement by amplitude and number of cycles per minute. NOT mandatory by Building Code. Currently, there is no acceptance criteria. Related ASTM test method is E3037.

More information is available from the [Firestop Contractors International Association](#)



Calendar Of Events

April

- 8 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. *Who You Gonna Call?*
- 14 CSI NOVA meeting, program, and tour regarding *Pultruded Fiberglass Windows and Doors*. It is a hybrid (virtual & in-person tour) meeting at Tart Lumber in Sterling, Virginia. It's free including food for up to 25 who register to attend the in person tour. Register by email to AricEdwards@marvin.com by 4 p.m. EDT, April 14th
- 18 Regular (Not so Cheap) Registration ends for [Spring Certification Exams](#).

May

- 3 [Spring Certification Exam](#) window starts.
- 13 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Location and program to be determined.
- 14 Final (Expensive!) Registration ends for [Spring Certification Exams](#).

June

- 4 [Spring Certification Exam](#) window ends.
- 10 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Location and program to be determined.

July

- 8 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting.

August

- 12 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting.

September

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

April Anniversaries

Tracey Brown, CSI, CDT	24
James Clancy, CSI	2
Steven Evans, CSI	9
John Fultz, CSI	3
Albert McCausland, CSI, CCCA, CDT	7
Bill Novian, CSI	17
Christopher Sillars, CSI, CCS, CDT	13
Elizabeth Stone, CSI, CDT	21
Ted Warner, CSI	21

