



August Meeting Details

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

It will be by Conference Call. Notify [Katherine](#) that you are attending, and you will receive the contact information for the call.

Thursday, August 13, 2020

5:00 Board Meeting

**Let us know if you
are attending by
Noon, Tuesday
August 11, 2020**

Send Email
to
[Katherine Good](#)

Programs!

Normally we list September and October programs here, but we haven't finalized arrangements for them. At the current time, the program schedule is still in development. We are evaluating the following programs for this year's lineup:

- Acoustical Design Issues for Buildings.
- Construction Administration Practice Issues.
- Construction Labor Availability and Training - Discussion of Practical Issues.
- Facility Security, Defensible Space, and Safe Rooms.
- How Infectious Diseases Affects Design.
- 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?

And

- Bowling! Duckpins and Tenpins, in December!

Don't see anything in the list above? Send an email to [Liz Stone](#).

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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FY 20-21	Henrique Kempenich	
FY 20-21	Brian Porter Jr.	
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FY 21-22	Scott Sider	410-290-9680

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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

Greetings Baltimoreans and beyond!

When confronted with a challenge you have three options: 1) Give up, 2) Give in, or 3) Give it all you have. I'm tempted when my 376th Zoom/-Goto-Meeting/-Microsoft Teams call encounters technical difficulties to pick either option one or two and go take a nap instead. The COVID-19 malaise is real, ya'll.

However, I want to encourage you to pick option three, which the current culture craze terms "mindfulness." When you're feeling blue, take the opportunity to remind yourself that this season is temporary, and you can only do your best with what you have.

This week has been stressful at work for me: too many deadlines, too many technical difficulties, and too many upset clients. I struggle with guilt about not working enough then swinging to zero motivation to do any work 5 minutes later. While COVID-19 might be unprecedented for our generations, it's not the first rough patch.

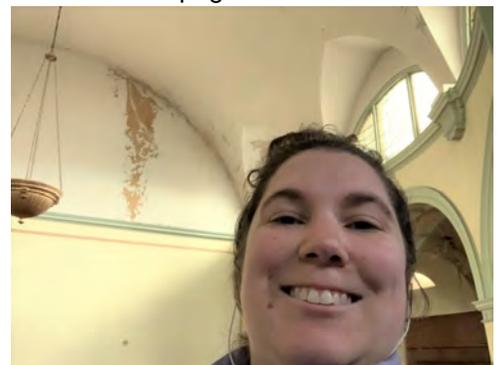
Many of you remember the economic crises of the 70s, 80s, and 2008ish. The construction and A/E industry lost thousands of jobs, many of which never came back, BUT, our industry persevered. I'm reminding you because we too will persevere! Grab option three by the horns and hang on; we might not yet be out of the bull ring, but the show will eventually be over.

Until then, take some intentional time for a better work-self. Here are some ideas:

- 1) Email/call/text a work contact or CSI member. Don't make it about work. Ask how they personally are and let them know that they're in your thoughts. Show that you care about the human, so they and you feel a little less alone. (OR send a for real card in the mail!)
- 2) Work in a different spot! If you're like me, you've settled into a routine. I don't have a dedicated desk space, so I made a perch of sorts and I stay in it way too long. It's amazing how it perks up my mood just to sit somewhere different for a day.
- 3) Webinars! Take time to learn "stuff." Maybe it's a better way to sales pitch when you can't meet face-to-face, maybe it's Greek, or maybe it's learning the most effective way to hide chocolate cake from your husband so you don't have to share. I digress.
- 4) Read the weekly summary email from The Specifier; there are some interesting tidbits in there.
- 5) Tune into online communities at csiresources.org. It's amazing the collective knowledge of specifiers EVERYWHERE. See page 3 for the list.

These ideas are just a start. How can you make your work world a little better?

[Katherine Good](#), CSI
 Chapter President



CSI's Communities

CSI has many online communities which allow members to converse with each other. Most have a core topic:

Contract Administration Practice Community
 COVID-19 Response Team
 CSI Suggestion Box
 CSI-Connect
 DCP World
 Product Representation Practice Community
 Project Delivery Practice Community
 Specifying Practice Community

There are also 26 Chapter/Region Communities.

[Click here to visit the communities list](#) and learn more about each. You will have to log in with your CSI user name and password.

Committee Members Needed

If you are want to have a Chapter leadership position, do we have an opportunity for you! If you are interested, contact [Katherine Good](#).



Board Meeting Highlights July 2020

President Katherine Good welcomed the Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs to the new Fiscal Year.

Awards Chair Jim Clancy, reported that he is currently working on the Chapter Commendation Award nomination packet. Jim added that he had received a 2020 Chapter Awards list from Immediate Past-President Marty Jakovics.

Electronic Communications Chair Meagan Elfert, reported that the rosters are up to date, but leadership information needs to be updated.

Handbook Chair Scott Sider, reported that the Chapter Handbook is being updated.

House Committee Chair Katherine Good, report that we hope that we might be able to meet in-person in September by using a member firm's office as a possible location. Some discussion; we will revisit in August.

Membership Chair Brian Lockwood, reported that our membership total stands at 87. Director Michael Gilbert was reaching out to a new member, to do an interview for **The Constellation**.

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

Immediate Past-President Marty Jakovics has agreed to chair the Nominations Committee.

Professional Development Chair Scott Sider, reported that he is getting AIA Learning Units assigned to the one attendee of the window seminars credits. He also reported that registration for the Fall Exam will open in August.

Programs Chair Liz Stone, stated that ideas for programs and for locales are needed. Discussion followed, including that of outdoor locales. Disc golf was mentioned. Also, discussion as to how we might do our September and October meetings to accommodate ongoing needs for social distancing.

Table Top Sponsorships Chair: Todd Guntner, led a discussion regarding the tabletop functions, in light of the pandemic and uncertainty as to when the Chapter may be able to restart conventional in-person meetings and the fees we charge the tabletop sponsors. Todd reported that many firms are reducing their costs, at the moment. Todd suggested that we probably ought not to pursue tabletops for the immediate future, and we should reevaluate in a few months after holding off on tabletops for September, October, and November meeting. As to the bowling event for December, Todd said we will revisit, but that we have funds available at the moment.

Chapter member Marvin Kemp is now CSI's Board Chair. The Middle Atlantic Region's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design presentation will be a series of online webinars this year; there will be upcoming emails from the Region.

Scott mentioned the passing of former CSI President Bob Molseed.

CONSTRUCT will be virtual this year, and will take place on the date of our usual October meeting.

The President asked all participants of the meeting to speak as to what each participant might be thankful for, in these difficult COVID-19 times.

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 Sponsor payments meeting Tabletop Sponsor payments.

Calendar Of Events

August

- 3 Early Registration (Cheap!) opens for Fall CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams.
- 11 *Laws for Maryland Architects* webinar. Provides 6.5 AIA LU-HSW. More information at www.halfmoonseminars.com.
- 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!
- 30 Regular Registration ends for Fall CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams.

October

- 1 Late Registration (Expensive!) opens for Fall CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams.
- 7 to 9 [CONSTRUCT 2021](#). It will be held virtually online instead of physically in Grapevine, Texas. If you have already registered, your registration fee will be refunded. CSI events associated with CONSTRUCT, such as the Honors and Awards Celebration and the Annual Business Meeting, are being rescheduled as well. Full details will be announced soon. All attendees will receive a full refund, and answers to frequently asked questions are on the CONSTRUCT website.
- 8 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Program to be announced.
- 30 Late Registration ends for Fall CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams.

November

- 8 Exam window opens for Fall CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams.
- 12 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Program to be announced.

December

- 4 Exam window ends for Fall CDT, CCS, and CCCA Exams.
- 10 Chapter's *Annual Bowling Event* at the Bowlero Timonium AMF Lanes at 2165 York Road (between Timonium Road and Greenmeadow Drive) from 6:30 to 8:30 PM.

August Anniversaries

Cindy Adkins, CSI, CDT	4
Laurie Dickeson, CSI, CCS, CDT	12
Jim Flickinger, CSI	4
Charles Hovancik III, CSI, CCS, CCCA, CDT	26
Marvin Kemp, FCSI, CDT	20
Ashley R. Magloire, CSI	1

