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CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Board Meetings:

Date:
3rd Thursday of the calendar month

Time: 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Location:
WebEx "MeetMeNow"
(Unless notified otherwise)

Contact:
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Quarterly Chapter Meetings:

Date:
4th Tuesday of the month
January, April, July & October

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location:
(To Be Announced)
Bozeman, Montana

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CSI Elections

The 2011 CSI election will open in February. Ballots will be issued to CSI members at that time. Members will have four weeks to cast ballots electronically. This election will be entirely electronic, so watch your inboxes for an email containing the election website link and your individual ballot access code in February 2011. **CSI members must have an email address on file with the Institute by Jan. 1, 2011, to be eligible to vote.**

Big Sky Chapter elections will occur in March 2011. Positions are open and we encourage you to consider running for one of them!



Upcoming

NW Region Conference 2011

EUGENE, OREGON JUNE 15-19, 2011



The Willamette Valley Chapter is hosting the 2011 Region Conference

- _ Theme: Cultural Diversity in the Work Place
- _ Join in leadership and technical training sessions
- _ Exchange exciting new products and experience with other building users, specifiers, suppliers and constructors.
- _ Meet or re-connect with leaders from around the region
- _ Explore our bike friendly town, especially the lovely Willamette River

For more information, contact Loren Berry FCSI, CDT, AIA
email: lberry@berryarchitects.com Fax: 541-485-3402

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Please reference CSI 2011 when reserving



The President's Specs



Robert W. Simmons, FCSI, CCPR

Reflection and Wonder

Happy Holidays to All,

As the days get shorter, the work day seems to get longer while trying to complete those needed projects before the day, week and month are at an end.

Reflection is a great tool to see where you have been, where you are today and where you need to be tomorrow. After reflecting on those successful accomplishments and those that got away, I wonder what the new year will bring.

2010, was a good year to sharpening those business skills that can be used to hone our successes in 2011. As an eternal optimist, I believe 2011 will be a stronger year than last and that we will continue to grow each year thereafter. The keys to these successes are you and your professional efforts to succeed.

Let's start the New Year off with a bang, and get back to what makes us tick, and start creating opportunities, growth and successes for the years to come.

My New Years wish to you is one of health and happiness to each and every one of you.



Old Faithful

(7:52 am 12-29-10 – Yellowstone Time*)

What an appropriate name . . . Old Faithful. 24 hours per day, 7 days per week, month after month and year after year; just doing what it is supposed to do. Every day is not sunny and warm. Dark, cold, snowy, and no crowds lining the boardwalk waiting for the next eruption, the geyser faithfully performs its task.

We might be going through some times of darkness and stormy weather, but with a new year just around the corner, may we, as CSI members, be found faithful in our tasks to promote, serve, and improve CSI at the Chapter, Region, and Institute levels. And that includes everyone that puts "CSI" after their name.

(* Photo from the Yellowstone National Park Old Faithful webcam)

Big Sky Chapter is a Registered CSI CEN Provider

For more information on CSI's Construction Education Network, click on the following link:

[CEN - Construction Education Network](#)



[**Find a CSI Chapter**](#)

CSI Member Referral Program:

CSI has a new membership recruitment campaign under way, entitled "Every 1 Counts". It's a pretty simple plan!

Make **1** phone call

Send **1** email

Have **1** conversation

Click this link for more information:

[**"Every-1-Counts"**](#)

Big Sky Chapter FY2011 Membership Challenge

Why did you join CSI? How about sharing it with someone else!

FY2011 MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Sign up just one (1) new member. That's it!

No bells and whistles; no gimmicks; no prizes. Just a challenge to see if the values you place on CSI membership is worth sharing with someone you know. Are you up to the challenge?

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!

Help us stay connected ... If any of your contact information is out of date, please go to the CSI website at CSInet.org and log in using the information provided on your membership card. You can then go to the "My CSI" page and choose "Update your Profile" from the box located to the right of your name.

Please make sure CSI has your current email address – thanks!

Big Sky Chapter Membership Status

Big Sky Chapter
Membership Numbers
December 30, 2010

Count	Member Type
8	Industry
9	Professional
3	Student
20	TOTAL

Who Are We?

We need to get out and share CSI with people we know and work with on a daily basis. We belong to the only organization that encompasses the entire building industry. Let's all do our part in increasing our home-chapter membership this year.

CSI Retention Rate

From the December 2010 "CSI Monthly Leader":
CSI's goal is to grow member retention rate to 85% by July [2011]. We are nearing that goal . .



October: 78.9%

September: 78.5%

Have you renewed your membership?

CONSTRUCT2011 & The CSI Annual Convention



September 13-16, 2011 ♦ McCormick Place ♦ Chicago ♦ www.constructshow.com

Big Sky Chapter of CSI

What do you want out of it...what are you willing to put into it?

"No one is useless in this world who lightens the burdens of another."
- Charles Dickens



CONTACT US:

Articles, 250 words or less, are requested for this monthly newsletter. If you have articles or information to be shared with the Montana members, please send by e-mail to:

<http://xinbox.com/q9chjf>

Deadline is 25th of the month

We're on the Web!

<http://csibigsky.org>



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The CSI Academies, February 24-26, 2011 ♦ Join a CSI Practice Group ♦
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CONSTRUCT2011 & THE CSI ANNUAL CONVENTION,
September 13-16, 2011 ♦ **CSI ELECTIONS**, February 2011 ♦
2011 Northwest Region Conference, June 15-19, 2011 ♦
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How will you use your CSI Membership in 2011?



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Move into the "Know Zone" and out of the "no zone"

"You can't change the past, but you'll ruin the present by worrying about the future."
- **Unknown**

A View From the B.U.S.*

*Burr Under the Saddle



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

"New Year's Resolutions"

This is that time of year when one hears a lot of people making resolutions for the New Year. Some may resolve to loose more weight; read more books; keep-in-touch with loved ones more frequently; etcetera. There are others however, that view it more like a game or challenge to see how long they can go before they break it, knowing full well that they would never keep it in the first place.

My CSI Resolution for 2011 is to improve the Big Sky Chapter for its members. In order to be successful, it will take participation from you . . . Big Sky Chapter members. How can you help? I don't know. Give me a call; send me an email; stop in and chat. What do you excel in? It's time to help move things along!

And that's another view from the B.U.S.

**Membership is not
a spectator sport**

Move from the bench into the game!



2010 Yellowstone National Park View

Sign up a new member!

Click this link –

[2010-2011 CSI Membership Enrollment Form](#)

CSI Big Sky Chapter Treasurer's Report

Date	December 2010
Checking Account Balance	\$ 100.00
Savings Account Balance	\$1879.38
Total	\$1979.38
Deposits (Previous Month)	\$ 160.00
Disbursements (Previous Month)	\$ 22.00