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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:
Ryan Russell, CSI, CDT, AIA-A
406-587-9373

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 INSTITUTE BOARD ELECTIONS

Candidate for President-elect: Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP (Candidate by Petition)

Candidate for President-elect: Gregory Markling, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB (CSI Nominating Committee Candidate)



Candidate for Vice President Professional: Daniel Hargreaves, CSI, CDT, RAS

Candidate for Vice President Professional: Mitch Miller, CSI, CCS, AIA



Candidate for Director-at-Large: Leslie H. Schlesinger, CSI, CDT, SCIP Affiliate

Candidate for Director-at-Large: Ujjval K. Vyas, Ph.D., J.D., CSI

Candidate for Director-at-Large: M. Keith West, CSI, CCPR



Candidate for Secretary: Lane Beougher, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP BD+C

Candidate for Secretary: Bob Kenworthy, FCSI, CCS, CCCA



Also on the 2011 ballot, members will be asked to vote on the following proposed Institute Bylaws Amendment:

Shall Article IX, Sections 1 through 5 be amended to combine the Professional Member, Industry Member, and Associate Member classifications, and create a single class of voting members, titled Professional Member; and change the name of the existing Intermediate Member classification to Emerging Professional Member?

Go to the CSI Institute website to read the candidates statements and the full text of the Bylaws Amendment.

CSI Big Sky Chapter Elections

Big Sky Chapter elections will occur in March 2011. Positions are open and we encourage you to consider running for one of them! Contact any of the chapter leadership for more information. Become informed . . . become involved!

The President's Specs



Robert W. Simmons, FCSI, CCPR

On January 21, 2011, you should have received an email message from Intelliscan regarding the upcoming CSI elections. The following information comes from Walt Marlowe, P.E., CSI, CAE, Executive Director/CEO Construction Specifications Institute:

Last night Intelliscan - our election vendor - sent an "election about to open" email to all members. Below please find some basic election info. For details on the candidates/bylaws amendment, see www.csinet.org/election.

- Election opens February 1 and closes March 1 at 12pm ET.
- To vote, individuals must have been a member in good standing (due paid) as of January 1, 2011. Students and Intermediate members are not eligible to vote.
- Intelliscan will email electronic ballots information to eligible members on February 1. A letter with instructions will be mailed to those w/out email.
- ALL voting must be done online.
- Intelliscan will send one email reminder the week before the election closes.
- Members without a ballot or having difficulty voting should contact Paul Nentwig from Intelliscan, 610-935-6172, pnentwig@intelliscaninc.com
- The election will be validated by the Teller the week of March 7.
- Staff estimates the election results will be public the week of March 14 after being validated by the Tellers Committee and candidates are contacted.
- Successful candidates will take office July 1, 2011.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact Stacy Vail (svail@csinet.org – 703-706-4752) or me.

Walt

Corporate Partner Program

CSI's Corporate Partner Program bundles CSI's products and services at value-pricing levels for:

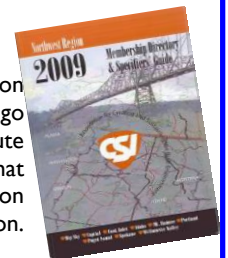
Building product manufacturers
Contractors
Design firms
Federal agencies

Each partnership is customized to meet the business goals of the partner. As a CSI leader, you can probably name an organization or two in your community that fits this list. Tell them about the Corporate Partner Program! If they have several employees interested in joining CSI, it could help you grow your chapter or region. Tell them they'll gain wider exposure by developing a formal relationship with CSI and its members. They'll also be supporting the mission we all believe in: Advancing building information management and the education of project teams to improve facility performance.

For more information on this program, visit www.csinet.org/corporatepartner or contact Susan Konohia at skonohia@csinet.org. Materials you can use to present the Corporate Partner Program to a firm in your community are available – just ask.

CSI Northwest Region Directory

The new Northwest Region Directory will be published by LLM Publications this spring with an anticipated distribution date of June 2011. The directory will be published without cost to the Northwest Region. Please take the time to go to the Institute website (csinet.org) and confirm that your contact information and preferences correct. The Institute database is where we will pull information for the new Region Directory and we would like to include everyone that would like to be included. The Region Directory has been a valuable tool in the past and the new directory, in addition to being printed will also be available in an on-line version. Thanks you in advance for updating your information. Please contact me if you have any questions regarding the directory.



Christine Irwin
Region Secretary
Region Directory Chair

Big Sky Chapter of CSI
Move into the "Know Zone" and out of the "no zone"

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
January 31, 2011

Count	Member Type
7	Industry
10	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 January 2011 "CSI Monthly Leader":

CSI's goal is to grow member retention rate to 85% by July [2011]. We are nearing our goal . . .



October: 78.9%
November: 79.5%

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?

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm."

- **Ralph Waldo Emerson**



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>



CHAPTER CONTACTS

President:
Robert W. Simmons, FCSI, CCPR

President-elect:
- Temporarily Vacant

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Jan E. O'Brien, CSI, Architect

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Ryan Russell, CSI, CDT, AIA-A

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William Lynch, CSI, PE

Director - Industry:
Dave Kauffman, CSI

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Gary Simonich, CSI, CDT, PE

Newsletter Editor:
Jan E. O'Brien, CSI, Architect

**CSI NW Region
Contacts**

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THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

The CSI Academies, February 24-26, 2011 ♦ Join a CSI Practice Group ♦
CSI's Certification Exams ♦ **BIG SKY CHAPTER** ♦
CONSTRUCT2011 & THE CSI ANNUAL CONVENTION,
September 13-16, 2011 ♦ **CSI ELECTIONS**, February 2011 ♦
2011 Northwest Region Conference, June 15-19, 2011 ♦
CSI Webinars ♦ Search CSI Member Directory ♦ Deals for Members



How will you use your CSI Membership in 2011?



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

For accommodations contact: Hilton Eugene
Tel: 1-541-342-2000 Fax: 1-541-342-6661
Please reference CSI 2011 when reserving



A View From the B.U.S.*

*Burr Under the Saddle



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

"Exercise Your Privilege"

One of the privileges we enjoy in America is the right to vote. Whether it is at the local, state, or national level, we have the opportunities to elect individuals to represent us, and to vote on issues that affect us. CSI members enjoy that same right to vote in chapter, region, and institute elections. Tomorrow, February 1, 2011, electronic ballots for Institute elections will arrive in your email inbox. Please take a few minutes to vote on your choices and return it before the end of the month. Go to the Institute website and read the statements of the candidates and read the information on the Bylaws Amendment.

Likewise, the Big Sky Chapter will be holding elections in March. We encourage each member to become more involved with our chapter, not only in the elections but also in our growth.

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

CSI Big Sky Chapter Treasurer's Report

Date	January 2011
Checking Account Balance	\$ 100.00
Savings Account Balance	\$1879.38
Total	\$1979.38
Deposits (Previous Month)	\$ 0
Disbursements (Previous Month)	\$ 0

**Membership is not
a spectator sport**

Move from the bench into the game!