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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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View From the B.U.S.

CSI 2011 Election Results

CSI Bylaws Amendments

The membership approved an amendment to CSI’s Bylaws that:

- Combines the Professional Member, Industry Member, and Associate Member classifications, and create a single class of voting members, titled Professional Member.
- Renames the Intermediate Member classification “Emerging Professional Member,” to better associate it with professionals just entering the construction community. Emerging Professional Members shall have all the rights and privileges of Professional Members, except that they shall not be eligible to vote in Institute elections, and they shall not be eligible to hold elective Institute office.

CSI’s other membership classifications (ex. Student, Retired) are not affected. CSI will also continue to identify members’ occupations for the purposes of tracking the Institute’s diversity and ensuring members receive information that meets their career needs.

This change will be effective July 1, 2011. A task team chaired by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CSC has already been assigned to address and communicate how these changes will affect CSI’s operating documents such as the Region and Chapter Model Bylaws.

National Election Results

Taking office on CSI’s national Board on July 1, 2011

President-elect: Gregory Markling, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB

Vice President - Professional: Mitch Miller, CSI, CCS, AIA

Director-at-large: Leslie Schlesinger, CSI, CDT

Secretary: Lane Beougher, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP

Director from the Great Lakes Region: Gary Beimers, FCSI, CDT, CSC, SCIP

Director from the Middle Atlantic Region: Raymond E. Gaines, FCSI, CCS, AIA

Director from the North Central Region: Ross T. Mori, PE, CSI, SE

Director from the South Central Region: Dorothy A. Gumm Denison, CSI, Member Emeritus, CCS

Director from the Southwest Region: Ronald L. Geren, CSI, CCS, AIA, SCIP

FY 2012 CSI Board

The full FY 2012 CSI Board includes:

- President: Paul Bertram, Jr., FCSI, CDT, LEED AP
- President-elect: Gregory Markling, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP, NCARB
- Secretary: Lane Beougher, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP
- Treasurer: Robert Simmons, FCSI, CCPR
- Vice President Industry: Casey Robb, FCSI, CCPR, LEED AP
- Vice President Professional: Mitch Miller, CSI, CCS, AIA
- Director-at-Large: Scott Tobias, CSI, CDT, AHC, LEED AP
- Director-at-Large: Leslie Schlesinger, CSI, CDT
- Director from the Great Lakes Region: Gary Beimers, FCSI, CDT, CSC, SCIP
- Director from the Gulf States Region: Jimmy Lail, CSI
- Director from the Middle Atlantic Region: Raymond E. Gaines, FCSI, CCS, AIA
- Director from the North Central Region: Ross T. Mori, PE, CSI, SE
- Director from the Northeast Region: Denis L. Lemieux, CSI, CDT, AIA, LEED AP
- Director from the Northwest Region: Loren R. Berry, CSI, CDT, AIA
- Director from the South Central Region: Dorothy A. Gumm Denison, CSI, Member Emeritus, CCS
- Director from the Southeast Region: Joseph J. Anetrella, CSI, CCS, AIA
- Director from the Southwest Region: Ronald L. Geren, CSI, CCS, AIA, SCIP
- Director from the West Region: Stephen Nash, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA

The President's Specs



Robert W. Simmons, FCSI, CCPR

The Four Season's of Change

According to the 2011 calendar, we have left the winter months behind and welcoming spring. We have elected our new CSI Board officers that will take their place July 1, 2011. We are in the process of electing our Big Sky Chapter officers for the coming CSI year, starting July 1, 2011. They will be charged to build our Big Sky Chapters membership, develop chapter leaders and mentor new leaders from our local membership.

We have three months to go to fulfill or chapter's goals for change as we enter the summer months of planning. They will be implementing their new plans starting in September through the end of the year. The season's of change for CSI and our chapter continues our journey for professional and personal growth.

I call upon you, our membership, to become involved and help grow our Big Sky Chapter. Your involvement will make a difference and you will play an important role in our chapter's success. We need your help in leading our chapter's committees, our board leadership to expand our influence to our industry and future members.

Let's make a change for success with your involvement.

Did you Vote?

Member Loyalty Program

CSI's Member Loyalty Program is designed to assist:

- Members whose employers can no longer pay for membership dues
- Members who have been laid off
- Members who are being hit hard by the economic crisis and cannot afford to pay for membership dues

CSI is offering a 6 month grace period for membership renewal to members who are facing the issues listed above.

Eligibility Requirements:

1. The member must be in the Professional, Associate or Industry level of membership.
2. The member must either:
 - Have been laid off
 - Have an employer who can no longer pay dues
 - Be undergoing financial hardship due to economic constraints

Convey this information to CSI

Contact CSI Member Services at **800-689-2900** for more information.

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

"Motivation is everything. You can do the work of two people, but you can't be two people. Instead, you have to inspire the next guy down the line and get him to inspire his people."

--Lee Iacocca

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
March 31, 2011

Count	Member Type
7	Industry
11	Professional
3	Student
21	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 March 2011 "CSI Monthly Leader":

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



December: 79.8%
January: 79.9%

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?

"There are no unrealistic goals, only unrealistic time frames."

- **Larry Presser**



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

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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 ♦
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How will you use your CSI Membership in 2011?



- Upcoming Event -

NW Region Conference 2011

EUGENE, OREGON JUNE 15-19, 2011



The Willamette Valley Chapter will host the 2011 Region Conference

- ♦ Theme of the conference: Cultural Diversity in the Work Place
- ♦ Join in Leadership and technical training sessions
- ♦ Keynote speaker Past CSI President Edith Washington, FCSI, CCS
- ♦ Share experience and exciting new products with other building users, designers, suppliers and constructors.
- ♦ Meet or re-connect with leaders from around the Region
- ♦ Explore our bike friendly town, especially the lovely Willamette River Bike & Walk path.
- ♦ Visit <http://www.nwregioncsi.org/conference.html> to download brochure, registration form, schedule, and information.

For more information, Contact Loren Berry FCSI, CDT, AIA
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For accommodations contact: Hilton Eugene & Conference Center
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A View From the B.U.S.*

*Burr Under the Saddle



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

"Planting Seeds – Seeing Growth"

It's springtime in the Rockies, although the occasional snowstorm makes one wonder. However, the warmer weather has started pushing flowers up out from the ground; bushes and trees are starting to bud out; and the grass is turning greener. New growth is all around us. Had we not taken the time and effort to plant the seeds, bulbs and plants, then we wouldn't be seeing their growth now.

CSI membership is similar. If we don't tell others about the benefits of belonging to CSI and encouraging them to join . . . then we don't see any growth. If our chapter is to see any growth, then we need to share the burden and put in some work planting seeds.

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



**Membership is not
a spectator sport**

Move from the bench into the game!

CSI Big Sky Chapter Treasurer's Report

Date	March 2011
Checking Account Balance	\$ 100.00
Savings Account Balance	\$2079.38
Total	\$2179.38
Deposits (Previous Month)	\$ 0
Disbursements (Previous Month)	\$ 0