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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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View From the B.U.S.



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CSI 2011 Big Sky Chapter Election Results

Results from the 2011 Big Sky Chapter elections come as no surprise. Jan O'Brien, CSI was elected President and Dave Kauffman, CSI was elected to a two-year term as Director. Both will take office on July 1, 2011 when the new fiscal year begins. There was a 26% voter response.

There were no candidates for the positions of President-elect or Vice President. The Chapter Board will establish a committee to fill these two vital positions. The Board will also be involved with preparing an amendment to our Chapter By-laws to reflect the membership classification change approved in the last Institute election.

CSI Construction Education Network (CEN) Closing

On June 30, 2011 The CSI Construction Education Network (CEN) will close. Prorated refunds will be given to providers. Learners will be able to access transcripts and course certificates at education.csinet.org until June 30, 2011.

CSI chapters may continue to provide educational credits through industry organizations such as the [American Institute of Architects Continuing Education System](http://www.aiaa.org), and the [United States Green Building Council Education Provider Network](http://www.usgbc.org).

Contact CSI Education Manager Erica Cox at (800) 689-2900 ext. 4732 or ecox@csinet.org with questions about the CEN program.



Big Sky Chapter Board Meetings On WebEx

Thanks to the efforts of Big Sky Chapter Director Dave Kauffman, CSI, the Chapter Board is now holding its meetings on-line through the WebEx program provided by FiberTite Roofing Systems. This program will allow the Board to meet on a monthly basis with-out the need to travel several hours, many times in less than ideal weather conditions. Board members can now participate from the comfort of their own computer or mobile device.

This sponsorship will also save the Chapter monies that can be utilized in other programs.



The President's Specs



Robert W. Simmons, FCSI, CCPR

Membership and Leadership coming together

Membership drives are on going across the CSI Chapters and we are getting ready for the Northwest Region Conference being held in Eugene, Oregon, June 15 – June 19, 2011. The conference is being held at the Hilton Eugene & Conference Center downtown Eugene. If you have not registered you have time to review the activities, educational and professional tracks and the lineup of guest speakers. There are several leadership and technical training sessions that will grab your interest and you can go online <http://www.nwregioncsi.org/conference.html> to find more information about the Wine Tour, White water rafting or just explore Eugene and its many interesting sites. Spring is here and summer is around the corner; let's enjoy our time in Eugene together.

I look forward in have a contingent from the Big Sky Chapter there to meet our region leaders, members and CSI guest. It will be a good CSI experience for all attending.

Upcoming Event

CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE 2011 NORTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

Hosted by
Willamette Valley Chapter
June 15 - 19, 2011
Eugene Hilton & Conference Center

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

- Keynote speaker: Past CSI President Edith Washington, FCSI, CCS
- Join in Leadership and technical training sessions.
- 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.
- Wine tour at King Estate Winery or White Water Rafting or free time
- Visit <http://www.nwregioncsi.org/conference.html> to download brochure, registration form, schedule, and information



Theme of the conference:
**DIVERSITY
IN THE WORK PLACE**

Let's build a bridge together



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

"All men who have achieved great things have been great dreamers."
- Orison Swett Marden

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
April 30, 2011

Count	Member Type
4	Industry
14	Professional
2	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 March 2011 "CSI Monthly Leader":

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



January: 79.9%

February: 79.8%

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?

"Let us train our minds to desire what the situation demands."

- Seneca



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

Vice President:
Jan E. O'Brien, CSI, Architect

Secretary/Treasurer:
Ryan Russell, CSI, CDT, AIA-A

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Director - Industry:
Dave Kauffman, CSI

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Jan E. O'Brien, CSI, Architect

Membership Chairman:
Gary Simonich, CSI, CDT, PE

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**CSI NW Region
Contacts**

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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?



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.

A View From the B.U.S.*

*Burr Under the Saddle



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

"Springtime"

Springtime in Montana is a period of renewal and growth. After a long, cold, snowy winter, warmer temperatures are a great relief and the splash of colors from emerging flowers and budding trees refreshes our inner being.

Springtime also draws us closer to the end of another fiscal year in the CSI Big Sky Chapter. And like nature around us, it offers us another year to experience renewal and growth. New member prospects, potential group affiliates, and other opportunities are growing around us and, just like the flowers and trees, with a little nurturing and effort we can reap the rewards.

When we all work together, the task is lighter and the results can be enjoyed by everyone.

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