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the Built Environment

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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
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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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BIG SKY CHAPTER TO START EDUCATION PROGRAM

“Why are we learning about concrete? It’s an old material. We need to know more about the new products out there!”

That quote from a student was enough for the Big Sky Chapter board to put the wheels in motion for starting a monthly education program in conjunction with the MSU School of Architecture and individuals in the construction industry. The programs will provide a teaching/instruction segment and a “hands-on” segment. Students will be given incentives to attend. However, we are not limiting the program to just students. As we develop the program, we will provide the opportunity for professionals in the construction industry to receive AIA and CSI continuing education credits. General topics being considered include: roofing, glazing, sheet metal, concrete, and envelope design. Plans are to hold the first educational program on Thursday evening, October 6, 2011.

The Big Sky Chapter started a student affiliate group several years ago; however it never got going like it should have. The education program we are starting up will provide a means for students to join CSI and receive the benefits from their membership, including networking, educational opportunities, and finding a job.

If you would like to assist in the development of this educational program, present a program, or attend the programs, please contact Tom McNab, CSI, AIA or Jan O’Brien, CSI.

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.

“It is a mistake to try to look too far ahead. The chain of destiny can only be grasped one link at a time.”
- **Winston Churchill**

The President's Specs



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

UNUS PRO OMNIBUS, OMNES PRO UNO

Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno is a Latin phrase that means "One for all, all for one" in English. It is known as being the motto of the Three Musketeers.

If you were to go to the CSI website, a portion of what you could read about the organization includes the following information:

CSI is a national association of more than 13,000 volunteers, including specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors, facility managers, product representatives, manufacturers, owners and others who are experts in building construction and the materials used therein. They are dedicated to improving the communication of construction information through:

- A diversified membership base of allied professionals involved in the creation and management of the built environment.
- Continuous development and transformation of standards and formats.
- Education and certification of professionals to improve project delivery processes.
- Creation of practice tools to assist users throughout the facility life-cycle.

140+ CSI Chapters: CSI chapters across the country do more than provide networking – expect high-quality education programs and events that help members share real-world solutions and better understand the roles and responsibilities of each member of the construction team.

Words in those paragraphs that jump out at the reader include: “volunteers”, “dedicated to improving”, “diversified membership”, “involved”, “more than”, “share”, and “team”. However, the words that not only jump out, but cause one to pause and take a closer examination are: “expect”, and “help members”. The Big Sky Chapter is number 146 in that last paragraph above. In order to provide you (the member) what you seek from your membership, we need your help to provide for the membership.

In November our chapter will observe its 5th year of existence. We started out with many plans, but so far, only a few of them have taken root. We are currently in the process of setting up some educational programs through MSU School of Architecture that will start in October. Plans are to present the programs not only to students, but also to those in the professional and industry fields. Through these programs, we are looking to increase our chapter membership.

We, as members of CSI and the Big Sky Chapter need to adopt that motto of the three musketeers: “Unus pro omnibus, omnes pro uno”.



2012 Northwest Region Conference

May 17 - 19, 2012

Hosted by the Mt. Rainier Chapter
Tacoma, Washington

“Do more than belong: participate. Do more than care: help. Do more than believe: practice. Do more than be fair: be kind. Do more than forgive: forget. Do more than dream: work.”

- **William Arthur Ward**

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 FY2012 Membership Challenge

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

FY2012 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?

CSI 50-50 MEMBER RECRUITMENT PROGRAM RETURNS

CSI's 50-50 Recruitment Program has returned. It is a chapter-based new member recruitment opportunity in which CSI works with chapters to obtain and retain new members. New members are offered 50% off of Institute dues as well as 50% off of the host chapter's dues. Big Sky Chapter will be looking into this program to see when we should consider implementing it into our membership drive.

"Do you know the difference between education and experience? Education is when you read the fine print; experience is what you get when you don't."

- Pete Seeger

Big Sky Chapter Membership Status

Big Sky Chapter Membership Numbers August 1, 2011

Count	Member Type
18	Members
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

On June 30, 2011, CSI had 11,956 members. The retention rate was close to 80%. The goal for this fiscal year is 85% by July 2012.



May:	79.84%
June:	79.85%

Have you renewed your membership?



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

Registration for CONSTRUCT2011 & The CSI Annual Convention is open. If any Big Sky Chapter members are planning to attend the Convention this year, please contact the *perSPECtive* newsletter editor.

Big Sky Chapter of CSI
What do you want out of it...what are you willing to put into it?



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 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 *did* you use your CSI Membership in 2011?



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.

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

A View From the B.U.S.*

*Burr Under the Saddle



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

Lifestyle Changes . . . A Good Dose of Reality

As I sit at my computer writing this *View from the B.U.S.*, my mind is more focused upon my wife who was in a local hospital recuperating from a "small" stroke. I highlight the word small because in the world of strokes, there really isn't anything small about them. At the very least, they require a lifestyle change for the better. Fortunately my wife has not suffered any long-lasting debilitating effects from her stroke and will be one of the lucky ones that walk out of the hospital. It sometimes takes an event like this to force a person to pause and give a closer examination of what is really important in their lives.

Lifestyle changes are meant to improve one's life, whether it is in health, wealth, business, or pleasure. It requires a committed effort to modify one's life in a way that not only makes us feel better, but also those we come in contact with. And by helping others, we help ourselves. It isn't easy, but it isn't hard. It only takes making that first step for someone to move forward. Yes, lifestyle changes can be a little difficult at first, but they are always meant for the better.

And my wife . . . she was able to come home last Monday!

CSI Big Sky Chapter Treasurer's Report

Date	July 2011
Checking Account Balance	\$ 100.00
Savings Account Balance	\$2192.00
Total	\$2292.00
Deposits (Previous Month)	\$ 120
Disbursements (Previous Month)	\$ 58

**Membership is not
a spectator sport**

Move from the bench into the game!