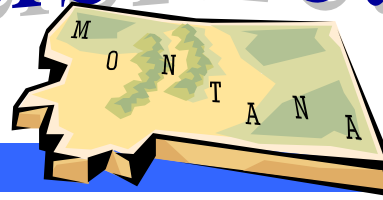




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CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Board Meetings:

Date:
3rd Thursday of the calendar
month

Time: 12:00 – 1:00 pm

Location:
CTA Architects conference
room; Billings, Montana (unless
notified otherwise)

Contact:
Bob Jones, CSI 406-896-6170

Quarterly Chapter Meetings:

Date:
4th Tuesday of the month
January, April, July & October
Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location:
Bozeman, MT (location to be
determined)

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2008 CSI Northwest Region Conference - Seattle

TOMORROW'S YESTERDAYS Learning from the past to build the future

CSI Northwest Region Conference

September 25-27, 2008

Mayflower Park Hotel

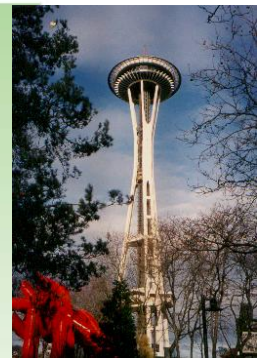
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WE LOOK BACK AND SEE THE WORK of our forebears. What did they see before them? What was their vision of the future? Did they imagine our world, or something very different?

HOW CLOSE WILL OUR VISIONS AND PLANS be to the realities of construction in 2058? Our descendants may look back at us and our visions with a wry smile.

CONTRACTORS, DESIGN PROFESSIONALS, PRODUCT SUPPLIERS AND OWNERS are being drawn closer together by ever-tighter budgets and time constraints, yet our reach lies far beyond the local. The products, projects and team members involved in building projects today encompass the world.

The Puget Sound Chapter invites all CSI members to the next Northwest Region Conference, celebrating our chapter's 50th year and the ever-closer ties among the art, science and craft of building.



Seattle's Space Needle is just one of many places to visit during the Northwest Region Conference in September 2008

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"In any moment of decision the best thing you can do is the right thing, the next best thing is the wrong thing, and the worst thing you can do is nothing."

--Theodore Roosevelt

2008 CSI Northwest Region Conference - AGENDA



Mayflower Park Hotel

Thursday, September 25

Welcome Reception 7:00-9:00 pm

Friday, September 26

Breakfast Buffet 7:30 am

Opening Keynote Address 8:00-9:00 am *Past CSI President Phillip L. McDade, VCSI, CCS, FASLA*

- **Sealants I: Quality Assurance Through Specifying Single Source Applicator Responsibility**
9:30-10:45 am *Wayne Belcher, United Professional Caulking & Restoration, Inc.*
- **Sheet Metal I: Flashing and Sheet Metal Design, and Quality Assurance**
9:30-10:45 am *Kenny Bransom, Roberge General Manager McKinstry*
- **Sealants II: Often Difficult and Misapplied Joint Sealant Applications and Causes for Joint Failures**
11:15 am - 12:45 pm *Dave Kimball, Dow Corning*
- **Sheet Metal II: From CAD to CAM: The Making of Sophisticated Sheet Metal Fabrications**
11:15 am - 12:45 pm *Greg Haney, Detailing Manager, MacDonald-Miller*

Networking Lunch 12:45-1:45 pm

- **Personal Leadership**
2:15-4:30 pm *Past CSI President Phillip L. McDade, VCSI, CCS, FASLA*
- **Architectural and Industrial Coatings: Surviving Upcoming Regulatory Requirements**
2:15-4:30 pm *Jenny Senner & Torin Mowbray, Architectural Representatives, Themec NW*

Reception 4:30-6:30 pm

Saturday, September 27

Breakfast Buffet 7:30-9:15 am

- **Art Deco Tour: The Roaring 20s, Northwest Style in Seattle. Discover the Future with a Look at the Past**
8:00-10:00 am *The Architectural Foundation*
- **Masonry I: Specifying and Detailing Masonry Wall Systems**
9:30-10:45am *Mark Holmes, Regional Manager, I-XL Masonry Supplies, Inc.*
- **The BIM Paradigm Shift: Technology, Products, and Processes and Future for Construction Specifications**
9:30-10:45am *Chris Hubbarb, AIA, Principal Architect, President, Quarry Group*
- **Masonry II: Facade Restoration - Rehabilitating Unstable Veneers**
11:15 am - 12:30 pm *Stephen Franks, Block-Lok Limited*
- **Microsoft Word: Tips and Tricks for the Intermediate User**
11:15 am - 12:30 pm *Beth Strohane, CSI, CCS, Specifier, NBB* 11:15 am - 12:30 pm

Lunch and Institute Update *Walt Marlowe* 12:45-1:45 pm

- **Firestopping Systems: New Testing, Code Requirements, Inspection, and Means for Effective Compartmentation**
2:15-3:30 pm *Bill McHugh, Executive Director, Firestop Contractors International Association*
- **Risk and the Construction Industry**
2:15-3:30 pm *David K. Eckberg, Attorney, Skellenger Bender, P.S.*

Awards Banquet 7:00-10:00 pm

Sunday, September 28

- **Region Business Meeting** – Morning (time to be determined)

Big Sky Chapter is a Registered CSI CEN Provider

Big Sky Chapter members now have another incentive to attend chapter meetings . . . continuing education credits!

On September 24, 2007, the Big Sky Chapter received a letter of approval from Jeff Iwankow, Chief Operations Executive for CSI's Construction Education Network, indicating that our application had been approved. The CSI CEN program sets the industry standards for continuing education programs, based on International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) criteria. CSI CEU's and HSW continuing education credits are accepted by licensing, certification, and accreditation agencies.

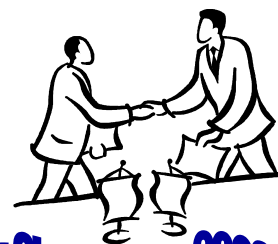


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CSI Member Referral Program:

Spread the wealth and invite more people to enjoy the benefits of being a CSI member! Between **July 1, 2008** and **April 30, 2009** CSI members who refer new members will be entered in a sweepstakes drawing. The **prize is a one-year, CSI national membership** (chapter membership dues not included) -- a \$220 value! Make sure the members you recruit put your member number in the appropriate space when completing CSI's online or paper application forms. For each new member you recruit, you'll get one sweepstakes entry. The more you bring in, the more chances to win!

Membership is *not* a spectator sport!



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 will then go to the Membership page and choose "Modify your Profile" from the box in the bottom left corner of the page.

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

Big Sky Chapter

Membership Award Levels:

- 1+ new member - Free dinner at Chapter Meeting (\$20 value)
- 5+ new members - Chapter Dues paid for 1 year (\$40 value)

NEW CHAPTER MEMBER COUNT |

2010 CSI Northwest Region Conference - West Yellowstone

The Big Sky Chapter and the Idaho Chapter have agreed to co-host the 2010 CSI Northwest Region Conference on September 23-26, 2010. The groundwork is already underway to host the conference at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in West Yellowstone, Montana. The Conference agenda includes a tour of Yellowstone National Park; optional river rafting and golf; and numerous educational opportunities.

We need volunteers on several committees to help in making this a great event for all in attendance. Contact any of the Chapter Officers for listing of committees.



Old Faithful Geyser
Yellowstone National
Park

Big Sky Chapter of CSI

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

CONSTRUCT2009 and the CSI Convention, scheduled for June 17-19, 2009 at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana



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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:

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CSI Membership Committee Notes

Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

The CSI Executive Committee has recently approved an additional charge (task) for the FY2009 Membership Committee (MemComm) to undertake. The additional charge is to develop a CSI Chapter and Region Leadership training system to be incorporated into CONSTRUCT 2009 and the CSI Show in Indianapolis. The three-hour CSI Chapter President and President-Elect seminar will be chapter management focused. Topics covered during the seminar will focus on proven chapter management skills to help ensure successes in increasing value in chapter membership, membership growth, and engagement of the chapter in local construction industry interests. Topics covered will include: The Role of Chapter President in CSI's Strategic Plan; Near-term and Long-term Chapter Planning; Setting Realistic Chapter Goals and Objectives; Team Building and Development of Future Chapter Leaders; Fund Raising-Accounting and the Fiduciary Responsibilities of Chapter Officials; Assessment of Chapter Membership Needs and Increasing the Value of Chapter Membership; etc.

More about this seminar in future newsletters as the details get worked out.



Champions aren't made in the gyms. Champions are made from something they have deep inside them -- a desire, a dream, a vision."

--Muhammad Ali, boxing legend

(From CSI**NewsBrief**, August 2008)



A View From the B.U.S.

Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

"It's not what you know, but who you know." "It's not what you know, but who you get to know." "It's not what you know, it's who!" These are all variations of a quote I recently searched in preparation for writing this *View From the B.U.S.* The underlying theme is that we all know someone; and we

all know someone that should be a CSI member!

The FY2009 3% net new membership goal for Big Sky Chapter is **"ONE"**. When Big Sky Chapter was chartered in November 2006, we had 29 members. As of the date this *View* was

written, we stood at 21. Let's work together and shock "CSI-land" with the best new member recruitment of all 146 chapters. Go back and re-read the middle of page 3 in this newsletter. Those are some pretty nice incentives to go out and talk to someone you already know!

The President's Specs



Bob Jones, CSI, CDT, PE

My task of taking the reigns and moving forward as President of the Big Sky Chapter was temporarily disrupted in the past few months due to some unexpected "heart issues". After a few months of testing, scanning, head scratching and "what the heck's"; I find myself still above grade (and happy to be here). I want to thank Jan O'Brien (B.U.S), Mary Case, Ryan Russell, Bob Simmons and others for juggling their own busy schedules and keeping the Chapter moving ahead while I was incommunicado. I have been a member of CSI for many

years and received many professional benefits. What I didn't realize until recently was one of best parts of being a member of any organization is the opportunity to meet and become friends with folks that I may have otherwise only known in passing. Thanks to all.....

Jumping in now with both feet, The Chapter Board recently met and we discussed how we might spark some interest from our current membership and attract others to join our group. The Big Sky Chapter is currently a small group spread over a large

geographic area. As such, I think we face membership challenges that other CSI chapters do not. One of the most important things the Chapter can do is organize and provide education, programs, or networking that is simple to access, valuable attend and easy to use. If we do that, the membership will grow. We'll be moving forward with these initiatives in the coming months. Drop me an email when you get the chance and let me know what you think would make a Big Sky Chapter Membership worth the investment of your time.