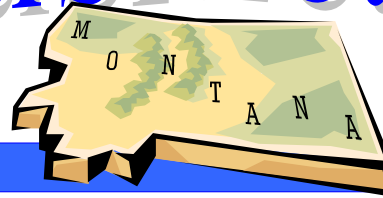




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CHAPTER EVENTS

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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FY2010 STRATEGIC PLAN

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"It is better to have a goal and miss it, then not to have a goal...and hit it!"

1 YEAR PLAN (July 2010)

1 Year Goal (July 1, 2009 – June 30, 2010)

- Increase Chapter membership by 10% (2 new members)
 - Incentives:
 - CSI Institute (Refer to Institute website)
 - Big Sky Chapter Rewards:
 - 1+ new member - Free dinner (\$25 value)
 - 5+ new members - Chapter Dues paid for 1 year (\$40 value)
 - 10+ new members - CSI Institute Dues paid for 1 year (\$240 maximum value)
- Increase membership participation (Get passionate about the Big Sky Chapter)
- Promote and Use the Big Sky Chapter CEN (Construction Education Network) Program
 - Develop a Chapter Meeting Program Schedule
 - Set up Chapter "GoTo Meeting" Account
 - Four (4) membership meetings per year
 - Promote Continuing Education Credits (CEU's)
 - Begin CDT training classes
- Become an AIA/CES Provider
- Expand Big Sky Chapter Website into a more powerful chapter membership tool
- Co-Host the CSI Northwest Region Conference in 2010 with Idaho Chapter

5 YEAR PLAN (July 2014)

Increase Chapter Membership Statewide

- Sponsor two (2) new CSI Chapters within Montana
- Establish monthly Chapter meetings/programs
- Establish one (1) new Student Affiliate Group in Montana

Develop Big Sky Chapter Website

- Purchase Big Sky Chapter website from MemberPipeline
 - Add internet-based meeting program (similar to "WebEx) and include video cameras

Big Sky Chapter of CSI

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

2009 CSI Northwest Region Conference - Seward, Alaska

Cook Inlet Chapter

The Cook Inlet Chapter of CSI is proud to announce the Pacific Northwest Region Conference For Construction Specifications Institute. Please come join us to learn all about our majestic State of Alaska as we enjoy the wilderness and travel through our great State viewing our fall colors September 10 through the 12, 2009.



For golf enthusiasts, we will host a golf tournament on Wednesday September 9. Anchorage Golf Course located on the south end of Anchorage and offer scenic views of the Chugach Mountains. This is an 18-hole course with a par 72. It offers a golf shop, separate driving ranges, private instruction and an on-site restaurant and cocktail lounge. This is the premier choice for Anchorage golfers. Club rentals are available.

The Conference begins early Thursday morning by visiting the Alaska Native Heritage Center. There we will have an interesting presentation about Alaska Native Lands and People. We will learn about their very diverse climates, customs and cultures and view displays of their native home and building techniques.



We will then board a bus and travel to our Conference Center at the Windsong Lodge in Seward, Alaska. This bus ride will drive us down the Seward Highway, designated a "National Forest Scenic Byways" and a "All-American Road". It follows along Turnagain Arm, travels over Turnagain Pass at 988 feet, and through the gorgeous Chugach Mountains before reaching Seward on Resurrection Bay. The charming Windsong Lodge is set in a wooded rural area near Exit Glacier and offers a lodge feeling.

The conference theme is **Alaska – Its People and Its Place**. We'll have an Alaska Track that will discuss Alaska's unique geology, Arctic Engineering 101, building in rural Alaska, building on permafrost, what it took to build the oil pipeline, what it will take to build a gas pipeline, the effects of wind and snow in Arctic design, and LEED buildings in Alaska.



As part of the Conference, we will enjoy a narrated picturesque boat cruise on Resurrection Bay and dine on fresh grilled salmon on Fox Island. We'll see playful Sea Otters, breaching Humpback Whales, Tufted Puffins, Horned Puffins, and with luck, Steller Sea Lions. We will provide bus transportation from Seward back to Anchorage on Sunday afternoon September 13.



The Professional Development Track will include presentations on various CSI Leadership sessions, Consensus Docs versus AIA Docs, and Building Information Modeling (BIM). Feature Presentations will address the 1964 Earthquake and the history of Anchorage's urban Architecture.

Bring your spouse. Activities for them will include time at the following:



- Alaska Sealife Center
- A dogsled ride with Iditarod Musher Mitch Seavy
- An easy interpretive walking tour back to Exit Glacier
- And a day just enjoying Seward Alaska.

Click this link for more information: [2009 Convention Schedule](#)

Big Sky Chapter is a Registered CSI CEN Provider

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

In September 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. [Click here for the CEN Brochure](#)



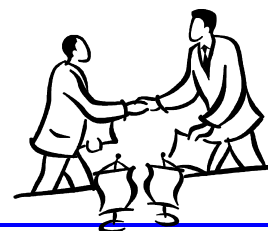
[Find a CSI Chapter](#)

CSI Member Referral Program:

With a new Fiscal Year underway, Institute and the Northwest Region will have new incentive plans for members to enlist new members. As soon as details are known, information will be provided to all members.

Membership is **not a spectator sport!**

www.csinet.org/joincsi



Big Sky Chapter FY2010 Membership Challenge

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

FY2010 MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Sign up 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.

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 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!

2010 CSI Northwest Region Conference - West Yellowstone

The Big Sky Chapter and the Idaho Chapter will 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. Go to the Big Sky Chapter website and click the connection for more details.

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



Old Faithful Geyser
Yellowstone National
Park

"Arriving at one goal is the starting point to another."

-John Dewey, American philosopher and educator



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/q9chif>

Deadline is 25th of the month

We're on the Web!

<http://csibigsky.org>



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CSI Membership Committee Notes

Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

The FY2010 Membership Committee meet in Dallas, Texas in July for "face-to-face" meetings to plan out the coming year and make preparations for next year's President / President-elect Seminar.

The Committee members are Dennis R. Hall, CSI, CCCA (Chair); Fred Burr, CSI; Edward M. Healy, FCSI, Member Emeritus, CDT; Jan E. O'Brien, CSI; Janet J. Piccola, FCSI; Harold S. Woolard, FCSI; Mitch A. Miller, CSI, CCS, AIA (EXCOM); and Jennifer Zimmermann (staff liaison).

The focus of CSI and the Membership Committee this year will be on membership recruitment and member retention.



"Most folks are about as happy as they make up their minds to be."

-Abraham Lincoln

A View From the B.U.S.*

*Burr Under the Saddle



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

CONVENTION DRAWS 3,000 ROCK COLLECTORS

The Billings Gem and Mineral Club recently hosted the first national convention of the American Federation of Mineralogical Societies during the Earth and Sky Treasure Show in Billings, Montana. The four-day convention brought more than 3,000 rock collectors and 200 exhibits to the event, which organizers expected to attract about 5,000 visitors. Wow!

Imagine if we, as CSI members, exhibited the same passion about the construction industry as rock collectors do about rocks. Would we be out participating in CSI events and promoting the benefits of CSI membership to others in the construction industry? Just as two cut geodes are not the same, no two CSI members are the same. It is the diversity of our membership that draws us together. As members of CSI, we should be out searching for, and signing up that "diamond-in-the-rough"!

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



The President's Specs



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

For the Good of the Order

The 2009 Northwest Region Conference in Seward, Alaska is just around the proverbial corner. I had plans to attend the Conference and spend some time visiting with family and friends. However, we are oft-times faced with making decisions "for the good of the order" rather than for personal gain, and the decision has been reached to forego this year's events.

We are approaching the 3rd anniversary of the creation of the Big Sky Chapter. For the good of the order, we need members to step up and help get our chapter moving in the right direction.



Alaskan Brown Bear
2009 photo by Jan O'Brien

FY2010 CSI Membership Form