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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)

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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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2010 CSI Northwest Region Conference - West Yellowstone

Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

The "Yellowstone Countdown" has reached "0". This means that the 2010 CSI Northwest Region Conference is now just days away. For almost 2 years, the Big Sky and the Idaho Chapters have been making plans for the Conference to be held in West Yellowstone, Montana on September 23-26 at the Holiday Inn. As co-chairman, I am looking forward to seeing you there for a great conference!

YELLOWSTONE COUNTDOWN



September 2010



NPS Photo (1958)

EARTH, WIND AND FIRE...
GETTING BACK TO NATURE
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE
NORTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE
West Yellowstone, Montana September 23 - 26, 2010
www.nwregioncsi.org



"When things go wrong as they sometimes will, When the road you're trudging seems all up hill, When the funds are low and the debts are high, And you want to smile, but you have to sigh, When care is pressing you down a bit, Rest if you must, but don't you quit. Life is queer with its twists and turns, As every one of us sometimes learns, And many a failure turns about, When he might have won had he stuck it out. Don't give up though the pace seems slow--You may succeed with another blow, Success is failure turned inside out--The silver tint of the clouds of doubt, And you never can tell how close you are, It may be near when it seems so far; So stick to the fight when you're hardest hit--It's when things seem worst that you must not quit."

- Unknown

2010 CSI Northwest Region Conference - West Yellowstone

Conference Speakers and Topics

Keynote Speaker: Mark Levin, CAE ,CSP

Mark's topic is "Getting Back to Nature: Leadership by Fire (and Earth and Wind). Many members feel that they'll be forced to endure a "baptism by fire" when they take on a leadership position in their CSI Chapter or Region. To avoid being overwhelmed, leaders need to keep "grounded" (i.e. earth) in the basics of effective leadership while still striving to help their Chapter soar (i.e. wind) to new heights. This session will help focus on how to be successful now and how to lay the groundwork for future leaders. Attendees will leave with dozens of ideas of leading their Chapters and helping those Chapters grow.

Walt Marlowe, Executive Director CEO, P.E., CSI, CAE Update on Institute

Mr. Marlowe joined the Construction Specifications Institute in January 2007 as its Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer. In this role he leads and manages the Institute's \$5M operations and 30 staff in accordance with policies and goals established by the BSI Board of Directors. Mr. Marlowe is responsible for managing the development of the Institute's strategic plan, annual business plans and budgets and ensuring their effective execution. Further responsibilities include: leading and developing a strong, results-oriented management team focused on achieving the organization's goals and objectives and delivering high quality services, programs, and educational offerings to the membership,

SusanEvans

Susan Evans founded Social Essence – Idaho's School of Etiquette, Leadership, and Image Development in 2003. She is certified by The American School of Protocol®, Etiquette Survival® and is a member of the Association of Image Consultants International. Ms. Evans also has an extensive marketing communications background in brand management with an emphasis on identity development. This area of concentration affectively develops the core "essence" of what a product, person or service is, and stands for.

Rocky Barker, Environmental Writer for the Idaho Statesman in Boise.

Rocky's columns have been syndicated in newspapers across the nation. In 1999, the National Wildlife Federation awarded him with its National Conservation Achievement Award. Rocky's books include Saving All the Parts: Reconciling Economics and the Endangered Species Act as well as Scorched Earth – How the Fires of Yellowstone Changed America.

Lee Tedesco, Manager, Seismic Systems," Seismic Solutions"

Lee works for USG Corporation and is accountable for USG's seismic system portfolio development and testing, building code compliance, competitive positioning, go-to-market strategy and implementation.

Maria Spinu, Ph.D., LEED AP, Green and Energy Efficiency

Maria received a Ph.D. Degree in Polymer Science and Engineering from Virginia Tech. Maria joined DuPont Central Research & Development in Wilmington, Delaware in 1990 where she worked as a Research Chemist (1990-1995) and Research Manager (1995-2000). In 2000 she joined DuPont Building Innovations where she currently leads Building Science and Sustainability initiatives.



Orville Daniels, Ret Lolo National Forest Supervisor, "Canyon Creek Fire, Montana in 1988"

Since retirement from the Forest Service, Orville has enjoyed a full array of personal pursuits as well as maintaining a connection in the world of natural resource management. He has been a trainer and consultant for the Forest Service, Park Service, BLM and a variety of private organizations dealing with strategic planning and leadership issues. He has been an adjunct professor of forest and strategic planning at the University of Montana and serves on a variety of non-profit boards including Missoula Children's Theater, Montana Community Foundation and others.

Robert Barbee, Ret. Yellowstone Superintendent, Appropriate Management Response

Robert was educated at Colorado State University receiving a BS in Zoology and an MS in Natural Resource Management (Sponsored by the National Park Service). Robert retired to Bozeman, Montana in 2001.

Doug Dockter, Idaho Power, (power grid system)

A Montana native, Doug received his Electrical Engineering degree from Montana State University in 1990. In 1998 Doug joined Idaho Power Company and accepted his current position in April, 2008 as the 500 kV Engineering Project Leader, responsible for supervising three Project Leaders and managing the Delivery Projects side of Idaho Power's 500 kV projects.

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

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](#)

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?

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

Click this link: [Join CSI](#)

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
August 2010

Count	Member Type
10	Industry
9	Professional
2	Student
21	TOTAL

Who Are We?

Without a little background information, numbers are just numbers. Looking at the Big Sky Chapter Membership Numbers, one can see that a majority of our membership is in the Industry classification. However, the CSI LeadersReport gives a much better understanding of these numbers. Seven of our members have "home chapter" memberships outside of Montana. While this helps the bottom line financially, does it help us put on monthly meetings; develop our student affiliate chapter; or promote training / education programs such as the CDT examination?

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.

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?

"You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a new dream."

- Les Brown



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 President's Specs



Robert W. Simmons, FCSI, CCPR

**Membership involvement, growth and retention goals
for the new CSI year 2010 – 2011**

The new CSI membership plans are being finalized at this time. Membership goals that each of us should strive to meet are as follows:

Our membership goal for growth in our chapters is ten percent (10%) minimum with each chapter's retention rate goal set at eight-five percent (85%). Both of these goals are attainable, whether the chapter is large or small. Our growth and retention rates last year showed that this can be accomplished.

Membership is the life of any organization. We are asking you, our membership, to take an active role in a membership recruitment process for new CSI members, nonaffiliated members and renewals of existing members.

In this new CSI year, membership growth and retention of our membership will be a priority focus, let's work together to bring our membership up to meet the challenges of this year's goals.

Let's enjoy our CSI experience in FY 2011. Let's get involved with recruiting a new member, bring a nonaffiliated member into chapter membership or help in membership renewals. Let's make the New CSI year the best.

**"The most important thing about motivation is goal setting. You should always have a goal."
- Francie Larrieu Smith**

A View From the B.U.S.*

**Burr Under the Saddle*



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

"Windshield Time"

My wife and I just recently completed a road-trip from Billings, Montana to San Antonio, Texas to visit family and friends. According to the website "MapsOnUs.com", the shortest one-way route is 1,502 miles. That adds up to a lot of windshield time. In contrast, the same website indicates that the shortest round-trip route between Baker, Montana and Libby, Montana to be 1,418 miles.

If the weather is good and the time is available, driving across Montana can be an enjoyable, educational journey. However, as an organization trying to hold meetings on a regular basis, it hasn't worked out as well as envisioned. It becomes impractical to expect members to travel 2-3 hours one-way to attend a one hour meeting . . . especially in winter weather.

That is why we need to enlist more members across the state; to create group affiliates (and new chapters); and establish a two-way audio/visual communications system for all of our members to participate together in CSI meetings and events on a frequent schedule.

Lets consider putting in some "windshield time" to make the Big Sky Chapter more profitable for all of our members.

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



The Alamo, San Antonio, Texas

Sign up a new member!

Click this link –

CSI Membership Enrollment
Form (PDF)

CSI Big Sky Chapter Treasurer's Report

Date	September 2010
Checking Account Balance	\$ 100
Savings Account Balance	\$1900
Total	\$2000
Deposits (Previous Month)	\$ 0
Disbursements (Previous Month)	\$ 40