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BIG SKY CHAPTER NEWS



Happy Birthday
Big Sky Chapter #146

2008 CSI ELECTIONS



(CSInet) In February 2008, all CSI members will receive a ballot asking them to vote for their choice for the FY09 Board, which takes office July 1, 2008.

This year, voters have the option of voting online or by mail. Use only one of these methods. If multiple votes are received, only the online vote will be counted. All online votes and mailed ballots must be received at Intelliscan by noon, March 7, 2008.

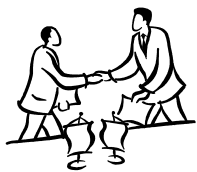
- Voting online: Information and a link to the voting site will be posted here when the election opens in February. Voters will need their member and ballot control numbers, which are listed above their name and address on their election ballot.
- Paper ballots: Using a #2 pencil or black pen, completely fill in the oval (O) to the left of the selected bylaw or candidate(s). A return ballot envelope is enclosed.

Each section will be counted as an individual ballot for purposes of determining results. Failure to vote on a question or a candidate will NOT invalidate a ballot.

CSI has posted information about the candidates and has opened a forum on the election at CSInet.org. Members are encouraged to post questions for candidates there, as well as to discuss the recommendations the Board has placed on the ballot.

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Big Sky Chapter elections will also be coming up this Spring. If you are interested in running for a Chapter Office, please contact us.



2007-2008
CSI Membership Challenge

• 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)
- 10+ new members - CSI Institute Dues paid for 1 year

NEW CHAPTER MEMBER COUNT

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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 If any of your contact information is out of date, please go to the CSI website at CSInet.org and log in using the information provided on your membership card.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!



Montana Roofing Contractors Association

20th Annual MRCA Convention & Trade Show

January 23 – 25, 2008
Fairmont Hot Springs, Montana

The Big Sky Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute is working in conjunction with the Montana Roofing Contractor's Association to bring Montana architects a continuing education opportunity from the National Roofing Contractor's Association (NRCA). James Kirby, AIA, NRCA Associate Executive Director of Technical Communications, will be presenting two seminars at the MRCA Convention on Thursday morning, January 24, 2008.

9:45 – 10:45 **NRCA's EnergyWise Online**

This online tool is free and allows roofing professionals to construct virtual roof assemblies to evaluate thermal efficiency and estimate energy costs. It also contains minimum thermal insulation requirements established by ASHRAE Standard 90.1-1999.

11:00 – 12:00 **NRCA's Green Roofing Manual**

The NRCA Green Roof Systems Manual 2007 provides in-depth technical information regarding the design and installation of quality green roof systems. The focus of the manual is waterproofing aspects of green roof systems.

The NRCA is offering AIA/CES Continuing Education credits to AIA members in attendance.

NOTE: THERE IS NO COST FOR REGISTRATION

Registration includes admission to the Trade Show; Seminars; and Meals & Banquet.

Click on this link to open a registration form: [MRCA Registration Form](#)

CSI NORTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE
September 2008 - Seattle, Washington

Big Sky Chapter to host 2011 Conference

We are giving thought to co-hosting this conference with Idaho Chapter. Discussion has already started between our chapters.

Photos from the 2007 CSI Show in Baltimore are currently posted on the CSI Institute website:

[2007 CSI Show Photographs](#)

CONSTRUCT2008 is just around the corner. For more information, click on this link: [CONSTRUCT2008](#)

**CSI CERTIFICATE AND
CERTIFICATION PROGRAM**

2008 National Exam Dates:

CDT - March 29 - April 5, 2008, at 400+ testing locations throughout the U.S.

CCS, CCCA, CCPR - April 5, 2008

Click on this link to go to the CSI website for more information.

[REGISTER NOW FOR THE CDT EXAM](#)

SIDEBAR ARTICLES

SPECIAL EVENT

MONTANA ROOFING CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONVENTION & TRADE SHOW.

PLACE: FAIRMONT HOT SPRINGS, MONTANA

JANUARY 23 - 25, 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

MEETING IN THE MOUNTAINS 2008

MARCH 28, 2008 IN RED LODGE, MONTANA

2008 NORTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER - SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 2008

CHECK REGION WEBSITE: WWW.CSINWR.ORG FOR UPDATES

CHAPTER EVENTS:

Big Sky Chapter Board Meetings:

Date: 3rd Thursday of the calendar month

Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm

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

Quarterly Chapter Meetings:

Date: 4th Tuesday of the month January, April, July & October

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: Bozeman, MT (Price and location to be determined)

Next Chapter Program:

Montana Roofing Contractor's Association Convention

Location: Fairmont Hot Springs Resort, Montana

Date: January 24, 2008

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm (tentative)

Registration: Go to the MRCA website:

[MRCA Convention](http://www.mrca.com)

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>

Big Sky Chapter Contacts and Documents

[Find a CSI Chapter](#)

BIG SKY CHAPTER BECOMES 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.



The Big Sky Chapter joins the following CSI Chapters currently listed as having become a CEN provider: Palm Beach Chapter, Capital Chapter (125), Baltimore Chapter, Milwaukee Chapter, Housatonic Chapter (110), Central Virginia Chapter, Pensacola Chapter, Los Angeles Chapter, Mt. Rainier Chapter, Tampa Bay Chapter, Akron Canton Chapter, Little Rock Chapter, Columbus Ohio Chapter, East Bay Oakland Chapter, Nashville Chapter, Puget Sound Chapter, San Diego Chapter, Willamette Valley Chapter, Cleveland Chapter, Redwood Empire Chapter, Metro New York Chapter, and Greater Orlando Chapter.

The Big Sky Chapter meeting on October 23, 2007 provided members and guests the opportunity to register for continuing education credits, and with assistance from the CSI NW Region, we were also able to offer AIA continuing education credits. If you missed it . . . you also missed out.



YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK GRIZZLEY

Photo by Big Sky Chapter member Robert Jones, CSI

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

Message from the President

The President's Specs

By Jan E. O'Brien, CSI
Big Sky Chapter - President



HAPPY BIRTHDAY BIG SKY CHAPTER #146

HAPPY BIRTHDAY! The Big Sky Chapter has officially turned one year old. Recently, the chapter board met and voted to hold a birthday celebration in Billings, sometime in February 2008. As plans become more developed, members and guests will be sent an invitation to attend.

Over the past year, our chapter put out a monthly newsletter, created a website (www.csibigsky.org), established the groundwork for a CSI Student Affiliate Group at Montana State University, and became a CSI CEN Registered Provider. Lets share CSI with those we come in contact with, and encourage them to join. Together, we can help make CSI and the Big Sky Chapter play a larger role in the construction industry throughout the state and region.

Big Sky Chapter News

The Big Sky Chapter is just one component of the Construction Specifications Institute. As such, our mission is the same as CSI Institute . . . "Advance the process of creating and sustaining the built environment." We embrace the Core Values of CSI: Foster innovation and creative thinking; Honor and embrace our diversity; Encourage personal and professional growth; Make knowledge-based decisions; Strive for cooperative solutions; Promote stewardship of the environment; Promote and recognize individual and team excellence; Celebrate camaraderie; Keep promises, and trust others will do the same; and Value the needs of those we serve.

Chapter Meeting: The next Big Sky Chapter meeting will be held on Thursday, January 24, 2008 at Fairmont Hot Springs in conjunction with the Montana Roofing Contractor's Association. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Chapter Development: Monthly Chapter board meetings are held on the third (3rd) Thursday of every month during the noon hour in the conference room at CTA Architects, Billings, Montana (unless noted otherwise). If you have items of business that you would like the board to discuss, contact any of the officers or directors.

The next Chapter Board meeting is scheduled for February 19, in Billings. If you have items of business for the board to discuss, please contact any of the officers or directors.

The Big Sky Chapter website is on-line!! The website is updated monthly to help keep you informed of current and upcoming events in the Big Sky Chapter, NW Region and Institute levels. If you have news items that you would like included, please call, fax or email material(s) to us by the 6th day of each month.

Opportunities: There are several Chapter committees that could use your help! If you have a desire to serve on a committee that would better our chapter, please contact any chapter officer or director.

Move into the "Know Zone" and out of the "no zone"

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Continuing Education Websites

[BDC University](#) [AEC Daily](#)