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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  
406-587-9373

### 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

Contact:  
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Institute, the Big Sky  
Chapter, or the Editor.

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## THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

**The CSI Academies**, February 24-26, 2011 ♦ Join a CSI Practice Group ♦  
CSI’s Certification Exams ♦ **BIG SKY CHAPTER** ♦  
**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 will you use your CSI Membership in 2011?



## Upcoming Event



**2011 Northwest Region  
Conference**  
Eugene Hilton – Eugene, Oregon  
June 15-19, 2011  
Hosted by the Willamette Valley Chapter



## The President's Specs



Robert W. Simmons, FCSI, CCPR

### New “Practice Tools” for CSI members; CSI is working for your future



Dennis J. Hall, FCSI, FAIA, CSC, SCIP, stated in his November, 2010 message; “*The Construction Specifications Institute, (CSI) is a technical society, dedicated to improving the organization, management and communication of building information. Among our core values is the development of practice tools, which can be used by design/construction/facility management participants in the creation of high-performance buildings*”.

The Construction Specifications Institute announced November 1, 2010, that it had acquired Building Systems Design, BSD, a software developer specializing in electronic applications used by the construction industry. Its products include:

- SpecLink, a master guide specification system used by design firms to produce project specifications,
- CostLink, a cost estimating system used by contractors for project cost estimating,
- LinkMan, a product that links SpecLink with the Industry’s leading building information modeling (BIM) software,
- BSD Cost E, a new generation cost estimating product in development,
- PerSpective, a computer application used by facility owners in creating design/build proposals.

The Construction Specifications Institute has joined the Consensus Docs coalition with the goal of promoting CSI principles and best practices for the construction documentation and communication.

CSI also participates with the Engineers Joint Contract Document Committee (EJCDC) and endorses several of their construction documents.

CSI has re instituted the CSI Academies to be held February 24-26, 2011, in Dallas, Texas. The CSI Academies are intensive workshops aimed at delivering key Specifying, Product Representation, and Contract Administration knowledge to seasoned professionals.

Please go to the [Construction Specifications Institute web site](#), for more information about how CSI can work for you and your firm.

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## Opportunity Knocks

If “Opportunity” came knocking . . . would you open the door?

The Big Sky Chapter, as a member of the CSI Northwest Region, has a short-term opportunity for a member to get involved with, and we are looking for volunteers.

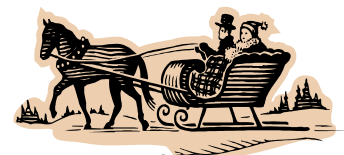


- **Region Membership Directory** – serve as the Big Sky Chapter “Point-of-Contact” to Christine Irwin and assist her in pulling together chapter member information for the upcoming 2011 Northwest Region Directory. Refer to the article at the top of page 4. Contact me at [jobrien@jgaarchitects.com](mailto:jobrien@jgaarchitects.com) if you are willing to open this door!




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**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](#)

### CSI Member Referral Program:

CSI has a new membership recruitment campaign under way, entitled "Every 1 Counts". It's a pretty simple plan!

Make **1** phone call

Send **1** email

Have **1** conversation

Click this link for more information:

[\*\*"Every-1-Counts"\*\*](#)

## 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?

### 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](http://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  
November 30, 2010

Count	Member Type
9	Industry
9	Professional
3	Student
21	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 Member Logo

In response to member requests for use of the CSI logo, the Institute Board approved a new CSI Member Logo and usage policy at its October 16, 2010 meeting. The Member Logo can be used by all CSI members in conjunction with their full name and member suffix. Members may not use the Logo to indicate or imply CSI endorsement of any skills, firm, or product. Download the logo at [www.csinet.org/logo](http://www.csinet.org/logo).



MEMBER

## CONSTRUCT2011 & The CSI Annual Convention



September 13-16, 2011 ♦ McCormick Place ♦ Chicago ♦ [www.constructshow.com](http://www.constructshow.com)

"Things which matter most should never be at the mercy of the things which matter least."

- Johann Von Goethe



**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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- Temporarily Vacant

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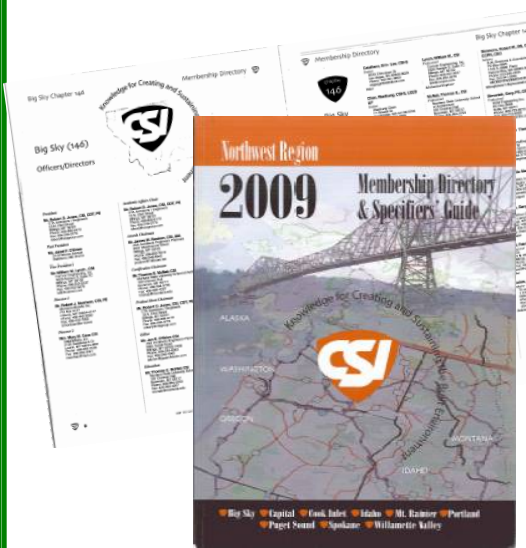
**Membership Chairman:**

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**CSI NW Region  
Contacts**



**Are You Up-To-Date?**

Is your current contact information correct on the CSI Institute website? Please take a moment to review your information and make sure that it reflects your current information. The Northwest Region CSI will be compiling the information for a new Region Directory that will be published spring 2011 and we don't want to leave anyone out. This directory has proven to be an invaluable tool in the past and is the go to resource for many people in the Region. It takes a while for the information to be updated on the Institute website, so we urge you to take a few minutes to review your information and make sure that it is correct.

Click this link to update: [CSInet.org](http://CSInet.org)

"A pessimist sees the difficulty in every opportunity; an optimist sees the opportunity in every difficulty."

- **Winston Churchill**

**A View From the B.U.S.\***

\*Burr Under the Saddle



Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

**"Holiday Greetings"**

Another year is rapidly coming to a close and a new year is just around the corner. Perhaps this past year has not been the best, with some valleys to cross and mountains to conquer. Yet in spite of the challenges, a new day arrived every morning and with it the possibilities for new opportunities.



Another constant is our CSI membership. With it, we have access to opportunities for continuing education; serving on committees that advance CSI (and ourselves); and networking with other members across Montana and throughout the CSI regions. If we don't use them, we don't lose them . . . we just don't enjoy the benefits. During this season of giving thanks; of fellowship with family and friends; and giving/sharing with others; consider starting out the new year by doing the same with CSI.

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

**Membership is not  
a spectator sport**

**Move from the bench into the game!**



**Sign up a new member!**

Click this link –

[2010-2011 CSI Membership  
Enrollment Form](#)

**CSI Big Sky Chapter Treasurer's Report**

Date	November 2010	
Checking Account Balance	.....	\$ 100.00
Savings Account Balance	.....	\$1741.38
Total	.....	\$1841.38
Deposits (Previous Month)	.....	\$ 0
Disbursements (Previous Month)	.....	\$ 0