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5 Innovations CSI Chicago Should Be Thankful For This Holiday Season

As we head into the holiday season during these unprecedented times, I could not be more thankful for our members, partners, and Executive Director's dedication to our mission to advance the greater Chicago area design and construction communities knowledge of building information management, construction technology, and project delivery methods to improve facility performance while fostering relationships and promoting education.

Our plan to utilize digital technology to drive engagement and connection has not been easy, but everyone has supported the plan wholeheartedly and has not backed down from any of the challenges we have faced. This has inspired me to compile a list of five innovations we as a chapter should be thankful for this holiday season.

- 1. New Member Portal** – I am thankful that the membership committee developed and launched our new member portal to provide members easy and exclusive access to chapter news, member news, partner news and useful links to get the most out of their membership. With so much change happening in the chapter we needed an easier way for members to stay up to date in real time. (Access Member Portal. *Log in required.*)
- 2. New Event Center** – I am thankful that all of our committees worked together and developed and launched our new event center. We enhanced our member, partner, and advertiser benefits by allowing them the ability to share their events with our chapter community, since we needed an easier way for our chapter community to view our chapter events and the events beyond our chapter. ([View Event Center.](#))
- 3. New Online Volunteer Forms** – I am thankful that the Executive Committee pushed to develop and launch our new online volunteer forms. We needed to provide our members with an easier way to raise their hand to volunteer and get involved in our chapter. (View Online Member Volunteer Area. *Log in required.*)
- 4. New Member Meet & Greets** – I am thankful for our Membership Committee's dedication to improving our new member onboarding process. It is not always easy being a new member of an organization and we needed a virtual way to quickly help our new members meet veteran members who can help them get started navigating our chapter.
- 5. Virtual Technology Platforms Zoom & Hopin'** – I am thankful that our Program Committee, Social Committee, CSi2eye Committee, and Membership Committee came together to agree that we will only be utilizing the virtual technology platforms Zoom and Hopin' for our chapter's online networking and educational events. This will ensure our chapter community does not have to learn a new virtual technology platform every time they come to a chapter event.

I hope you all have a happy holiday season! If you have any questions regarding the changes happening within the chapter please feel free to reach out to myself, a board member, or Beth Winkler.

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Member Spotlight

Kyle Ferenc, CSI

Product Representative, ATAS International

Joined CSI Chicago: 8/2020

Provide a brief description of your professional career.

I started my career working for a family owned brick distribution company working with architects and builders on many commercial projects. I transitioned to low slope roofing a few years ago which led me to my current position with ATAS, specifying metal for wall and roofing applications.

What is your most memorable construction project you worked on and why?

Working with the architects who designed a mixed-use project at 47th & Cottage Grove in the historic Kenwood neighborhood in Chicago. Prior to working on this, I was unfamiliar with what a “food desert” was. I had the privilege to help select colors for a building that brought a Walmart grocery store to this area that critically need a supply of fresh food for its residents.

What are some challenges you face in the industry?

Letting designers know all the wall and roofing profiles that ATAS has to offer. We make the best products in the industry and during COVID, without the ability to meet with folks in person it is a challenge to highlight all that we have to offer, especially in the design stage of projects.

Why did you join CSI Chicago?

I joined CSI to network within the design community as well as with other industry professionals.

Tell us three interesting things about you that we would not learn from your LinkedIn profile.

1. I was born during the last episode of MASH.
2. I think Chicago has the best pizza, thick and thin crust.
3. I am a Packers fan. (It has endeared me to my customers in Wisconsin.)

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Member Spotlight Continued- Kyle Ferenc, CSI

If you could pass on one piece of advice to future industry professionals, what would that be?

Do not pretend to know the answer to everything. It is OK to ask for help.

Have you read any interesting industry blogs or articles recently that you would recommend to your fellow members?

An article in the New York Times titled Beyond the Pandemic, Libraries Look Toward a New Era. It was interesting to read how libraries are adapting to our changing times. My kids love their local library and its online resources have been helpful while we have all been home.

Do you utilize any business tools or products that makes your work life better, easier, or more efficient that you would recommend to fellow members?

My smartwatch. I can monitor my time, schedule things accordingly and watch my blood pressure which is especially important while home schooling!

[Fill out a Member Spotlight Q&A to be featured next.](#)

Members On The Move



Agnieszka Dawidziak, CSI-EP, CDT passed her Construction Documents Technology (CDT) exam.



Michael Thill, CSI, CDT passed his Construction Documents Technology (CDT) exam.

Please [click here](#) and fill out a form to share your professional news/achievements.

Membership Milestones

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Jennifer Friedland, CSI, CDT
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30+ Years

William McHugh, MBA, CSI (33 yrs)
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New Chapter Members

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We are calling for all CSI Chicago Members interested in being on the FY2022 (July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022) Board to nominate themselves for an open board position by November 30, 2020. The affairs of the chapter are governed by and managed under the authority of the Board.

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New Event Center Simplifies Event Search

We are excited to announce the launch of our new event center. The event center brings together our CSI Chicago Chapter events as well as events from our members, partners, and advertisers.

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New Member Portal Maximizes Your Membership

We are excited to announce the launch of our new member portal. This portal allows members access to the most up-to-date chapter news and provides useful links to help members get the most out of their membership.

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New NCR Member Relief Program

The CSI North Central Region established a new grant for NCR members who are suffering financial difficulties, but want to remain in CSI. Each grant recipient will receive reimbursement of their Institute dues (\$275 for a professional member). Members are still responsible for paying their chapter dues.

Please [download the member support request form](#) for details and to apply.

Chapter Adds Hopin' Virtual Event Platform To The Mix

We are excited to announce that the chapter will be utilizing the Hopin' Virtual Event Platform for events where Zoom is not adequate. We are looking to use Hopin' for events such as our upcoming Holiday Party and CSi2eye VE. To help us pressure test the new platform and provide members a casual/ no-pressure way to get comfortable, we will be hosting two networking events in November using the new platform.

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Networking In November

Virtual Social Networking Event

November 6 & 13, 2020 from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM(CT)

Hop online for a casual networking event to connect face to face and get to know our new virtual event technology platform Hopin. We are hoping this new platform will provide an experience closer to the in-person meetings we are used to, which included a presentation stage, networking opportunities, and exhibit areas.

Reasons to attend:

- Network with AEC Professionals from Chicago and beyond.
- Get comfortable with our new virtual event platform we will be using for upcoming events.
- Learn about our upcoming virtual Holiday Party event and CSi2eye Virtual Edition

This is a complimentary, no-pressure online networking event for members and non-members.

NOV. 6 REGISTRATION

NOV. 13 REGISTRATION

Lean On Me: Improving the Specifier and Product Rep Relationship and Results

Virtual Program

November 17, 2020 from 11:30 AM to 1:00 PM (CT)

Presented by:

Cherise Lakeside, FCSI, CDT

Senior Specification Writer, RDH Building Science

This session will explore the challenges that specifiers and products representatives face in working together and getting their jobs done – correctly, completely, and efficiently. We will consider the challenges from both perspectives, explore opportunities for improvement, and strategies for more efficient communication.

Learning Objectives:

- Describe common challenges and possible solutions for improving the relationship between project specifiers and the manufacturer’s representatives.
- Understand and recognize the responsibilities of a specifier to their employer, the project, and the contract and how those responsibilities affect their relationships with the product representatives.
- Identify the skills of a product representative that are most valuable to their relationship with a specifier.
- Demonstrate best practices for communication, timing of the exchange information, and quality of information needed for the successful project results.

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FULL DETAILS & REGISTRATION

Chapter Board Meeting

November 24, 2020 from 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM (CT)

Chapter board meetings are held monthly to conduct chapter business and for the board to hear reports from committees. Requested agenda items must be submitted to chapter president, Brad Schwab, at bschwab@schwabgroup.net at least 8 days before the meeting.

Any chapter member interested in attending the board meeting, must contact the chapter president, Brad Schwab, at bschwab@schwabgroup.net to request a meeting link.



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CSi2eye **VE**

March 11, 2021

For the past 7 years, CSi2eye has earned a reputation as a premier one-on-one technical education event, which connects Chicagoland design and construction professionals with industry leading building product manufacturers.

For 2021, CSi2eye is going virtual. Leveraging the latest online conference technology, event participants will engage in a valuable day of back-to-back 20-minute meetings, which are sure to be insightful and thought-provoking.

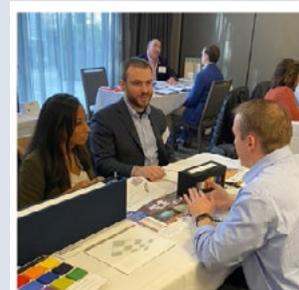
Apply now for your chance to participate in CSi2eye Virtual Edition 2021.

MANUFACTURERS APPLY BY DEC. 4, 2020

Meet with some of the most influential design and construction professionals in the Chicago area during a full day of one-on-one virtual meetings. This is a powerful opportunity to make valuable connections, create awareness of new innovations in Chicago, and solicit market feedback.

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION PROFESSIONALS APPLY BY JAN. 21, 2021

Connect one-on-one with product technical experts to ask questions, discuss recent design challenges and learn about new innovations that can manage risk, ease installations, and ensure code compliance. Manufacturers are thoughtfully selected by design professionals on the CSi2eye committee to deliver maximum value for participants. Half and full-day options available.



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Virtual Holiday Party

Dec 3, 2020 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM (CT)

CSI Chicago is hosting a virtual holiday party and online holiday raffle this holiday season to spread cheer and fundraise for the CSI Chicago Foundation. We hope you will participate in our holiday festivities by considering attending the holiday party, sponsoring a raffle prize and/or purchasing raffle tickets.

Holiday Party event details/registration and raffle ticket purchase information will be announced soon.

Sponsorship Opportunities

Sponsoring a CSI Chicago Holiday Party raffle item benefits the [CSI Chicago Foundation](#) and your company. Your sponsorship benefits the foundation because the more raffle prizes we have the more raffle tickets we sell and all proceeds from purchasing Holiday Party raffle tickets go directly to the foundation. Your sponsorship benefits your company because you receive specific sponsorship benefits per the level of prize you sponsor. See below a list of sponsorship benefits per each prize level – Mega, Grand, and Jackpot.

If you are not able to sponsor a raffle prize you can still support the Foundation and receive recognition at the Holiday Party by directly donating to the CSI Chicago Foundation.

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[See sponsorship webpage](#) for list of benefits are each prize level. Use the above button to sponsor one of these great raffle prizes.



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Upcoming Events:

- 11/04, 8:00am [Expansion Joints: Types and Uses](#) by IIBEC-Chicago (Virtual)
- 11/4, 11:30am [Pushing the Envelope – Continuous Insulation Solutions for Thin Adhered Masonry Veneers](#) by General Shale Arriscraft (Virtual)
- 11/4, 2:00pm [Simple & Cost Effective Solutions to Energy Code Requirements + Introducing the World's First Fiberglass Window Wall](#) by Cascadia Windows & Doors (Virtual)
- 11/5, 1:00pm [CSI Annual Business Meeting & Member Forum](#) by CSI National (Virtual)
- 11/5, 3:00pm [CSI Honors & Awards](#) by CSI National (Virtual)
- 11/5, 11:00am [Grouting For Success](#) by MAPEI (Virtual)
- 11/5, 12:00pm [The Benefits of Rainscreen](#) by VaproSheild (Virtual)

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