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Thanks to the generosity of our donors and all the people that gave up their Saturday to take part in the rebuild, this family now has a home that is safe, warm, and dry!

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Elevator Discussion

Specifier Roundtable: Thursday, May 3, 2018, 12:00-1:00pm

### Polyiso Factory Tour

Technical Roundtable: Wednesday, May 9, 11:30am-2:00pm

### Installation of Gauged Porcelain Tile Panels and Slabs

Contractor Roundtable: Tuesday, May 15, 12:00-1:30pm

### Awards Banquet and Recognition Night

Social Event: Wednesday, May 16, 2018

### White Sox Baseball Tailgate & Game

Summer Outing: Friday, June 15, 2018, 5:00pm

### Golf Outing

Social Event: Tuesday, June 26, 2018, 10:00am Shotgun Start

## SAVE THE DATE

Summer Roundtable Series returns for June, July, and August.

Stay tuned for topics and dates to be announced.

## President's Letter



Dear Friends,

When I am asked about the advantages of becoming a member of the CSI Chicago Chapter, one of my biggest reasons is that our members are such a fantastic, knowledgeable group of people to get to know both personally and professionally.

After witnessing the generosity, dedication, and heart put forth by so many of our members over the course of this year towards the efforts of our home adoption and renovation through Rebuilding Together Chicago, it is clear that I have been underselling the level of “fantastic” that our members are capable of. Being a small part of our chapter’s efforts this past Saturday was easily the highlight of my presidency, and I am so grateful to the many contributors of time, energy, skill, and kindness. This was the chapter’s first year sponsoring a house on our own, and thanks to the tireless efforts of the entire event committee led by Guadalupe Casimiro and Kathy St. Joseph, the day was a resounding success of perseverance and teamwork. Please take time to read the event recap later in this newsletter for more detailed information and photos from our day.

Looking back at the rest of April, a huge thank you to Walsh Construction for so graciously hosting us for our April 24 meeting. We were so grateful to have the opportunity to directly connect with the construction contractor community of Chicago. We look forward to receiving your feedback on the venue and program to help us plan our programming for next year. If you have a great venue that you’d like us to reach out to, please submit it to Beth Winkler or any member of the board of directors.

President's letter continued on the next page...



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## President's Letter (cont.)

A special thank you to CSI's CEO, Mark Dorsey, and Manager of Technical Communication and Strategy, Matt Fochs, for the opportunity to present on the programming, member outreach, and culture of CSI Chicago to the attendees of the CSI's newest national education event, CSI Academy: Risk Management, last week. The inaugural event was hosted at the elegant Sofitel Hotel April 26-27. Kudos to Matt and Mark for assembling an impressive slate of speakers that included the Commissioner of the Department of Buildings for the City of Chicago Judy Frydland, our chapter's own Corey Zussman of Pepper Construction, and others industry leaders helming workshops on risk management for designers and contractors.

Looking ahead to May, please check out our polyiso factory tour on May 9; our brand new "Contractor Roundtable" program on May 15; and please consider joining us for a lovely evening on May 16 at the historic Cliff Dweller's Club for dinner, drinks, and camaraderie as we celebrate the year of accomplishments made by our many fantastic members. Opportunities to register for each event occur later in this newsletter.

What I've been told by past chapter presidents is starting to ring true: as soon as you feel like you've gotten the hang of being president, your term is wrapping up and you wonder where the year went. As we enter these final weeks, know that it's been my honor to serve you all.

I hope to see you at the awards banquet, but if I don't: Happy May!



Melissa Gibson, NCARB, CSI, CCS, CCCA, LEED AP BD+C



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## Lunchtime Roundtables

### Specifier Roundtable: Elevator Discussion

**Thursday, May 3, 12:00pm-1:00pm**

Join us for a discuss elevator systems and current/emerging technologies. This will be an open format discussion on elevator systems, when/where to use them, and what could be changing in the future. We will also talk about LULA applications and limitations.

The discussion will be facilitated by Larry Nordin, AIA, CSI-CCS of Solomon Cordwell Buenz, and we will be joined by vertical transportation consultant, Ray Volk of Jenkins & Huntington, Inc.. Input is encouraged from all attendees. [Complete event listing.](#)

**Location:** Solomon Cordwell Buenz, Chicago or by webcast

**Continuing Education:** 1.0 AIA/CES LU

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### Technical Roundtable: Polyiso Factory Tour

**Wednesday, May 9, 2018, 11:30am-2:00pm**



Join us for a plant tour of Hunter Panels Manufacturing Facility in Franklin Park, IL\*. You will learn about the manufacturing process of Polyiso Insulation, the physical properties of Polyiso and it's advantages in roof and wall applications. [Complete event listing.](#)

**Lunch will be provided.**

**Location:** Hunter Panels Manufacturing Facility, 9201 Belmont Avenue, Franklin Park, IL

**Continuing Education:** 1.0 AIA/CES HSW/LU

*\*Due to proprietary information, participation in this event is limited to Architects, Specifiers, and Designers, Contractors, and Consultants. Product manufacturers/vendor affiliates are not eligible to attend this plant tour.*

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Roundtables continued on the next page...

## Lunchtime Roundtables (cont.)

### Contractor Roundtable: Installation of Gauged Porcelain Tile Panels and Slabs

Tuesday, May, 15, 2018, 12:00-1:30pm

**Presented by: Jim Whitfield FCSI, CCPR, LEED AP | Manager of Technical Services | MAPEI**

Get a better understanding of this new tile manufacturing technology producing tile larger than 5' x 10' and some as thin as 1/8". The installation of these huge tiles requires some different methods than traditional tile. We will take a look at this new unique finish material and some of the considerations for a beautiful and durable installation.



Scott Conwell, CSI, CDT, FAIA, LEED AP, Director of Industry Development & Technical Service at International Masonry Institute, will be discussing the specification language needed to ensure qualified labor. Scott will also share information about the ACT Certification for Gauged Porcelain Tiles and Panels. [Complete event listing.](#)

**Lunch will be provided.**

**Continuing Education:** 1.0 AIA/CES LU/HSW (Program # MAP013).

**Location:** Daltile Tile & Stone Chicago Gallery, Chicago

*This event is designed to interest contractors but attendance from all design and construction professionals is also encouraged.*

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# CSI Chicago Awards Banquet and Recognition Night

## Wednesday, May 16, 2018



CSI Chicago celebrates 65 years as a chapter as we look back at a successful year and recognize all that have contributed to the accomplishments and programs this year.

Enjoy the views as you catch up with friends and make new connections.

Members and guests, please join us as we honor those who have contributed to the chapter - both individuals and companies. We will thank our board for their service this past year and welcome the new board who will take office in July. Recognition will be given to new chapter members and those who have reached a continuous membership milestone year.

**LOCATION:** Cliff Dwellers  
200 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60604

**TIME:** 5:30pm Social, appetizers, and cash bar  
6:30pm Plated dinner

**COST:** \$50 per person (member or non-member)

**REGISTRATION:** Required by Monday, May 7

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Summer Baseball Tailgate and Game  
Friday, June 15, 2018



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## THE 2018 SUMMER OUTING

FRIDAY June 15th 2018



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Members, family and friends please plan to attend this fun summer event!  
AIA-Chicago, AIA-EIC, CSI Chicago

**Individual Tickets: only \$27.00 | Section 154**

We plan to meet-up at US Cellular Field Parking Lot "B" for tailgating.  
Food and drinks at Tailgate provided by **ASSA ABLOY**. **Parking cost is on your own.**  
**DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION May 10th, 2018**



# CSI Chicago Golf Outing

Tuesday, June 26, 2018



CSI Chicago invites you for our biennial golf outing! We will have games with prizes for all skill levels, included no-skill games! To encourage all golfing abilities, the format will be shotgun start with best ball scramble. Pre-purchase your add on games to benefit the student scholarship fund with your golf registration or pay cash at the door. A beverage cart will be offering cash drinks/snacks on the course.



**LOCATION:** Bloomingtondale Golf Club | 181 Glen Ellyn Rd. Bloomingtondale, IL

**DATE:** Tuesday, June 26, 2018

9:00am Registration | 10:00am Shotgun Start | 3:00pm Games, Lunch, and Awards

**Cost:** \$150 Single Golfer

\$300 Full Cart (2 golfers) - Bring your favorite design/construct professional!

\$500 4-some (4 golfers) - Bring a group and save \$100!

\$40 Lunch only

\$5 Mulligans (limit 2 per golfer)

Golf includes cart and lunch. All attendees receive 1 drink ticket.

**GOLF & LUNCH REGISTRATION**

**GAMES:** Sponsored contests on the course (driving, putting, overall score, etc.)

Putting\*

Helicopter Ball Drop\*

Marshmallow Drive\*

50/50 Raffle\* (cash only at event)

\*Cost is \$5 each and proceeds benefit CSI Chicago Student Scholarship Program

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Hole Sponsors: \$150

Contest Sponsors :\$150 + cost of prize (\$50 suggested prize value)

Raffle prize donations: Donate an item of your choice to the general raffle for the day.

Hole and Contest sponsors will be recognized at the event with logo on

sign on course. Beverage cart sponsors will have the logo on the cart.

Raffle and Contest sponsors will be verbally recognized at the lunch.

All sponsors will be listed in our Change Order newsletter following the event.

**SPONSORSHIP REGISTRATION**

**Questions:** Contact Nolan Day, Golf Chair [twoday@sbcglobal.net](mailto:twoday@sbcglobal.net) or Beth Winkler [csichicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:csichicagochapter@gmail.com)

## Member News

### Anniversaries and New Members

#### Continuous years with CSI...

- 32** Jeff Lucas, CSI  
*J. N. Lucas & Associates, Inc.*
- 28** Mike Petersen, CSI  
*Petersen Aluminum Corporation*
- 19** Tim Corbett, CSI, CCCA
- 15** Richard Cuttaia, CSI  
*Tremco, Inc.*
- 15** Elaine Fitzgerald, CSI, CCS  
*ArchiTech Consulting, Inc.*
- 15** Michael Lindsey, CSI, CDT, AHC, CDC  
*Michael Lindsey*
- 15** Ellen Stoner, RA, CSI, CDT, ALA, LEED AP  
*AltusWorks, Inc.*
- 15** David Urschel, CSI  
*Loebl Schlossman & Hackl*
- 6** Eric Overby, CSI, CDT  
*Fitzgerald Associate Architects*
- 6** Daniel Popplewell, CSI  
*Cornell Iron Works Enterprises*
- 3** Jason Bellis, CSI, CDT, RRO
- 3** Curtis Stewart, CSI, CDT  
*CertainTeed Gypsum*
- 2** Kurt Wenzel, CSI  
*YKK-AP AMERICA*
- 2** Heather Yario-Rice, CSI, CDT  
*Schonox*
- 1** Maria del Pilar, CSI-S
- 1** Antonio Escobedo, CSI-S
- 1** Luke Kisielewski, CSI
- 1** Somin Lee, CSI-S
- 1** Michael Miller, CSI-EP
- 1** Adam Rostek, CSI-S
- 1** Emily Searle, CSI-EP
- 1** Karen Swank, CSI
- 1** Steve Swiech, CSI
- 1** Jacob Wall, CSI-S  
*HDR*

#### Welcome new CSI members...

Jason Conley, CSI, CDT  
Andrew Glas, CSI  
Steve Sovak, CSI  
*WMA Consulting Engineers, Ltd.*  
Timothy Tonyan, CSI  
Lachelle Curry, CSI-EP  
Bridget Sievers, CSI

#### Share with CSI Chicago

Share your personal or professional news and achievements by notifying the chapter at [csichicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:csichicagochapter@gmail.com) for inclusion in the following month's newsletter.

#### Congratulations to our members who have passed their CDT Exam this spring!

Mike Foley, CSI, CDT, AHC | ASSA ABLOY  
Paul Fogarty, CSI, CDT | SJ Mallein Co.  
Michael Fragleasso, CSI, CDT | Hilti  
Jonathan Hoffman AIA, CSI, CDT, LEED AP BD+C  
Ilyssa Kaserman, CSI, CDT | Epstein

If you pass your exam, please let us know!



#### Dennis McNeil, FRCI, RRC, CSI, CCS, RRO celebrates 50 year's with CSI and his retirement

After his tour with the Army Corps of Engineers at the end of 1967, Dennis McNeil returned to the roof consulting group in Detroit where he had worked part-time during college, Construction Consultants, Inc. (CCI), and soon after joined CSI in the Detroit Chapter in March of 1968. When the company expanded and established a Chicago branch in 1969, Dennis moved his CSI home chapter to the Chicago Chapter. He earned his CDT credential in July of 1993, and then passed his CCS exam in June of 1995. After fifty years with the same company, now named Building Technology Associates, Inc. (BTA), Dennis retired in early February, 2018. He plans to renew his CSI membership as an Emeritus Member this spring and plans to retain his CCS credential.



## Member Spotlight

### Heidi Cervantes, CSI | FitzGerald Architects Associates



Born and raised of Mexican descent on the Northwest side of Chicago, Architecture fascinated Heidi Cervantes as she was growing up. Her love of drawing, arts and crafts, and hands on projects lead her to pursue a career in Architecture. Heidi has over 15 years of experience in Residential and Commercial Architecture. She has been a member of various organizations such as The National Association of Professional Women, Dare to Dream, CREW, IWLA, and Near South Planning Board. Heidi has been at FitzGerald since 2012 and received the 2018 CSI Chicago CDT scholarship and become a member of CSI Chicago.

Throughout her Architectural career, she has challenged herself to gain hands on experience and think outside the box. It's important to be proactive and seize networking opportunities where she may grow and learn from others and build relationships. With patience, hard work and optimism in mind, great things happen. She believes that passion makes us unique and drives us to succeed in whatever we pursue. It is the element that elevates us from being good designers to great Architects and respected individuals.

When Heidi isn't designing, you can find her enjoying a variety of Martial Arts activities. She enjoys UFC fighting and MMA. Throughout college, she participated in Tae Kwon Do Capoeira classes. Capoeira is an Afro-Brazilian martial art that combines elements of dance, acrobatics and music. Its safe to say she's someone you want with you when walking down a dark alley.

Heidi's other love is photography and videography. She's even had the opportunity to capture several weddings, a quinceniera, and a few birthday parties!



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## Beyond the Chapter

### CSI Chicago Members activities beyond Chicago Chapter

The following is a list of members of the Chicago Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute that are volunteering for construction industry activities beyond the Chicago Chapter of CSI.

I hope to receive information regularly to expand this list and keep it current so that we can all be informed as to the breadth of member activities. Please send your construction industry volunteer activity information to me at: [josephstypka@gmail.com](mailto:josephstypka@gmail.com) or [joseph.stypka@perkinswill.com](mailto:joseph.stypka@perkinswill.com).

Thank you,  
Joe Stypka

#### Member Activities Beyond

##### **Randy Chapple**

Construction Specifications Institute Delegate to the Tile Council of North America (TCNA) Handbook Committee and to the ANSI A108 Accredited Standards Committee for Ceramic Tile  
Member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 189 on Ceramic Tile  
Committee member of ASTM E2751/E2751M "Design and Performance of Supported Laminated Glass Walkways"

##### **Larry Church**

American Concrete Institute: Committee member of: 365 – Service Life Prediction, 362 – Parking Structures, 364 – Rehabilitation, 130 – Sustainability, and 329 – Performance Design of Concrete.  
National Parking Association / Parking Consultants Council: member of the PCC  
Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute: active member with the Parking Structure and Sustainability Committees

##### **Scott Conwell**

International Masonry Institute (IMI) Delegate to the Tile Council of North America (TCNA) Handbook Committee and to the ANSI A108 Accredited Standards Committee for Ceramic Tile  
Member of the U.S. Technical Advisory Group to ISO Technical Committee 189 on Ceramic Tile

##### **Jeff Diqui**

Building Enclosure Council – Chicago chapter, Program Director  
Air Barrier Association of America (ABAA) Terminations and Flashings Committee

##### **Renee Doktorczyk**

Member of CSI North Central Region, Institute Director Nominating Committee

##### **Frank Heitzman**

Construction Specifications Institute, UDS Program Task Team

##### **Alan Itzkowitz**

Construction Specifications Institute, Director from the North Central Region  
Construction Specifications Institute, Certification Committee

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## Beyond the Chapter

### Chicago CSI Members activities beyond Chicago Chapter (cont.)

#### Bill McHugh

ASTM E06.21-16 Task Group Chair – Firestop Inspection Standards ASTM E 2174 and ASTM E 2393  
NFPA Fire Protection Features Committee Member  
National Roofing Contractors Association Membership Steering Committee Member

#### Elias Saltz

Construction Specifications Institute, Practice Area Curriculum Committee  
CSI North Central Region Electronic Communications Chair

#### Brad Schwab

CRCA (Chicago Roofing Contractors Association) Board, Associate Board Member

#### Joe Stypka

National Institute for Building Sciences (NIBS), UDS Modules Task Team for the National CAD Standard (NCS)  
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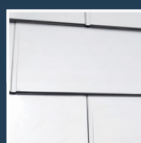
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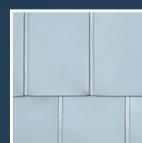
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## Chapter News

### Chicago Chapter Elections Results

The following CSI Chicago members have been elected for the Fiscal Year 2019 and will take office on July 1, 2018.

**President-elect** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Andrea Baird, CSI, CCCA, AIA, P.E., LEED AP

**Vice President** (Term ending 6/30/2020): Jennifer R Friedland CSI, CDT, LEED GA

**Secretary** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Chris Carpenter, CSI, CCPR

**Membership Officer** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Robert Moretti, MBA, CSI, CDT

**Director** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Chris Walsh, CSI, CDT, LEED GA

**Director** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Scott Conwell, CSI, CDT, FAIA

**Director** (Term ending 6/30/2020): Randall A. Chapple, CSI, CCS, AIA, SE

**Director** (Term ending 6/30/2020): Guadalupe Casimiro, CSI

**Director** (Term ending 6/30/2020): Brad Schwab, CSI, CDT

**North Central Region Director** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Drew Clausen, CSI

#### Members continuing or assuming new roles for FY2019:

**President** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Peter Grotenhuis, CSI, CDT

**Vice President** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Heather Rice CSI, CDT, ICRI Certified

**Director** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Renee Doktorczyk FAIA, CSI, CCS, SCIP

**Past President** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Melissa Gibson, CSI, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP

**Treasurer** (Term ending 6/30/2019): Elias Saltz, CSI, CCS, LEED AP

### Call for Committee Members/Volunteers

As we look ahead to our new fiscal year beginning on July 1, we also actively look for more members to get involved! If you are interested in joining a committee or helping the chapter in any way - big or small - we encourage you to reach out to learn more. We know you are busy, but there are many volunteer options with varying levels of commitment and involvement depending on what you are looking for. Take a look at our [volunteer webpage](#) to get an idea of the various committees and the micro-volunteer options.

We have many ways to get involved and are sure to have something to fit your interest and availability. Please reach out to one of the current board or committee members or the following people to discuss more:

President: [Melissa Gibson](#)

President-Elect: [Peter Grotenhuis](#)

Executive Director: [Beth Winkler](#)

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## REFINED TO NO END

We bring an attentive eye for detail to all we do. Not out of obligation but out of determination and an undying will to set the standard.

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## Chapter News

### Annual Chapter Report

Melissa Gibson, Chapter President, delivered the chapter's annual report at the April 24 Chapter Meeting held at Walsh Construction. She provided an overview of the chapter's activities, membership and financial state. Members are able to request an electronic copy of the slides by sending an e-mail to [csichicagochapter@gmail.com](mailto:csichicagochapter@gmail.com).

### Master Painting Specification Updated

The Chicago Chapter's painting master specification has been updated for your use. You can access and download the latest copy at any time through our chapter library. You must be a current CSI Chicago member and be logged into your account access this area of the website:

[CSI Chicago Painting Master Specifications](#)

This document can also be found by clicking the "ABOUT US" tab on the left side of the [chapter website](#) and selecting "CHAPTER LIBRARY."

### Awards received at the North Central Region Conference

We are thrilled to announce that president elect, Peter Grotenhuis, was able to bring home some hardware from the North Central Region Conference in Duluth, MN in April!

The Region Cooperation Award was awarded to Pella Corporation, who offers continue support to our chapter in say may ways throughout the year. A special thanks goes out to Chris Carpenter for his effort in this ongoing cooperation! We look forward to presenting this award to him at our [Awards Banquet on May 16](#).

The chapter received the Special Publication Commendation for our new marketing materials that we are proudly distributing around Chicago! If you haven't had a chance to see them in person, be sure to check them out at the next chapter meeting. The full package includes a folder, membership brochure, sponsorship brochure, and event calendar.



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## Event Recap Chapter Meeting - Tuesday, March 27, 2018

### *Future Forward - 2018 Student Scholarship Winners Announced, 2019 CSI Chicago Slate Announced plus a great Introduction to Specifying Resilience.*

Recap by: Brad Schwab, CSI, CDT | Schwab Group, LLC

The March 27th membership meeting at the East Bank Club earned the theme Future Forward. It was jammed packed with attendees (over 100) and important information about our Community's Future, our Chapter's Future and our Industry's Future.

The meeting opened with the announcement of CSI Chicago's 2018 Student Scholarship Recipients – IIT College of Architecture Students: Amjad Alkoud, Minsung Kim and Hyunhee Park. CSI Chicago is proud to support and help develop the future architects of our industry through this program. To learn more about the recipients and our scholarship sponsors visit our [2018 Student Scholarship webpage](#).



After recognizing our Student Scholarship Recipients, Melissa Gibson (CSI Chicago President) announced the CSI Chicago's future 2019 Board of Directors Slate and opened up nominations to the floor. The 2019 Board of Director Slate was finalized and chapter voting followed. Results of the chapter election can be found in the [chapter news section](#) of this newsletter.

The meeting was capped off with a presentation on Specifying Resilience by Shannon Gedey AIA, RELi AP, LEED AP BD+C of Perkins+Will. Shannon's presentation focused on what Resilience means for Chicago and what the key vulnerabilities in the Chicago area. She provided an overview of the new RELi credit rating system and credentialing process and walked everyone through Chicago case studies that demonstrated tangible resilience strategies at a variety of scales. If you have specific questions about Specifying Resilience feel free to contact Shannon at [Shannon.Gedey@perkinswill.com](mailto:Shannon.Gedey@perkinswill.com).

A special thank you to our tabletop presenters that evening:

- BASF / Senergy Wall Systems
- Life Safety Hardware
- LIGHTFAIR International
- LP Building Products
- Northfield Block



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## Event Recap

### Rebuilding Together House Rehab - Saturday, April 28, 2018

The day began with our instructions from House Co-Captain Lupe (Guadalupe) Casimiro and an introduction to our homeowners, who were just as excited as we were for the day to get going. After a quick photo, the volunteers lined up and were able to clear the house of furniture and boxes in no time. From there, the groups broke out into their task teams and got to work. Within two hours, the demo was complete - kitchen was gutted and the carpet that covered the home's main floor had made its way to the dumpster - and the finish work was ready to start.

We are so grateful for the crew's dedication to work hard all day inside and out of the home to ensure we could get as much done as possible.

Thank you to our volunteers for spending their Saturday helping:

Ernesto Barraza	Timothy Blatner	Brett Bunke
Chris Carpenter	Guadalupe Casimiro	Abel Castillo
John Dashner	David Dastur	Jan Dastur
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Heather Salisbury	Elias Saltz	Sharon Saltz
Kathy St Joseph	Rick St Joseph	Joseph Stypka
Sean Thorson	Chris Walsh	Beth Winkler

In addition to all our CSI Chicago family and friends, we also had the help of some amazing workers - electricians, plumbers, and carpenters - who donated their time to the event as well and were able to stop by and help at our home for a portion of the day.



What most likely appeared to be chaos from anyone looking in, ended up delivering some remarkable results thanks to Lupe Casimiro and Kathy St. Joseph for keeping everyone on task. Ernesto Barraza, who so willingly spent his day driving to/from Home Depot, was only spotted a few times as he delivered the much needed supplies and then the pizza to all the hungry workers at lunch time. Francisco Rosas kept the homeowners informed of the day's work but could also be seen helping paint as the homeowner held the

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## Event Recap

### Rebuilding Together House Rehab (cont)

door as things were taken in and out of the home. Rachel Nava was busy working along side the gardeners and Paul Larson was on the hard working and dedicated kitchen team.

With the end of the day drawing near and the kitchen not yet complete, the kitchen team stayed long to ensure it was finished. At the eleventh hour, as the kitchen project wrapped up, an unexpected delivery of a new stove made the kitchen remodel come full circle.



Thank you to all our donors for their contributions to our project. Contributions started coming in last fall with those who contributed to help us get to our initial home adoption funding of \$2,500. Once the home was adopted and the team saw how much work was needed, we went back to our generous community to ask for more. In the end, we received so many fabulous donations! During the chapter meeting held Tuesday prior to the rehab, Northfield Block's John McKeivitt presented the team with a \$500 check to purchase material and then only one day later, Lupe announced the donation of the kitchen cabinets and countertop from Reed Construction. Through the donations provided throughout the year, we were able to not only adopt the home and make it safe to live in, but provide this family with so much else!

#### Home Renovation Donations:

George Karkowski, REED Construction - Kitchen cabinets and countertops  
Jensen & Hastead - Kitchen Stove  
Lurvey Landscape Supply - Flowers, plants, pots, and dirt  
Francisco Rosas, Jensen & Halstead - moving boxes/boxes, gift cards  
Guadalupe Casimiro, Jensen & Halstead - utility sink, gift card  
John McKeivitt, Northfield - gift card  
Joe Lloyd, KSA - ceiling fans/lights  
Jessica Newell, Sherwin Williams - Paint  
Joe Foley, Interface - Carpet  
Paige Sivertsen, Shaw - Carpet  
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Kathy St. Joseph, Lotte - Cleaning supplies and misc. items  
Beth Winkler - Gift Card



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## Event Recap

### Rebuilding Together House Rehab (cont)

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At the end of the day, our team accomplished:

- Kitchen - New cabinets, counter top, sink, floor, light/fan, paint and stove.
- Bathroom - Upgrade main bathroom with grab bars, vanity, storage and repair lower powder room to usable condition.
- New paint and carpet, ceiling fans in living room, dining room, and two bedrooms.
- Landscaping - plant many flowers in bed and pots and refresh beds with edging and mulch.
- Cleaning of countless items - including furniture, basement, window treatments, and the very careful cleaning of the family's beloved chandelier made up of 150 individual glass pieces.
- New utility sink in basement.
- Disposal of unwanted items in home.
- New windows in basement and bathroom (completed the week prior to the rehab day).

The amount of work that was completed was amazing! At the end of the day, we had a very tired team of workers and an eternally grateful couple with some beautiful upgrades to their home.



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## Event Recap

### Rebuilding Together House Rehab (cont)

A HUGE Thanks goes out to the dedicated committee members who spent countless hours planning this rehab!

House Co-Captain: Guadalupe (Lupe) Casimiro

Home Owner Ambassador/House Co-captain: Francisco Rosas

Volunteer Coordinator: Kathy St. Joseph

Runner: Ernesto Barraza

Committee Members: Paul Larson, Rachel Nava, and Anne Waliczek

If you weren't able to spend the day with us or send in a contribution this year, you will be happy to know we are already talking about tackling another home rehab in 2019!

More pictures from our day on our facebook album: [2018.04.28 Rebuilding Together](#)





## Hot Tip of the Month

### Efficiency and Quality are Directly Proportional

Submitted by: Michael Lough, CSI, CDT, AIA | Integral Consulting

When preparing Construction Documents for full services including the earlier phases of Schematic Design and Design Development firms both want to produce quality Construction Documents and they want to produce the documents within the schedule and manpower which is profitable for the firm. The best way to assure producing quality construction documents is to work efficiently; and if you focus on working efficiently, then the quality of the construction documents will be higher. Efficiency and quality in the SD, DD and CD phases are directly proportional. There is however a price. Up front there needs to be a well-ordered plan knowing what needs to be done, when it needs to be done and to what level of quality or completeness it needs to be done and when.

For example, if the project will include a wall system that consists of a cladding element such as metal panels or brick, a cavity, an attachment system, an air/vapor membrane, sheathing, framing system, etc. Take a little time early, in SD or early in DD, and evaluate the right composition of the system including the technical data of all components and accurately develop the system including the overall dimensioning of the system. This becomes a trusted “building block” when developing details where this system interfaces with adjacent systems. Performance criteria can be established, specifications can be written, and notation can be used so that the drawings, any material matrices and the specifications can be consistent.

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## Institute and Regional News

### North Central Region

#### Board of Directors Election

At its annual board meeting, the region's president-elect and secretary were elected for terms beginning July 1, 2018. The next president-elect is Jarrod Mann. The next secretary is Steve Gantner.

#### 2017-18 Region Awards Recipients

Congratulations to the recipients of this year's North Central Region awards:

Distinguished Service Award: Stephen Gantner, Jr., CSI, CCS, CCCA

Distinguished Service Award: Mike Coan, CSI

Region Cooperation Award: Pella Corporation

Region Cooperation Award: Springfield Contractors Assn. Salute to Design/Construction

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## Institute and Regional News

### CSI Institute Elections

The 2018 national election has concluded and the following members are elected to serve on the CSI Board of Directors, with terms beginning July 1, 2018:

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William Hayward, CSI, CCCA	Treasurer
Jonnie Cox, FCSI	Director-at-Large
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Gene Fosheim, CSI	Director from the Northwest Region
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T.J. Gottwalt, FCSI, CCPR	Director from the Southeast Region
William Sundquist, CSI	Director from the Gulf States Region

Read about these members and see the complete CSI Board of Directors for the FY19 fiscal year [online](#).

### Master Specifiers Retreat: Building Product Manufacturer (BPM) Registration Now Open January 31 - February 3, 2019 | Loews Coronado Bay Resort, Coronado, CA

The CSI Master Specifiers Retreat (MSR) is a three-day, hosted-buyer event for specifiers and architects who make product recommendations. Product manufacturers who participate, select specifier/architect attendees to encourage face-to-face meetings and networking.

Participating BPMs have the unique opportunity to showcase their company, products, and services in a highly effective format. The added benefit is getting to know your future clients on a personal level over the course of the event.

[Learn More and Register](#)

### *The Construction Specifier Magazine*

*The Construction Specifier* is the official magazine of CSI. [Click here](#) to view the latest issue.

### Northern Illinois Chapter Meeting

***Tall & Super Tall Buildings... How High Can We Go?***

Thursday, May 17 | Crowne Plaza, Glen Ellyn - Lombard

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## Industry Events

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Visit [LIGHTFAIR.COM](http://LIGHTFAIR.COM) for additional information and to register.



### Achieving Thermal Efficiency with Masonry Connections

**May 7 or 8, 11:30- 1:00pm**

May 7, 2018 at International Masonry Institute, 2140 W. Corporate Dr., Addison, IL. To learn more and register for this program, visit: <https://goo.gl/jC6qiH>

May 8, 2018 at AIA Chicago, 35 East Wacker Dr., Suite 260, Chicago, IL. To learn more and register for this program, visit: <https://goo.gl/jBtZkB>

There is no charge to attend and seating is limited, so please register early.



### SEAOI Dinner Meeting

**May 8, 5:15-8:00pm | Petterino's, Chicago**

Please join the Structural Engineers Society of Illinois on Tuesday, May 8, as the Finalists from the Excellence in Structural Engineering Awards make their presentations to our panel of distinguished judges. This event will carry at least 1.0 hour of continuing education credit, and CE certificates will be emailed to all attendees.

The registration fee is \$55 for members and \$75 for non-members. Please register by May 1st.

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## Industry Events (cont.)

### Tall & Super Tall Buildings... How High Can We Go?

Thursday, May 17 | Crowne Plaza, Glen Ellyn - Lombard

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**Hosted by: CSI Northern Illinois Chapter**

Presented by: Daniel Safarik, Editor, Council On Tall Buildings And Urban Habitat (CTBUH)

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## Industry Events (cont.)

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On-site check-in: 7:30 am

Fair begins: 8:00 am

Fair concludes: 5:00 pm

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### Tile Marble Terrazzo Educational Conference

**June 4, 2018 in Chicago | 6 dates/locations nationwide**

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The program targets local architects, designers, and others interested in the myriad emerging materials, technologies, and design requirements for tile, marble, terrazzo, and resinous flooring. The event includes seminars and exhibits from leaders in the TMT industry. Breakfast and lunch are included, and the program qualifies for 4 hours of AIA-registered continuing education units. There is no cost to attend, but pre-registration is required. In addition to IMI, program sponsors and presenters include Tile Council of North America (TCNA), National Tile & Mosaic Association (NTMA), Daltile, Terrazzo & Marble Supply Co., and Schluter Systems. For more information visit <https://goo.gl/yoyK83> or email [sconwell@imiweb.org](mailto:sconwell@imiweb.org).

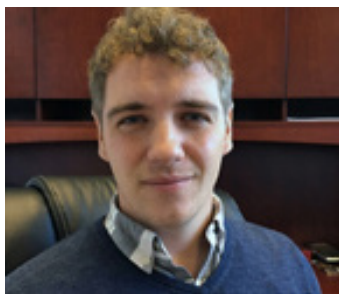


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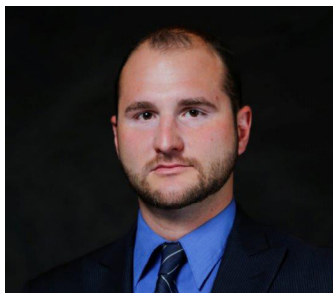
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This month we share two articles by Elias Saltz where he shares the benefit he receives by attending speed dating type events and the importance of teaching the next generations about specifications and their important role in the industry.

### The Benefits of Speed Dating Events

**By: Elias Saltz, CSI, CCS, LEED AP**

Over the past year, several Conspectus team members have attended architect-manufacturer summits, colloquially known as 'speed dating' events. David Stutzman recently returned from [SpArc in Fort Worth](#), Texas, which is run by [Opal Summits](#). Last month I attended [CSi2eye](#), a one-day program presented by Chicago Chapter CSI. Many of us have, in previous years, attended [CSI's Master Specifiers Retreat](#) and [BOND's Arc US event](#). With the exception of CSi2eye (which is one day and locally-hosted), these are all multi-day conferences that require attendees to travel, remain on site, and participate in a series of 20 or 30 minute meetings with product reps over the course of the event.

When they work as planned, these events are designed to be beneficial for all. The organizer makes a profit by charging manufacturers enough to pay for the entire event, including the costs for their own staff, presenters, and covering the costs for architects and specifiers to attend. The manufacturers' representatives receive significant one-on-one time with lead designers and technical architects, permitting them to get the word out about their products and to present themselves as skilled problem solvers and trusted advisors. The architects and specifiers attending the event receive continuing education, are presented a keynote speech, and also benefit from the face to face meetings with manufacturers.

Read [Elias' complete article](#) to learn more about his take aways at these events.

### Teaching Young Professionals About Specifications

**By: Elias Saltz, CSI, CCS, LEED AP**

David Stutzman visited Chicago last week to stop in and talk to some of his current clients as well as to try to grow Conspectus's business into new firms, and I was fortunate enough to accompany him on some of those meetings. When you work as a remote or out-of-town consultant, it's not often that an opportunity arises to associate faces with names or voices, and so we were grateful for the opportunity to speak to a number of firms in and around Chicago.

Most of those meetings were with firms' principals or technical directors; these are the people you'd expect to want to talk with specifications consultants, and who a consultant would want to talk to about upcoming work and the performance of previously-completed projects. At one of the firm meetings, however, something very surprising and encouraging happened.

Read [Elias' complete article](#) to find out what happened in this meeting.



## The Closeout 3Eleven

Submitted by: Elaine Szot, PE, CSI | Hilti



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Firestop Manufacturer: Hilti  
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In regards to firestopping, the trend is moving from traditional sealant options to ‘pre-formed devices’. For fire-rated joints, we are finding that more designers and building owners are not happy with the traditional firestop sealant solution. Exposed flat concrete for a ceiling is an architectural trend and with imperfect concrete or minor spalls, the exposed top of gypsum wall may not look aesthetically pleasing. Any gaps in the wall can allow for increased noise, decreased energy efficiency, odors, and the spread of air borne infectious disease which is a critical concern for healthcare projects.

Hilti’s pre-formed Total Track Solution (TTS) eliminates most of the common problems with sealants such as tearing or shrinking, improper installation, movement and air flow. As with most of Hilti’s products, our TTS product is mold and mildew resistant, LEED compliant, and listed on the Living Building Challenge (LBC) as Red List Compliant.

Hilti’s TTS pre-formed firestop solution was used at Chicago’s “3Eleven” project at 311 W. Illinois. There are 245 luxury apartment units in this 24 story new construction building.



*Pre-drywall installation. You can see the grey edge of the Hilti TTS saddled over the metal dry wall track.*

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*Finished top of painted wall, firestopped with no sealants.*

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