

April President's Message
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MEETING MUSINGS

The last two meetings have hosted some special experts of the region. In February, Josh Reynolds, Structural Engineer of Miyamoto International presented on "The Myth of the One-Earthquake Building". This presentation was a hard look at one of the most destructive natural forces, and how buildings can be designed to be less damaged in the event of an earthquake.

Gerson Bers, of the highly regarded local firm Allana, Buick, Bers, presented Essential Glazing Concepts, teaching about the history of glass production in the U.S., the state of the art, and the standards and fail points of glass. It's amazing to realize that it was really not that long ago that glass was produced by humans blowing into molten glass and swinging it in the air. Also, especially here in California, we need to appreciate that any glazing creates a hole in the building envelope that will not perform as well as a wall, no matter what the glass. Think about it, R-4 for "low-e" dual pane, and only R-7 for a triple pane, thermal break....against even typical R-15 wall, a lot of heat will escape. And as many of our clients appreciate looking westward at the setting sun, well the new energy code has some news for them too; limitation on west facing fenestration! I know we have all been resisting it...but more than likely, the energy code is going to be making significant influence on envelope design.

CSI CERTIFICATION News: I am proud to announce that Terri Sudbrook, CSI, CDT has successfully attained the CDT certification. Terri has recently changed jobs, and is now working for Noll & Tam Architects in the East Bay. Everyone will have the opportunity to get to know Terri better as she will be ascending to the presidency of the Chapter next year.

BI-REGION CONFERENCE

Registration will soon be open for the Bi-Region Conference, hosted this year at the Sheraton Seattle. With over 30 technical sessions topics focused on Material Science, Construction Management, Sustainability, Technology and Concrete, plus the tradeshow, Keynote speaker and other events the conference is always a great opportunity to learn, meet trusted advisors and grow your circle of comrades. Sessions will begin THURSDAY, May 18th and go through SATURDAY May 20th. The Hotel block rooms will be available until April 3, so sign up early!