

August 2014 President's Message - CSI Santa Clara Valley

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MEETING MUSINGS

Golden Gate Bridge Historian, Bob David, took us on a great walk through the design, construction, and on-going maintenance of the famous San Francisco landmark at our July meeting. I am glad that so many of you were able to attend for the evening for a behind-the-scenes look at our local landmark including delightful stories of local legends and breathtaking photography. A special thank you goes out to Bob David for bringing a van full of historic cameras, large format photos, and posters down to the South Bay for us to experience up close for the evening. The presentation was truly a historical treat.

STRATEGIC SNAPSHOT

In mid-July, the Board and Committee Chairs met to have our annual Strategic Planning session. We spent the day at Gensler's San Jose office reflecting on the past year and charting the course for the year to come. Thank you to the attendees for donating a Saturday morning to this important task.

We set goals around improving programs and education, expanding outreach, hosting more events, and fundraising. Look for more information on these items as we dive into developing them further in the coming months. If you would like to be a part of these happenings, let me know at rietta.csi@gmail.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are a number of upcoming events for the Region and Institute everyone should be aware of. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

CONSTRUCT 2014: CSI Annual Convention

September 9 to 12, 2014 - Baltimore, Maryland

CONSTRUCT offers a relevant, accredited education program, an expansive exhibit hall floor filled with the latest services, products and technologies, as well as a myriad of networking opportunities. In conjunction with the CSI Annual Convention, the event is coupled with technical tours, activities and special events.

<http://www.constructshow.com/>

West Region Leadership Workshop

October 3 to 5, 2014 - Walnut Creek, California

Up and coming Chapter Leaders should attend this workshop to learn the nuts and bolts of what it takes to run a Chapter and get insights from other Chapter Leaders in the Region.

Contact Valarie Harris for more information: valarieh@pacbell.net.

CSI Academies

April 16 to 18, 2015 - San Francisco, California

Designed for experienced professionals, the Academies instill confidence by teaching you the roles and responsibilities of all the construction teams, and how they should interact (and what to do when they don't!) Education sessions are focused on small, intense group work in three areas of practice: Product Representative, Contract Administrator, and Construction Specifier.

<http://csinet.org/Main-Menu-Category/Education/CSI-Academies>

Tri-Region Conference

May 13 to 16, 2015 - San Diego, California

The Southwest and Northwest Regions will join the West Region for a Tri-Region Conference in sunny San Diego. More information will be available soon.