

August 2016 President's Message

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REGION CONFERENCE WRAP

The Bi-Region Conference this year, May 18-21, was hosted by both the West Region and the Northwest Region on the shores of beautiful Lake Tahoe in Incline Village, Nevada. It was an action packed event, with tours, multiple tracks of education, leadership training and a fantastic product show. The tour of the Thunderbird Lodge nestled on the eastern edge Lake Tahoe was especially interesting. The Lodge was constructed in the 1930's by an eccentric and wealthy "bon-vivant" who apparently was also somewhat of a hermit. The Lodge featured a 600' long underground tunnel bored through the granite hillside to an elaborate cabin, an elephant barn, and a camouflage boat house. Check out the photos and more on our Facebook page! <https://www.facebook.com/CSI-Santa-Clara-Valley>.

STRATEGIC SNAPSHOT

Saturday July 23, the Board and Committee Chairs will meet to have our annual Strategic Planning session. The event will be held at the new offices of Hawley Petersen Snyder in Sunnyvale. We will reflect on the past year and chart the course for the year to come. Thank you in advance to the attendees for donating a Saturday morning to this important task. We hope to 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 maia@mba-architects.net.

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 2016: I am excited to be taking my first trip to Austin and attending my first CSI national Convention! CSI Annual Convention will be held September 7-9, 2016, at the Austin Convention Center. This year's theme is "Beyond Limits" and 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 November 3 to 5, 2017 somewhere in southern CA, venues in Palm Springs and Ontario are being scouted. 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.

Region Conference May 17 to 20, 2017 - Seattle, Washington. The West and Northwest Regions will host a Bi-Region Conference in on the shores of Puget Sound in Seattle, Washington. More information will be available soon.