

2015 President's Message – CSI Santa Clara Valley Chapter

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On behalf of the Santa Clara Valley Chapter I would like to wish you and your families a **Happy Thanksgiving!** In gratitude, we humbly reflect upon all the gifts – family, friends, and health that saturate our lives. By “giving-thanks” we choose to extend ourselves and give to others less fortunate. Out of the abundance of our hearts, we are able to offer our resources to help others. So let's celebrate the wonderful things we are grateful for.

November's program presented by Carmen Torres, owner TB& N Consultants; and Albert Wege, Senior Project Manager, Swinerton Management & Consulting offered information on DSA (Division of the State Architects) Certification & Close-Out. DSA has recently undergone major changes in the way it closes out both current and legacy projects. This program was geared for anyone involved in the construction of public schools in the State of California. It explained the strategies for Project Certification. Contact Carmen Torres should you need consulting on your school projects. Thank you Carmen and Albert for a very informative meeting!

The West Region Mid-Year Board Meeting was held on Saturday, November 7th, at The Biltmore in Santa Clara. Our Director, Krista Nelson attended on behalf of our Chapter.

The candidates for election to serve on the Institute Board as Director from the West Region for the term 2016-18, as selected by the Region Nominating Committee, are Brian Cournoyer, RA, CSI, CCS, NCARB, LEED AP - Sacramento Chapter and Linda Stansen, RA, CSI, CDT, SCIP - San Francisco Chapter. They're profiles and the ballot will be part of the Institute elections and will be sent in early 2016. Please vote.

The candidate for election to serve as President-Elect of the West Region for the term 2016-2018, as affirmed by the Region Nominating Committee, is Patrick Comerford, CSI, CDT - Los Angeles Chapter. If there are no objections, Patrick will be elected by acclamation at the Mid-Year Board Meeting.

Tri-Chapter Holiday Party - We will be joining the East Bay/Oakland and San Francisco Chapters this year for a Bay Area Tri-Chapter Holiday Celebration. Please save the date for another fun-filled evening with drinks, dinner, and dancing! If you would like to be a Sponsor for this CSI Event you may register online: <http://www.cvent.com/d/mfq7ry>

Tuesday, December 15th at 6pm

Scott's Seafood Restaurant, Jack London Square in Oakland

HOPE TO SEE YOU THERE!!

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SAVE THE DATES –

Wednesday, January 13th, 2016

CSI Santa Clara Valley and San Francisco Chapters will be hosting a joint meeting, venue to be determined in the Mid-Peninsula area. We look forward to LEED Version 4 and HPD's (Healthy Product Declaration) program presented by Heather Gadonniex.

Thursday, February 4, 2016

NEW VENUE: FIORILLO'S Restaurant, 638 El Camino Real, Santa Clara

Program will be the Restoration of Leland Stanford Mansion presented by Hank Dunlop. Program information will be posted on the CSI SCV soon.

We are ringing in the New Year with a new monthly meeting location at Fiorillo's Restaurant. Please join us - Santa Clara Valley meets on the first Thursday of every month; with the exception of our January meeting and our joint meeting with AIA. The new location is across the street from Santa Clara University. We look forward to inviting professors, department heads and students in the construction industry to join us at our monthly meetings.

We have exciting things happening in our Chapter and hope you join us at our upcoming events in the New Year! AIA Santa Clara Valley and CSI SCV met to discuss a joint meeting in 2016. Details will follow.

Please contact us if you are interested in getting involved with CSI! We welcome new members and look forward to growing our Chapter.