

June 2015 President's Message - CSI Santa Clara Valley

Rietta McCain, CSI, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP ID+C

My term as President is winding to a close and there is a temptation to spend this last President's Message reflecting on all that we have done as a Chapter this year and thanking everyone for their hard work in making it such a success. Countless volunteer hours go into making CSI Santa Clara Valley a vibrant, interesting, and educational organization. Those that put forth the time and resources to make it happen cannot be praised enough; even though we'll attempt to do just that at our June Meeting. (So come join us for the party!)

I would like to take this last message to say: I am not going anywhere.

While I will be passing on the role as Chapter President to Rose Garrison's very capable hands, I am still engaged in making CSI Santa Clara Valley the best resource to the construction industry in the Silicon Valley. CSI brings together all the players in the construction industry and educates them so they can do their jobs better. That is something I continue to want to be involved with. CSI is a great organization to be a part of, to learn from, and to help in defining the future of construction – so I am not going anywhere.

The Tri-Region Conference in San Diego was a great opportunity to hear new ideas, learn from others, and get excited about all that is happening in CSI. On the flight home, I mulled over all that I learned and many adages jumped to mind:

'Leadership is not a spectator sport'

'Decisions are made by those who show up' Harry Truman

'Be the change you wish to see in the world' Gandhi

'Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand new ending' Carl Bard

'Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not.' Dr. Seuss

CSI is a volunteer organization and its life blood is the passion and efforts of its members. I urge you to get involved in making the Chapter the best it can be – however you would define that. Bring your vision to shaping what CSI should be in the future. We can only grow and change with your input and assistance. So please, reach out and let the Chapter leaders know your concerns and offer ways for us to improve and make changes. Be willing to roll up your sleeves and do some of the work to make your vision a reality.