

May 2015 President's Message - CSI Santa Clara Valley

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MEETING MUSINGS

Josh Roper, of Charles M. Salter Associates, gave us a great presentation on Acoustics in the Built Environment in April. The evening provided a lively discussion on the new acoustical building code requirements, common misconceptions in acoustical design, and insights into vibration and noise transfer issues at a community scale. It was an informative and entertaining presentation while providing valuable insights into how to improve the acoustics on future projects. Thank you to Josh for taking the time to speak to us.

HONORING 50 YEARS OF SERVICE

In late March, the Chapter celebrated Mel Cole, FCSI's 50 years with CSI at a luncheon at the Saratoga Foothill Club. People from near and far (Sacramento and San Diego), gathered to honor all that Mel has done for both CSI and the local construction industry. Mel's work for the Santa Clara Valley Chapter is enduring, starting when he moved to the area in 1983 and continuing to this day. Highly decorated for his work, Mel has received numerous awards from Chapters, the Region, and Institute recognizing him for this work around the construction sciences and education in both San Diego and San Jose. Mel is truly a gem, and we are grateful for all he does.

It was wonderful to come together to recognize all Mel has done over his 50 years with the organization. Thank you to everyone who took the time to come out and celebrate with the Chapter. A special thank you goes out to Ron Ronconi and CAS Architects for all their hard work and support of the event. You can view the photos of the event on our [Facebook page](#).

Thank you, Mel, for all you have done!

REGION ROUNDUP

It is spring, which means it is time for the West Region Conference again. This year we are hold a Tri-Region Conference with both the Northwest and Southwest Regions joining the West Region in San Diego for several days of fun in the sun, learning, and leadership. This year's conference theme is 'Coming Together to Build Better' and will feature several different tracks of education: leadership training, energy conservation, accessibility training, and trusted advisor training, as well as, numerous opportunities to explore 'America's Finest City.' I hope to see you there:

CSI Tri-Region Conference

May 13 to 16, 2015

Hilton San Diego Resort and Spa

<http://www.sandiegocsi.org/tri-region-conference.html>