

November 2015 President's Message – CSI Santa Clara Valley Chapter

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What a busy few weeks it has been! As many of you know, CSI Santa Clara Valley Chapter hosted a Construction Expo on September 16th at Levi Stadium. It has been over 20 years since a product show has been held by our Chapter. A big THANK YOU to all Sponsors and Exhibitors for their support in making the evening such a huge success. Everyone enjoyed the venue, the food and comradery. I received a wonderful email from the Levi Stadium Staff – of all the events they have served they really enjoyed this one. The staff did a wonderful job and were very accommodating on our needs. We appreciate all the volunteers who took time out of their busy schedules to help. The attendees that I have spoken to really enjoyed visiting the exhibitors and learning about their new products. For those of you who had your pictures taken during the stadium tour, we have your photos. Please contact us and we will get your photos to you. Visit CSI Santa Clara Valley on Facebook to view all photos taken that evening by LC Photography. This event was a year in planning of countless hours and hard work. Rietta McCain, Katia Griggs and I worked together to make sure we stayed on task and within budget. Thank you ladies for a job well done.

I attended CSI CONSTRUCT in St. Louis, Missouri and had a wonderful time learning about what other Chapters are doing. It was nice to have lunch with other Chapter members from the West Region. The keynote speaker, Tom Koulopoulos, did a fabulous job on the topic “Building the Future”. He spoke on the vision of the future that will not only disrupt but also reinvent almost every aspect of how we work, live and play. He looked at how companies will stem the “brain-drain” that is looming over the construction industry; the challenge of staying at the leading edge of technology, from the role of BIM and the advent of virtual and augmented reality. His keynote was based off his recent book, The Gen Z Effect. Sounds like a good read. Another session I attended was Robotic Construction by Contour Crafting. This was an interesting session about the growth of automation in construction. It is a mega-scale 3D fabrication process aiming at automated on-site construction of whole structures as well as subcomponents. The Greater St. Louis Chapter hosted an event at the City Museum. It is quite unique that is a combination of slides, playground, funhouse, and architectural wonder made out of exceptional found objects and recycled materials. I also took the Technical Tour of the Old Courthouse, Cathedral and Arch Grounds. Great view from the Top of the Arch of downtown St. Louis! Save the date for next year's CSI CONSTRUCT in Austin, Texas September 8 – 11, 2016.

Our October's Program was Specifications for Small Projects presented by Michael Chambers. He reviewed short form and sheet specification strategies for small projects, interiors and tenant improvements. We appreciate Michael's support and dedication to CSI. We also want to thank Tony Camp with Cosella-Dorken and Dale Foster with Laticrete. They both had table tops at our dinner meeting and shared their latest products for the construction industry. If you are interested in doing a table top at one of our monthly programs please reach out to one of our board members or sign up on our website.

Mark your calendars - Thursday, November 5, 2015 November's Program – DSA Certification and Close-Out: A Primer For Success. Our presenters are Carmen Torres, CSI owner of TB&N Consultants and Albert Wege, CSI, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP Senior Project Manager at Swinerton Management & Consulting. The Division of the State Architect (DSA) has undergone changes in the way it closes out both current and legacy projects. The program will focus on the tools, documents, and strategies required to achieve

DSA certification. Please invite your colleagues and friends who you feel will benefit from this presentation. You can sign up at <http://csiscvnov2015.brownpapertickets.com>

Another reminder - CSI SCV will be joining East Bay/Oakland and San Francisco Chapters for a Holiday Party. The Holiday Party Committee is organizing details for this event. Mark your calendars if you haven't already for December 15th at Scott's Seafood in Oakland. Further information will follow.

A couple of plans we are looking into for the New Year is an Educational Program on Waterproofing and a joint meeting with AIA Santa Clara Valley.

If you are interested in getting involved on a Committee or have ideas for programs, tours please reach out to a board or committee Chair.