

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

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It's hard to believe that summer is winding down and some kids have already started back to school for the fall! This is a time to enjoy family and friends during these hot summer days. I hope all of you are enjoying your summer.

On Saturday, July 25th the CSI SCV Board of Directors and Committee Chairs gathered at Dunn-Edwards Paints in San Jose for their Annual Strategic Planning Meeting. I want to thank all those who attended for taking time out of their weekend. With your commitment and energy our goals at this meeting can be met.

We spent the day identifying our focus for the year. We discussed our successes and challenges. Congratulations CSI Santa Clara Valley Chapter for winning the Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award! CSI SCV grew membership and tied for second nationally. These are great successes for our Chapter. Thank you to all those who helped make this happen. We are working to continue to grow membership, grow our Programs Committee to bring you a variety of educational programs at our Chapter meetings. If you would like to volunteer your time, get involved and have some fun please contact any of our board members. New ideas are always welcomed.

Our August Program Chapter meeting was Designing Contractors: The Project Team's Guide to Design-Assist, Delegated Design and Design-Build. We had the pleasure of Vivian Volz, AIA, CSI, CCS, LEED AP BD+C as our speaker. Very informative program and our members had many great questions for Vivian. On behalf of the Chapter thank you for your time and we greatly appreciated your presentation.

It's hard to believe we are **five** weeks away for the CSI SCV Construction Expo 2015! Santa Clara Chapter invites you to join us for this event. For more information please follow link:

<http://santaclaravalley.csinet.org/expo-2015>

How many of you will be attending CONSTRUCT 2015 in St. Louis, Missouri? This will be my first time attending the national convention and if anyone else is attending we should get together in St. Louis. If you are interested it will be held September 30 – October 3.

<http://www.constructshow.com/>

Mark your calendars - CSI SCV monthly meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3rd September's Program is "New Member Orientation and What CSI is All About." We invite all members and anyone who is interested in joining. A brief overview of Construction Expo 2015 will be presented. Please join us for appetizers, beer and wine.

CSI SCV will be joining East Bay/Oakland and San Francisco Chapters for a Holiday Party. This will be an opportunity to have a Tri-Chapter Event on December 15th. Mark your calendars and further information will follow. It was a great time last year and I hope to see more members from CSI Santa Clara Valley Chapter join in the cheer.