

## Extraordinary and Exceptional Events

### President's Message

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### MEETING MUSINGS

The July meeting was a special event co-hosted by SCV and SF Chapters and DBIA at the San Francisco Airport. Although few people look forward to going to the Airport and parking there is also a high hazard situation, it was indeed an enlightening evening hearing about SFO project delivery from a panel of participants, and no luggage had to be dragged along.

Geoff Neumayr, Deputy Airport Director of Design and Construction started off the presentation with a powerpoint which showcased the precepts the culture of construction at SFO. The Airport is strong on collaboration to manage and deliver the 6 billion dollar budget of capital improvement projects. Without any humorous inferences to Silicon Valley, Season 2, Geoff walked through the *Triangle of Domains of Project Delivery; Organizational Behavior, Commercial Terms, and Operating Style* to show how “qualification based co-creation, common purpose project alliance and working collaboratively throughout the hierarchy of tasks can produce extraordinary and exceptional results”.

As an example, the Airports' spectacular new control tower was discussed in a panel consisting of the Architect; Susan Cheek of Fentress Architects, the Structural Engineer; Bill Andrews of Walter P Moore, the Construction Manager; Todd Temple of Hensel Phelps and the Director of Project Management at the Airport; Judy Mosqueda. The four panelist took questions from the crowd on aspects of project delivery and design, and discussed the benefits of performance based specifications, selection by qualification, and co-creation of schedule and budget to deliver exceptional project outcome. In a very unusual turn of events, the F.A.A turned over the design and construction of the Tower to the local authority, the SFO Design and Construction team, as testimony to the unique and challenging task of building a state of the art Tower in an operating international airport located in a major earthquake zone. The resulting Control Tower is the tallest vertical post tensioned structure in the U.S, is designed to meet the F.A.A's requirements for earthquake safety, and was recognized as the top engineering project in the United States. In an awards ceremony held in Washington D.C. on April 19th, 2016 the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC) named the tower facility as the “Grand Conceptor Award Winner” for employing a cutting-edge vertical post-tensioned system, enabling the tower to remain upright and fully operational after a major earthquake.

### STRATEGIC SNAPSHOT

The Board and Chairs met at Hawley Petersen Snyder to review the last year and set some goals for the next year. Much thanks are due to Rose Garrison, CSI and Rietta McCain, CSI, CCA, AIA, LEED-AP ID+C for the last two years of uber-performance with SCV CSI. In the last year SCV CSI held the Expo, several joint meetings with other organizations, an education seminar, changed meeting location and boosted meeting attendance. Although this year may not have such a broad reach, the board is aiming to keep delivering high-quality, relevant education; increase meeting attendance; plan another seminar; and start the planning of another industry event.

### CONGRATULATIONS SANTA CLARA VALLEY CSI – REPEAT INSTITUTE OUTSTANDING CHAPTER COMMENDATION WINNER!

I'm extremely proud to say that SCV CSI has been awarded Institutes' Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award for the second year in a row! Vice-President Terri Sudbrook and I will be at the awards event in Austin this September to accept the award. The credit goes largely to Rose Garrison and Rietta McCain, who have shown exemplary leadership over the last two years, and to the Board and Chairs who have dug deep to reach out and deliver exciting and interesting events. Congratulations to all!