

# the Platform

the CSI Metro NY Monthly Newsletter

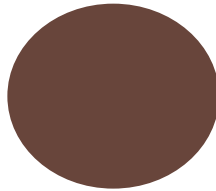
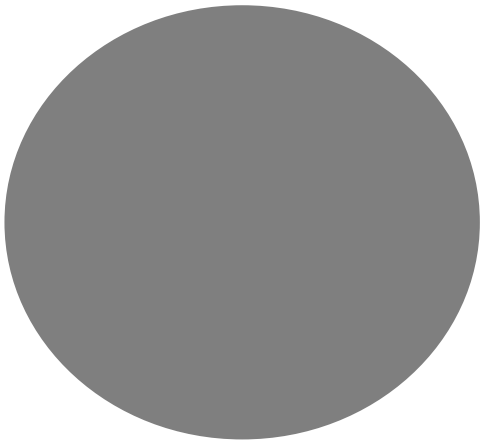
**FALL 2024**

September | October | November



METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER

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## LINKS

**National Website:**  
[csiresources.org](http://csiresources.org)

**Northeast Region Website:**  
[nercsi.com](http://nercsi.com)

**NY Metro Chapter Website:**  
[csimetrony.com](http://csimetrony.com)

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## CSI Metro NY game plan...



### our **Mission:**

To advance building information management and education of project teams to improve facility performance...



### our **Make-Up:**

A mixture of professionals including Architects, Designers, Specifiers, Product Manufacturers & Suppliers, Consultant Partners, Contractors, and Facility Managers & Owners...



### our **Plan:**

Leverage the expertise of our diverse membership via innovative & interactive learning programs...

Build trusting relationships with industry partners to explore new methodologies for delivery of projects...

Become active and recognized participants in fueling positive change in the communities in which we work and live in...

## a message from the **President...**

As CSI Metro NY Chapter commences with the new 2024-2025 year, I reach out to all our Chapter Members to try to attend as many of the Monthly Events as possible; whether a discussion with a Panel; a presentation at one our NYC Showrooms, such as Patcraft; or a tour of a facility that one of Chapter members has coordinated. Our Program Committee has worked hard over the summer and into the Fall with some Board assistance in developing the 2024-2025 monthly events.

Our September Chapter event at Patcraft entitled "Starburst" was creative event that required all that attended to answer 4 questions that our Program Committee developed that allowed everyone who attended to know a little more about attendees. The new dynamic was well received.

Our goals are to entice more of our members to join our upcoming events. Since March of this year our Chapter was fortunate to grow with the following 16 new members and returning members.

Carlos Fighetti, Adaamson -Associates; 9/19	Paul Scalici, Empire Sales; 8/10
Robert Klein; 8/28	Robert Dudek; 8/23
Jean Brunel Joseph; 8/18	Thomas Schaperkotter; 7/30
Rowan Georges; 7/4	Charles Collado, NYPA; 5/29
Ed Thompson; 5/12	Joleen Alison, Fine Print Specs; 5/22
Preis Christopher, Conspectus; 4/10	Eileen Lee; 4/5
Michelle Carchedi; 3/22	Mostafa Hassan; 3/20
Neil Shah; 3/16	Paul Donio; 3/13

October is a big month for CSI as several of our members are attending the CSI National Conference in Houston Texas in the middle of the month. I personally, hope that they have a great experience in meeting and engaging with other CSI members from all over the country; sharing their experiences with Metro NY and listening to how other Chapters function. The presentations will be enlightening and informative and wish that I was able to attend.

The following week, on October 23<sup>rd</sup> our Chapter Meeting will be at Steelcase and in honor of



**H A L L O W E E N**



all members attending will be able to explore the creativity the painting..

The **November Event on the 13<sup>th</sup>** will be a social time celebrating the **Thanksgiving** and we would welcome all members to share in their experiences to make this night to remember.

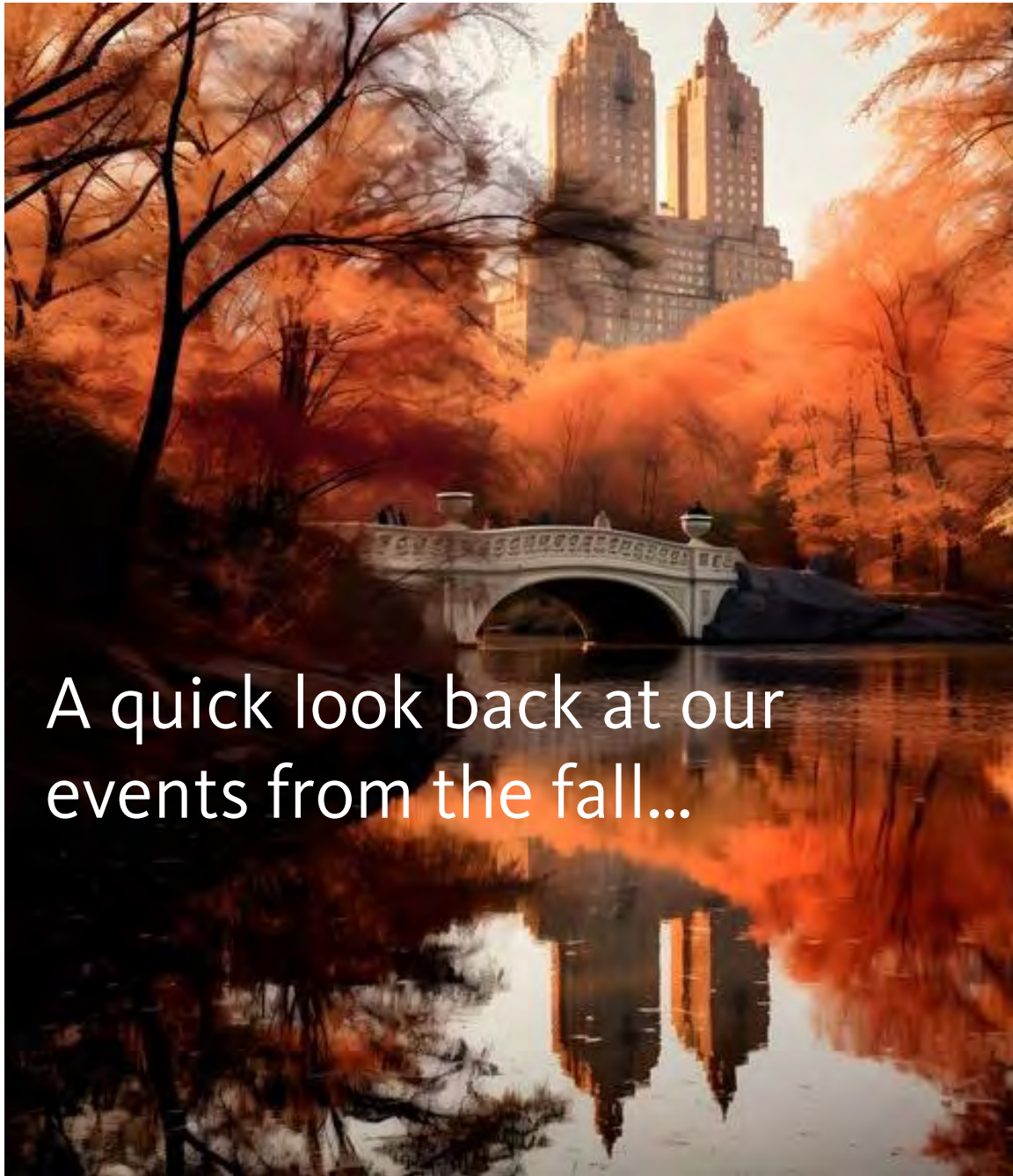
In December, the Metro NY Chapter is hosting our Annual Hoilday Event on December 11<sup>th</sup> at a special reataurant on the upper east side of NYC called QUATORZE, which has graciously hosted our event for the past 2 years. We are hoping to get enough members registered to have the entire restaurant METRO NY.

As current President of the Chapter, if any member or non-member has any questions regarding CSI and/or the inner workings of the out Chapter please feel free to reach out to me.



**Oliver Wilhelm**  
CSI Metro NY Chapter President  
[oliver@wstudioarchitects.com](mailto:oliver@wstudioarchitects.com)

## the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Fall Events Recap**



A quick look back at our  
events from the fall...

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter September Event September 16, 2024



## 2024 GOLF OUTING

**MONDAY SEPT 9/16**

**SOUTH SHORE  
COUNTRY CLUB**

**200 HUGUENOT AVE,  
STATEN ISLAND, NY 10312**



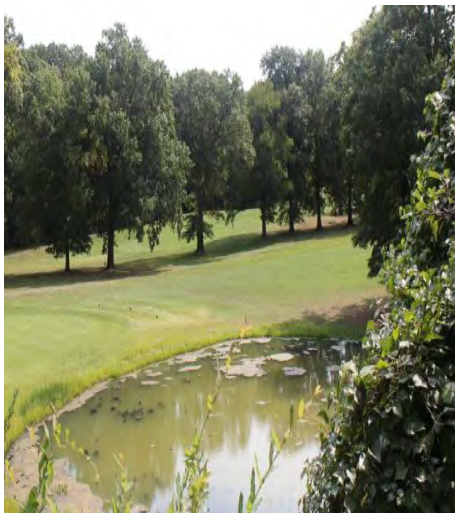
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 11:30 AM LUNCH</li> <li>• 1:30 PM TEE OFF</li> <li>• 6:00 PM DINNER</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 GOLFER - \$275</li> <li>• 4 GOLFERS - \$1100</li> <li>• DINNER ONLY - \$150</li> </ul>
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## SPONSORSHIPS

- **GOLD SPONSOR - \$4,000**
  - **INCLUDES 2 FOURSOME & DINNER SPONSOR**
- **SILVER SPONSOR - \$3,000**
  - **INCLUDES 1 FOURSOME & HOLE SPONSORSHIP**
- **BRONZE SPONSOR - \$2,000**
  - **INCLUDES 1 FOURSOME & LUNCH SPONSOR**
- **DINNER SPONSOR - \$1500**
- **LUNCH SPONSOR - \$1000**
- **PUTTING CONTEST SPONSOR - \$1,000**
- **SNACKS AT THE TURN SPONSOR - \$300**
- **CART BOY SPONSOR - \$500**
- **HOLE SPONSOR - \$200**

**ALL SPONSORSHIPS GET  
RECOGNITION AT LUNCH  
AND DINNER ALONG WITH  
SIGNAGE**

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter September Event September 16, 2024



the CSI Metro New York Chapter September Event  
September 25, 2024

# STARBURST:

Getting to know you...

Pick a color, any color...  
and tell us something about you!

## Cherry Red:

If you could hang out with any cartoon character, who would it be and why?

## Lemon Yellow:

What is your favorite vacation spot and why?

## Strawberry Pink:

What sport would you compete in if you were in the Olympics and why?

## Orange Orange:

If money was no object, what would you be doing right now?

Special thanks to our showroom host:

patcraft<sup>®</sup>

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter September Event September 25, 2024



# the CSI Metro New York Chapter **October Event** **October 23, 2024**



CSI<sup>®</sup> METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER

*October Chapter Event*

**PLEASE JOIN US FOR  
PUMPKIN PAINTING AT  
Steelcase**

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 23  
5:30-7:30  
4 COLUMBUS CIRCLE 8TH FL



Special thanks to our showroom host:

# Steelcase

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter **October Event** **October 23, 2024**



# the CSI Metro New York Chapter **November Event** **November 13, 2024**



Special thanks to our showroom host:



# the CSI Metro New York Chapter **November Event** **November 13, 2024**



# the CSI Metro New York Chapter November Event November 13, 2024



the CSI Metro New York Chapter  
**Winter 2024/2025**

Here's what's on tap for the  
Winter months...



## the CSI Metro New York Chapter 2024/2025 Calendar



Mark your calendars & save the dates for our upcoming CSI Metro NY Schedule of Events...

- September 25, 2024 @ Patcraft Showroom
- October 23, 2024 @ Steelcase Showroom
- November 13, 2024 @ Mohawk Group Showroom
- **December 11, 2024...Holiday Party...Quatorze Restaurant**
- **January 8, 2025...@ Lutron Showroom**
- **February 12, 2025...@ Gensler, New York**
- March 12, 2025...Location TBD
- April 9, 2025...In-Construction Project Tour TBD
- May 14, 2025...Completed Project Tour TBD
- June 12, 2025...Awards Celebration...Location TBD
- July 10, 2025...Movie Night @ Brooklyn Bridge Park
- August 13, 2025...Social Gathering @ Little Island

*Please note programs are tentative and subject to change...*

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Upcoming Events** **December 11, 2024**



**CSI** METROPOLITAN  
NEW YORK  
CHAPTER

# HOLIDAY PARTY

• • • **11**  
• • • **DECEMBER**  
• • • 5:45 PM - Cocktail Hour  
• • • 6:45PM - Dinner  
• • • \$40 FOR MEMBERS  
• • • \$75 FOR NON MEMBERS

**• QUATORZE •**  
+ RSVP BY DEC 4TH - CSIMETRONY.COM +  
1578 1st Ave,  
New York, NY 10028

## the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Upcoming Events**

**January 8, 2024**



*Join us as we kick off the New Year with an interactive panel discussion, checking the **temperature** on Lighting...*



### ***We will hear from industry experts regarding:***

- *Advancements in lighting technologies...*
- *Clarity regarding the energy code...*
- *The importance of lighting from a Health & Well-Being perspective...*

### **Event Logistics:**

**Location:** *Lutron NYC Global  
Experience Center  
3 East 28<sup>th</sup> Street*

**Time:** *5:30 Social/Networking  
6:30 Program*



## the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Upcoming Events**

**February 12, 2024**

Join us for our February Chapter Event  
as we celebrate Black History Month...



## **An evening with Moody Nolan...**



Moody Nolan



**Curtis Jerome Moody, FAIA, NOMAC, 1950–2024**  
October 14, 2024

*Join us for an inspiring evening with **Jonathan Moody** as he shares stories of the Largest African American owned Design Firm in the United States...Designing with purpose to improve every day, every place, and every life...*

### **Event Logistics:**

**Location:** **Gensler** New York  
1700 Broadway, Suite 400

**Time:** 5:30 Social/Networking  
6:30 Program

**More information to follow...**

the CSI Metro New York Chapter **inner workings...**



Some of the  
behind-the-scenes  
elements that make it  
all possible...

# our 2024/2025 CSI Metro New York Chapter Board



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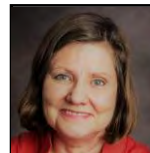
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# the CSI Metro New York Chapter Committees



## MEMBERSHIP:



The **Membership** Committee works to enlist new members and works at retaining existing members. This committee works with the Programs/House Committee to produce special programs to appeal to particular disciplines within the design + construction industry and Allied Professionals.

### Committee Members:

Andrea Dinice, Renee Pecquex, Tom Scriven, Kori Camacho-Onal, Jacquelyn Cox

## PROGRAMS/ HOUSE:



The **Programs/House** Committee is responsible for the planning, implementation and execution of Chapter programs and activities for the monthly meetings.

### Committee Members:

Tom Lanzelotti, Erin Spadavecchia, Kori Camacho-Onal, Andrea Dinice, Jacquelyn Cox

## OUTREACH:



The **Outreach** Committee is comprised of four sub-committees... Communication; Newsletter; Social Media; and Website. This committee promotes activities in CSI and it's members within the Chapter and in the New York City Metro Area Design + Construction and Allied Professionals.

### Committee Members:

Elizabeth Kahen, Tom Lanzelotti, Erin Spadavecchia, Kori Camacho-Onal, Andrea Dinice

## FINANCE:



The **Audit / Finance** Committee advises the Board of Directors on fiscal policy and on investments of the Chapter's assets and ensures the proper handling and reporting of the fiscal transactions of the Treasurer.

### Committee Members:

Arnie Kravitz, Tom Scriven

## BY-LAWS:



The **By-Laws** committee provides guidance to the Board of Directors regarding matters involving the Institute, Region and Chapter By-Laws.

### Committee Members:

Tom Scriven, Michael Bean, Tom Lanzelotti, Ken Raikowski, Arnie Kravitz, Oliver Wilhelm, Kori Camacho-Onal

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter Committees

## FUND RAISING:



The **Fund Raising** Committee is comprised of three entities; Golf, Sponsorship, and Scholarship. This committee organizes and administers the annual golf outing which is a fundraiser for the Francis L. Frybergh Scholarship as well as solicit donations from individuals and companies in support of this scholarship and the Chapter.

### Committee Members:

Golf: Arnie Kravitz, Ken Raikowski  
 Sponsorship: Tom Lanzelotti, Bill DuBois, Tom Scriven, Andrea Dinice  
 Scholarship: Bill DuBois, Tom Lanzelotti

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:



The **Professional Development Committee** provides support for those who are studying for or entering the design + construction industry. The committee promotes CSI Certifications (CDT, CCCS, CCCA & CCPR). The committee administers the application process for the annual Freyberg Scholarship.

### Committee Members:

Kori Camacho-Onal, Oliver Wilhelm, Tom Lanzelotti, Christina Keegan

## NOMINATING:



The **Nominating** Committee recruits and proposes leaders to the Board of Directors for inclusion on the annual ballot for election of Chapter and Region Officers. This is a special committee with members selected/appointed as per the Chapter By-Laws.

## PLANNING:



The **Planning** Committee coordinates the annual planning Meeting of Board Members & Committee Members to plan the Chapter activities for the upcoming year.

### Committee Members:

Oliver Wilhelm, Bill DuBois, Tom Scriven, Tom Lanzelotti

## AWARDS:



The **Awards** Committee reviews the achievements of the members and associated organizations and prepares awards and award nominations accordingly. Chapter awards are presented annually at the year end Awards Dinner.

### Committee Members:

Erin Spadavecchia, Jacquelyn Cox

If you are interested in joining the pack and serving on one of our Committees, please reach out to Oliver Wilhelm [oliver@wstudioarchitects.com](mailto:oliver@wstudioarchitects.com)



## the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Showroom Partner Program**



### CSI Metro New York **Bob Crane Memorial** Showroom Partnership Program

For those of you who did not know Bob, he was our Chapter Programs/House Chair when we made the move from having our Chapter meetings in the basement at Annie Moore's to New York City Design Showrooms...

Bob raised the bar when it came to curating innovative programs & events and negotiating great locations...

To honor Bob's memory and dedication to our Chapter, the Board voted to name our Showroom Partnership Program in his name...



At each of our Chapter Meeting held at various New York City Showrooms, we present our hosts with a **Bob Crane Memorial Showroom Partner Plaque** to recognize their support of our Chapter.

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter Sponsorship Program...



We are now piloting a formalized **Sponsorship Program** to assist in supporting the many initiatives/programs/activities that the Board has in the works for the Chapter...

## Annual Sponsorship Opportunities:

### Platinum (\$1,500):



- Sponsor plaque at our Annual Awards Event
- Company Logo/Website Link displayed on Chapter Website
- Company Logo/Website Link displayed on Intro Slide at each Chapter Meeting
- Company Feature Article in four (4) Newsletters
- Tabletop at Annual Awards Event

### Gold (\$1,000):



- Sponsor plaque at our Annual Awards Event
- Company Logo/Website Link displayed on Chapter Website
- Company Logo/Website Link displayed on Intro Slide at each Chapter Meeting
- Company Feature Article in three (2) Newsletters

### Silver (\$750):



- Sponsor plaque at our Annual Awards Event
- Company Logo/Website Link displayed on Chapter Website
- Company Logo/Website Link displayed on Intro Slide at each Chapter Meeting
- Company Feature Article in one (1) Newsletter

### Bronze (\$250):



- Company Logo/Website Link displayed on Chapter Website
- Company Logo/Website Link displayed on Intro Slide at each Chapter Meeting

If you are interested in being a Metro NY Chapter Sponsor, please reach out to our Fundraising Committee Sponsorship team [tom\\_lanzelotti@gensler.com](mailto:tom_lanzelotti@gensler.com) / [tom@empiresalesgroup.net](mailto:tom@empiresalesgroup.net) / [keneth.raikowski@assaabloy.com](mailto:keneth.raikowski@assaabloy.com)  
Also visit our Chapter Website [www.csimetrony.com](http://www.csimetrony.com) for additional information...

## the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Member Spotlight**



Each month in our Chapter Newsletter, we would like to provide **Member Profiles** to celebrate your accomplishments, put a face to a name, and just get to know each other a little better...

At each Chapter Event, we will place a call for Member Profiles...If you would like to be featured in our Member Profile page raise your hand at one of our Chapter Events!



### **This Could be You...**

#### **All it takes is to:**

1. Provide us with a Headshot...
2. Provide us with a little insight into who you as a professional...Are you an Architect, a Designer, a Specifier, a Product Rep, a Product Manufacturer, an Engineer, a Contractor, etc.
3. Provide us with a little insight into who you are outside the business environment...
4. Let us know what makes you tick...

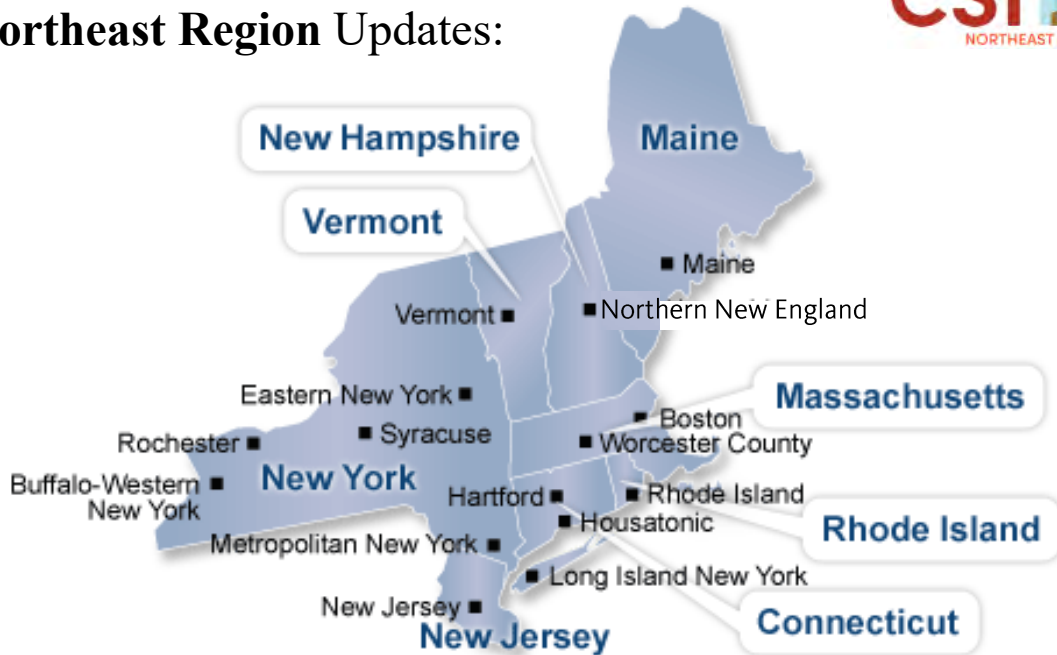


If you are interested in sharing a little about yourself, feel free to reach out to:

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# Northeast Region Updates:



## the Northeast Region CSI is comprised of 14 local chapters:

Metro NY (1950); Boston (1956); Buffalo-Western NY (1958); Hartford (1963); Syracuse (1964); Rochester (1964); Rhode Island (1965); New Jersey (1966); Eastern NY (1967); Vermont (1968); Worcester (1968); Housatonic (1969); Northern New England(1970); Long Island (1970)

the Mission of the Northeast Region is to:

**“Build Strong Chapters through Communication and Collaboration”**

The Region employs **Terri Bracken** as our marketing support administrator to help the Chapters. Some of the Chapters are involved in utilizing the Dynamic Chapter Program offered by National. Our region administrative assistant Terri Bracken attends these webinars and is always willing to offer her expertise. Terri can also provide services to the chapters by completing AIA submissions and certificates, creating newsletters, chapter invites and coordinating RSVPs. Terri is always excited to hear from the Chapters. In a short time, all the Chapters will be having elections for 2021. She is reachable at 508-523-4704 and [neregion@gmail.com](mailto:neregion@gmail.com)



**Michael Helly** is the web expert employed by NERCSI. Many Chapters rely heavily on Mike’s expertise. He can cross advertise Chapter events on the region’s website. Maintaining and collaboration has been working well. If Chapters provide Mike with the content work behind the scenes on things like maintaining sponsors and social media links. You can check out an example on our event page. <https://nercsi.com/events/> At no cost to our Chapter we can cross advertise the great events we have monthly. [mikehelly.design@gmail.com](mailto:mikehelly.design@gmail.com)

## Northeast Region Updates:

### the CSI Northeast Region Board

#### Executive Committee:



**President**  
Ken Lambert



**Vice President**  
Frank Mruk



**Secretary**  
Jonathan M. Miller



**Treasurer**  
Roy Olsen



**Immediate Past  
President**  
Joe Lobdell.

#### Voting Board Members:

Boston Director: Kristin Norwood

Buffalo Director: Jim Bourgeois

Eastern NY Director: Steven Van Hoose

Hartford Director: David Newman

Housatonic Director: Roy Olsen

Long Island Director: Ken Gehringer

Metro NY Director: Renee Pecquex

New Jersey Director: Joe Lobdell

Northern New England Director: Todd Buck

Rochester Director: Alan Turner

Rhode Island Director: Vacant

Syracuse Director: Kevin Phillips

Vermont Director: Rebecca Campbell

Worcester Director: Marty Helly

#### Non-Voting Member:

Institute Director: Tom Lanzelotti

Northeast Region Updates:



## CSI Northeast Region Conference



**NERCSI2025**

**LONGEVITY / DURABILITY / RESILIENCY**

*Building on History to Create the Future*

May 15-17, 2025

**Hotel 1620 Plymouth Harbor**

Plymouth, Massachusetts



# Northeast Region Updates:



## CSI NORTHEAST REGION 2025 CDT CANDIDATE PREPARATION CLASSES

- WHEN:** 10 weekly classes  
02/25/25 – 04/29/25  
6:00PM – 7:00 PM
- WHERE:** From the comfort of your own home, through virtual tutoring by live instructors
- COST:** CSI Members: \$100  
Non-CSI members: \$200



The Northeast Region is proud to announce that it will be offering preparation classes for the 2025 Construction Document Technologist exam to candidates seeking CDT Certification! Instructors from throughout the Northeast Region have collaborated to develop an all-star “faculty” of instructors from chapters all around the Region to teach the CDT preparation classes. Each instructor holds CSI Certifications(s) of their own and is well experienced in the subject they’ll be presenting. You benefit by receiving training from the top teachers in the Region and you’ll expand your network by meeting and connecting with peers outside of your own chapter.

The Construction Documents Technology (CDT) certification provides a comprehensive program of study for anyone seeking to enhance and demonstrate knowledge of writing, interpreting, enforcing and managing construction documents. Pass the Construction Documents Technology exam (CDT), and you’ll join an elite group of professionals known in the industry for their comprehensive knowledge of the writing and management of construction documents. The only prerequisites are:

- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Two (2) years’ CM experience and/or completion of college-level coursework is highly recommended.

Classes are just \$100 for any member of CSI (just 10 bucks a class!), and only \$200 for non-members. Any non-member who joins any of the 14 chapters in the Northeast Region before the last class will be reimbursed the \$100 class fee.

CSI is offering the exam itself between May 6, 2025 and June 4, 2025 so the prep classes will wrap up just as the exam window opens, so the knowledge will be fresh in your mind.

Interested? Visit <https://nercsi.com/cdt-preparation-class/> before to sign up for prep classes, see the class topic breakdown and syllabus and get recommendations on study materials.

# Northeast Region Updates:

## Annual NER Sponsorship

- RAISE AWARENESS
- SHOWCASE FIRMS

**Register Now**

On the CSI Northeast Region website at [www.nercsi.com](http://www.nercsi.com)

CSI promotes professional education, increases industry competence overall, provides incredibly valuable services to A/E professionals to better the industry as a whole and raises the level of professional engagement from participants. Supporting the Northeast Region CSI through sponsorship is vitally important to carrying on the legacy of this great industry organization in our region and continuing to strive for excellence, competence, and professionalism within the A/E industry. The CSI Northeast Region thanks you in advance for your sponsorship consideration.

### Schematic – \$2000

- Exposure on Website
- Recognition in Regional Event promotional flyers
- Special recognition at NE Region events
- Company brochure in Regional event give-out package
- Article/write-up/project/mention on website for the year
- Participation in NE Region CDT Prep Classes for staff who are members of Chapters in the NE Region.
- Opportunity to be an event supporter

### Design Development – \$1000

- Exposure on Website
- Recognition in Regional Event promotional flyers
- Special recognition at NE Region events
- Participation in NE Region CDT Prep Classes for staff who are members of Chapters in the NE Region
- Opportunity to be an event supporter

### Construction Documents – \$500

- Exposure on Website
- Recognition in Regional event promotional flyers
- Opportunity to be an event supporter

# National Updates:



## CSI NATIONAL:

- Comprised of 10 Regions
- Institute website: [www.csiresources.org](http://www.csiresources.org)

## National Updates:



### *Some thoughts from Houston...*



***Frank Mruk, Northeast Region Vice President:***

- Welcome reception was packed...
- A good number of first-time attendees +/-30...
- Speed networking sold-out...
- Boston Chapter CSI Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award...
- CSI credential earners for Fall 2023 & Spring 2024 exam cycles acknowledged...
- Frank presented “Concrete Innovations: Proven Pathways to Reducing Carbon Footprint” on Thursday with a great audience...

## National Updates:



### *Some thoughts from Houston...*



**Kori Camacho-Onal, Metro NY Vice President:**

The 2024 National Conference provided a valuable platform for learning and networking with AEC industry professionals, featuring insightful presentations sparking thought-provoking conversations.

#### Adapting to Change, Leading Toward the Future

- Bill Charne offered a valuable perspective on improving board governance and optimizing organizations. It is important to understand board responsibilities, organizational purpose, and identify how the organization affects its members.
- Dr. Brandi Baldwin spoke to the importance of understanding resistance to change from long-standing organization members, recalibrating to ensure the organization is meeting membership needs and expectations, renew and retreat through a DEI lens. She also provided a diverse viewpoint and facilitated open dialogue among participants.

#### Dirty Boots: The Importance of Being Onsite

- Julie Foley and Nathan Taylor, M.A. presented the need to have an on-site presence to observe the progress of construction, how to prepare for a site visits, tips for successful coordination of the scope of the project with the construction team, and successful communication with clients.

## National Updates:



### *Some thoughts from Houston...*



**Kori Camacho-Onal**, *Metro NY Vice President:*

#### Healthy and Responsible Material Section for Sustainable Buildings

- Erin Spadavecchia and Amy Musanti shared how to implement a successful stability project by identifying the variety of green certification programs available, the importance of setting achievable sustainability goals, determining the correct framework for sustainability of the project, and a number of resources available to the AEC industry.

#### Socializing

- Well-designed speed networking and social events fostered meaningful connections with industry professionals.

The conference organizers provided a comprehensive overview of current industry developments and trends, made it a worthwhile experience for professionals wanting to stay current in the AEC industry, and fostered meaningful connections with colleagues and future collaborators.

## National Updates:



### Invest in the Future of AECO Professionals

The 2024 CSI Foundation Annual Appeal is focused on raising funds for scholarships to aspiring professionals in the AECO industry, helping make it possible for them to attend the CSI National Conference or earn a CSI certification.

Donate now to invest in our future leaders and build a brighter future for our entire CSI community.

### CSI Foundation Board of Trustees

Chair, Marvin Kemp, FCSI, Lifetime Member, CDT<sup>®</sup>

Vice-chair, Rachel Nava, CSI, CCS<sup>®</sup>, CDT<sup>®</sup>

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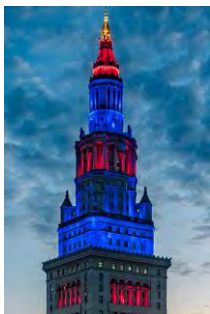
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