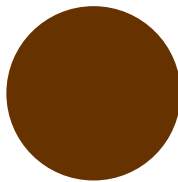
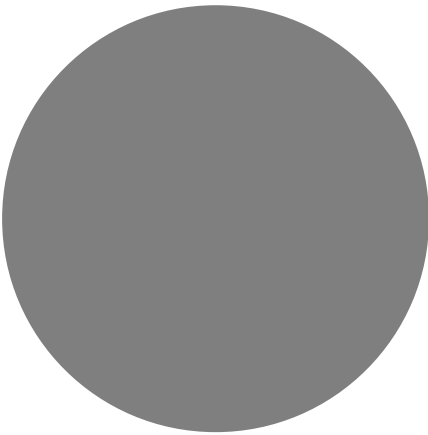


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CSI Metro NY game plan...



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...**

Dear CSI Metro NY Members:

It is an honor and a privilege to serve as President of CSI Metro NY. I am a Senior Associate at Ennead, a Cannon Design Company and have been a member of CSI since 2018. During that time, I have served on the Board as a Director, Vice President, Secretary, and now President. Each role has given me a deeper appreciation for the dedication of our membership, volunteers, and leadership, as well as for the key role CSI plays in our Profession.

I accepted the presidency to build upon the solid foundation established by those who have served before me. My goal is to strengthen what we have built together and position CSI Metro NY for an even stronger future.

The national mission of CSI is “to improve building information management and the education of project teams to enhance overall facility performance.” This mission is particularly relevant to our industry where collaboration, communications, accurate information, and continued education are essential. CSI Metro NY provides a valuable forum for designers, contractors, manufacturers, product representatives, owners, and other professionals to learn, connect, and grow together.

Education and professional development will remain an important focus. Our CDT program is an excellent example of the value CSI provides, while our events create opportunities to exchange ideas and build relationships across the industry. We should continue to build upon these strengths while finding new ways to demonstrate the value of membership.

During my term, my priorities will be improving communication, strengthening membership retention and growth, and increasing member participation. With approximately 121 members, we have a strong foundation, but continued engagement is essential. We need to keep members informed, create meaningful opportunities to participate, and listen to what our membership needs.

We also have exciting opportunities ahead, including collaborations with organizations such as SARANY and NEW, our new scholarship initiative, preparations for the 2028 Northeast Region Conference, and potential by-laws changes that expand opportunities for members to serve on the Board.



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As our industry evolves through technology and artificial intelligence, CSI's mission becomes ever more important. We need a place where professionals can learn, ask questions, share experiences, and adapt together. My hope is that CSI Metro NY is that place, a chapter where professionals at every stage of their careers feel welcomed, valued, and connected.

The strength of CSI Metro NY depends upon its members. I encourage everyone to attend an event, join a committee, bring a colleague, volunteer, or simply share an idea. Your participation helps shape our chapter and its future.

As your President, I also want to hear from you. If you have a question, an idea, concern, or simply want to share what is on your mind, please reach out to me directly at president@csimetrony.com. Your feedback matters, and I welcome the opportunity to hear from you.

Thank you for the trust you have placed in me and for the opportunity to serve. I look forward to working with our Board, volunteers, industry partners and you our members as we strengthen our Chapter and advance the mission of CSI together.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kori Camacho-Onal". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Kori Camacho-Onal

President - CSI Metro New York



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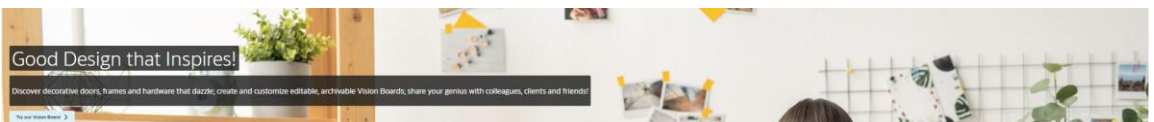
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the CSI Metro New York Chapter **2025/2026** Calendar



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

- September 16, 2026 @ PID Flooring Showroom
- September 22, 2026...Chapter Golf Outing @ Pelham Bay Golf Course
- October 7-9, 2026...CSI National Conference, Phoenix, Arizona
- October 14, 2026
- November 11, 2026
- December 16, 2026...Holiday Party @ Quatorze Restaurant
- January 13, 2027
- February 10, 2027
- March 2&3, 2027...NY Build @ Javits Center
- March 4, 2027
- April 14, 2027
- May 12, 2027
- June 9, 2027...Member Appreciation Night
- July 16, 2026...Summer Social Event #1
- August 12, 2026...Summer Social Event #2

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

the CSI Metro New York Chapter Upcoming Events...

UPCOMING EVENTS

**Wednesday,
September 16, 2026**

MINGLE & BINGO

 DATE September 16 2026	 CSI [®] METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER	 MORE THAN A GAME -- IT'S PEOPLE! CONNECT
 NEW FRIENDS! NEW STORIES! NEW MEMORIES! CONVERSE	GRAB A CARD. START TALKING. FILL YOUR CARD. AND WIN!	 TIME 5:30 - 8:00
 LOCATION PID FLOOR 37 W 20th St New York, NY	 PID [®] FLOORS	COMPETE

READY TO BINGO?
Scan the QR code to register!





SAVE THE DATE for our annual **CSI Metro New York Golf Outing** which will be held this year at Pelham Bay Golf Course in the Bronx on Tuesday, September 22, 2026.



Every year, we come together for a relaxing day on the links to honor the memory of Francis L. Frybergh to raise money for the Frybergh Scholarship

So, who is Francis L. Freybergh?

- He was an architect and teacher...
- He was with Skidmore, Owings & Merrill for 15 years where he was known for his work on specifications and construction materials research...
- He was a former President of the Construction Specifications Institute...
- He studied at the University of Heidelberg and received a Doctor of Philosophy degree in chemical engineering from the University of Prague...
- He came to the United States when he was 21 years old and later became a U.S. citizen...
- He taught architecture at Pratt Institute and lectured at universities and architectural schools throughout the country...

In recognition of his commitment to education, professional excellence, and the advancement of the built environment, this scholarship is awarded annually in his honor to support and inspire future leaders in the fields of architecture and construction related programs.

the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Annual Golf Outing**

Don't miss out.

Register and review sponsor Options

REGISTRATION @ 11:30 AM

LUNCH @ 12:30 PM

TEE OFF @ 1:30 PM

DINNER @ (Immediately Following Golf)

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES



Individual Golfer
\$400.00



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Dinner Sponsorship



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Lunch Sponsorship



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PRIZES

Yes, there will be prizes for our First, Second, and Third place foursomes , as well as the Most Honest

Foursome...there will be some raffle prizes... **but, the real prizes will be the Scholarships we will be able to offer!**



the Francis L. Frybergh Memorial Scholarship

GENERAL DETAILS:

The CSI Metropolitan New York Chapter is honored to commemorate the legacy of Francis L. Frybergh through the **Francis L. Frybergh Memorial Scholarship**. This scholarship aims to support students pursuing their first professional degree at an eligible institution within the Metro New York area. Annually, up to four (4) \$5000 scholarships will be awarded, with each recipient receiving a one- year membership to both CSI and the CSI Metropolitan New York Chapter.

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

To be considered for the Francis L. Frybergh Memorial Scholarship, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- **Full-time enrollment:** Applicants shall be enrolled as a full-time student based on institutional requirements.
- **Eligible Program:** Applicants shall be enrolled in an architectural or construction-related program at an eligible institute*.
- **Residency:** Applicants shall be a resident of the New York Tri-State Metropolitan area.
- **Academic Standing:** Applicant shall be in good academic standing with a minimum 3.0 college or high school cumulative GPA (on a 4.0 scale). Those receiving their high school credentials through an equivalent program must be in the upper 50 percentile rank score in respect to the population of high school seniors across the United States on a standardized high school equivalency exam (GED).
- **Re-application:** Applicants may re-apply; however, priority is given to first-time applicants.
- **CSI Membership:** Preference will be given to applicants who have an affiliation with a current member of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI).

the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Annual Golf Outing**

LIST OF ELIGIBILITY INSTITUTIONS:

Eligible schools within the Metro New York are included:

(others can be reviewed and approved by the Board on a case-by-case basis)

Construction Management: ○ Fordham University ○ Manhattan College ○ Pratt Institute ○ New York University ○ Nassau Community College ○ New York Institute of Technology ○ Suffolk Community College ○ CUNY Kingsborough, Brooklyn	Trade Schools ○ Apex Technical School ○ Berkeley College ○ Long Island Welding School ○ Michael Daniel Metal Desing, Inc. ○ SAE Institute ○ The Welding Expert Inc.
Architecture/Design/Engineering: ○ Cooper Union ○ NJIT ○ NYIT ○ CCNY ○ Columbia ○ SUNY Stony Brook ○ New York University	○ NY School on Interior Design ○ Pratt Institute ○ Parsons School of Design ○ Fashion Institute of Technology ○ Stevens Institute of Technology ○ Rutgers – New Brunswick

SELECTION AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIP:

Scholarship applications will be evaluated using the following criteria:

- **Relevant Work Experience:** Work history related to construction trades.
- **Personal Goals:** Ability to communicate clearly defined personal goals related to achieving success in a construction industry related career.
- **Leadership:** Leadership demonstrated through participation in extracurricular activities and civic organizations.

This is a one-time scholarship awarded to a student who will be attending an eligible school on a full-time basis within the Metro New York area. An alternate recipient may also be identified in the event that the selected recipient is unable to fulfill the scholarship requirements.

The scholarship provides \$5000, which is disbursed directly to the student upon verification of enrollment for the fall semester at an eligible institution. The funds may be used to support tuition, fees, books, tools, and/or other education-related expenses.

the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Annual Golf Outing**

APPLICATION PROCESS:

To apply for the scholarship, please follow these steps:

1. **Submit the Online Application:** Completed Applications were submitted and recieved by August 28, 2026
2. **Submit Letters of Recommendation:** Applicants shall submit 2 letters of recommendation, from either professors or professionals affiliated with organizations where they may have interned.
3. **Submit Transcript:** Applicants shall submit institute transcript, confirming applicant is in good standing.
4. **Personal Statement:** Applicants shall write a brief statement of interest in CSI, the importance, and benefits of becoming involved, and what they can uniquely contribute to the organization. Please limit it to 500 words or less.

JURY REVIEW:

The CSI Metropolitan New York Chapter's Scholarship Jury, in collaboration with the Professional Development Chair, will review applications for eligibility, completeness, and quality. The Jury will hold an open jury review of the submissions on June 1 to select the scholarship recipients.

EXPECTATIONS OF SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT:

By accepting the scholarship, recipients agree to:

- **Full-Time Enrollment:** Upon accepting the scholarship, the student agrees to maintain full-time enrollment (minimum of 12 college credit hours), attend classes regularly, model appropriate behavior and maintain satisfactory academic standing.
- **Release of Information:** In submitting the application, the applicant grants authority for release of information contained in the application packet and to contact character references to CSI Metropolitan New York Chapter and the scholarship sponsor. This includes the right to promote and publicize the scholarship and recipient(s).
- **Ceremonies Participation:** If selected, the recipient agrees to participate in ceremonies hosted to honor annual scholarship winners.
- **Thank-You Letter:** If selected, the recipient must send a thank-you letter to CSI Metro NY Chapter sponsor, no later than one month after awards are announced.
- **Academic Presentation:** Present an example of their academic project work from their upcoming academic year at the following year's CSI Metro NY Annual Business/Awards Meeting.

CONTACT INFORMATION:

For any questions regarding the scholarship, please contact:

- Kori Camacho-Onal frybergh_memorial_scholarship@csimetrony.com
- Thomas Lanzelotti frybergh_memorial_scholarship@csimetrony.com



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PUT YOUR COMPANY IN FRONT OF NEW YORK'S DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION COMMUNITY

Connect with the professionals who design, specify, build, and support New York's built environment. A CSI Metro New York sponsorship provides year-round visibility and meaningful engagement through chapter programs, events, communications, and education.

Your support helps CSI Metro NY strengthen industry knowledge, professional relationships, and education throughout the New York metropolitan area.

Visit csimetrony.com/sponsorship_opportunities
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CSI Metro New York Chapter Sponsorship Opportunities

Annual Sponsorship Opportunities:



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...

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 (3) 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 (\$375):



- 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 bob.drake@stvinc.com / oliver@wstudioarchitects.com / kcamacho@enneed.com / tom_lanzelotti@gensler.com
And visit our Chapter Website www.csimetrony.com for additional information...

CSI Metro New York Chapter Sponsorship Opportunities

Event Sponsorship

We are now piloting a formalized **Event Sponsorship Program** to reach out for assistance in supporting the many initiatives/programs/activities/tours/etc. for the Chapter...



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Learning Programs



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And visit our Chapter Website www.csimetrony.com for additional information

Annual Sponsorship Opportunities:

the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Volunteer Opportunities...**



We are always looking for **Volunteers** to assist in supporting the leadership teams for the Chapter...



Chapter Board



Chapter Committees



If you are interested in Volunteering for the Chapter Board or a Chapter Committee, please reach out to:

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Welcome to our incoming 2026/2027
CSI Metro New York Chapter Board...

Thanks for volunteering your time and
taking on leadership responsibilities for
our chapter



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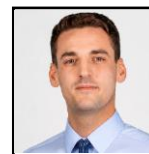
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your current CSI Metro New York Chapter Committees...



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 segments of within the design + construction industry and Allied Professionals.

Committee Members:

Oliver Wilhelm, Madeline Messina, Andrea Dinice, Oscar Gonzalez, Leonard Knirel

PROGRAMS/ HOUSE:



The **Programs/House** Committee is responsible for the planning, implementation and execution of Chapter programs and activities for the monthly meetings. This committee works with the Membership Committee to produce special programs to appeal to particular segments of within the design + construction industry and Allied Professionals.

Committee Members:

Tom Lanzelotti, Fanch Tseng, Kori Camacho-Onal, Jacquelyn Cox, Jamie Nalley

OUTREACH:



The **Outreach** Committee is comprised of four sub-committees: Communication, Newsletter, Social Media & Website and Charitable Activities. This committee promotes activities within the Chapter and the New York City Metro Area Design + Construction industry and Allied Professionals.

Committee Members:

Bob Drake, Tom Lanzelotti, Fanch Tseng, Erin Spadavecchia, Kori Camacho-Onal, Andrea Dinice, Dawn Thompson, Joshua Stern

FINANCE:



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

Committee Members:

Eileen Lee, Tom Scriven, Bob Drake, Kori Camacho-Onal

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, Ken Raikowski, Oliver Wilhelm

the CSI Metro New York Chapter Committees

FUND RAISING:



The **Fund Raising** Committee is comprised of three sub-committees: Golf, Scholarship, and Sponsorship. The Golf sub-committee organizes and administers the annual golf outing which is a fundraiser for the Francis L. Frybergh Scholarship. The Scholarship Sub-committee administers the application process for the various Chapter Scholarships. The Sponsorship sub-committee recruits/maintains relationships with Chapter Sponsors.

Committee Members:

Golf: James Sines, Oliver Wilhelm, Tom Lanzelotti, Kori Camacho-Onal, Dennis Italia, Perri Robinson

Scholarship: Kori Camacho-Onal, Tom Lanzelotti, James Sines

Sponsorship: Bob Drake, Paul Fogarty, Andrea Dinice

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:



The **Professional Development** Committee provides support for those who are studying for CSI Certification Exams (CDT, CCCS, CCCA & CCPR).

Committee Members:

Paul Fogarty, Oliver Wilhelm

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 Meetings of Board Members & Committee Members to plan the Chapter activities for the upcoming year.

Committee Members:

Kori Camacho-Onal, Bob Drake, Tom Lanzelotti, Oliver Wilhelm

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:

Jacquelyn Cox, Oliver Wilhelm, Paul Ligniti, Erin Spadavecchia

AUDIT:



The **Audit** Committee oversees the organization's financial reporting and transactions for the Treasure at the close of the fiscal year.

Committee Members:

Kori Camacho-Onal, Paul Fogarty

If you are interested in joining the pack and serving on one of our Committees, please reach out to

Kori Camacho-Onal president@csimetry.com



Committee Updates

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:



Professional Development Committee Update:

The CSI Northeast Region CDT® Exam Preparation Program provides a flexible approach to preparing for the Construction Documents Technologist (CDT®) certification exam. Participants receive self-paced, on-demand instruction covering all eight exam domains and AIA A201, presented by experienced CSI-certified professionals. The program culminates in an optional live Boot Camp, presented in partnership with the CSI Metro New York Chapter, featuring focused review, practical exam preparation, and Q&A with subject matter experts. For additional information, please reach out to Paul Fogarty at director4@csimetrony.com.

BY-LAWS:



By-Laws Committee Update:

The By-Laws Committee will be working on several important updates to the Chapter By-Laws and governance structure. Key areas of focus will include:

- Appending and updating the Chapter By-Laws.
- Reinstating eleven officer positions to the Chapter Board.
- Reviewing the term limitations of service for each office position with consideration of changing the current one-term structure to a two-term structure.
- Strengthening the financial management and oversight of both the Chapter Operating Account and the Frybergh Scholarship Account.

Our first committee meeting will be held on September 8, 2026, at 3:00pm. Our goal is to distribute the proposed amendments to Chapter Membership early this year for review and approval.

Members who are interested in participating or learning more are encouraged to attend. Please reach out to Kori Comacho-Onal at president@csimetrony.com for additional information or to express your interest in joining the committee.

We appreciate your participation and support as we work to strengthen the Chapter By-Laws, leadership structure, and financial practices.

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



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

At each Chapter Event, we will place a call for Member Profiles...If you would like to be featured in our **Member Spotlight** page raise you 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:

Kori Camacho kcamacho@ennead.com

Tom Lanzelotti tom_lanzelotti@gensler.com



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



Erin R. Spadavecchia

MBA, CSI, CDT

Erin Spadavecchia is the Founder of Ridgeview Consulting Group, a boutique consulting firm based in the Hudson Valley. Ridgeview Consulting Group is focused on project management and sustainable solutions for the built environment.

Erin is the current Northeast Region Director, a Board Member, and part of the Outreach and Awards Committees for the Construction Specification Institute (CSI), Metro New York Chapter. She has also served as the Immediate Past President and Vice President.

Erin is a mentor for Worcester Polytechnic Institute's Sustainable Career Mentorship Program.

Previous experience at large manufacturers in the built environment include ASSA ABLOY (New Haven, CT – 12 years) and Sherwin Williams (Cleveland, OH – 4 years) in various sustainability and sales roles. She has experience in energy retrofit solutions as well from BrightHome Energy Solutions (Elmsford, NY – 1 year). Her early sales career was spent at manufacturer Williams Advanced Materials (Brewster, NY – 4 years).

Erin has a Bachelor of Science in Biology/Biotechnology (concentration in Ecology and Environmental Biology) with a minor in Spanish from Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) in Worcester, MA and a Master of Business Administration from Mount Saint Mary College in Newburgh, NY.

Her speaking credits include: Greenbuild 2022, Living Future 2023, CACX (AIA CT) 2023, New York Build 2024, Living Future 2024, CSI National Conference 2024, New York Build 2025, CACX (AIA CT) 2025, New York Build 2025, and New York Build 2026.

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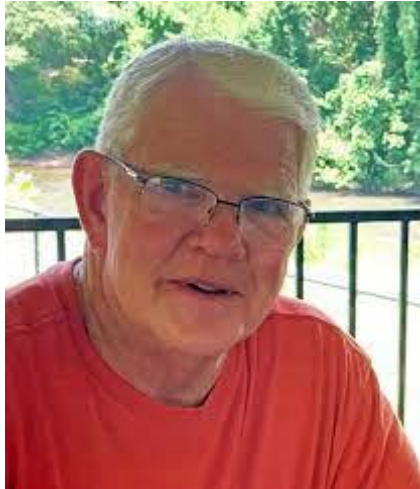
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the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Showroom Partner Program**



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 honor...



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 **Technical Article Program**



In a new offering for our Newsletter, we are soliciting **Technical Articles** from our members...Share your knowledge and expertise helping to make us all a little better...

If you are interested in joining in the program and sharing a Technical Article, please forward your article to:
Bob Drake at immediatepastpresident@csimetrony.com
Kori Camacho-Onal president@csimetrony.com
Tom Lanzaletti at secretary@csimetrony.com

the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Remembers...**



Michael E. Bean

CSI, CDT, CCS, AIA, SCIP

January 12, 1953 - July 2, 2026

Born January 13, 1953, in Atlanta, Georgia to Edward Bean and Sophia (Williams) Bean, Michael grew up in Memphis Tennessee and earned degrees in engineering and architecture from the University of Memphis and the University of Tennessee, respectively before moving to New York City in 1980.

In Brooklyn, he met Roseann McLeod at a dinner party and they married in 1981. After moving to the Hudson Valley, Michael and Roseann raised three children who went through Garrison schools.

Michael worked for over 45 years in a variety of architecture and engineering roles, including with AECOM on the Second Avenue Subway expansion, DMJM Harris, TAMS Consultants, Metro North, and the New York City Board of Education. Later in his career, Michael was a specifications consultant for Robert Schwartz and Associates and his own firm.

In addition to his wife, Roseann, Michael is survived by his sons Ted (Amanda) and Andrew (Nirajana), his Daughter Catherine, as well as his brother Jim Bean, mother-in-law Catherine McLeod, and his brother- and sisters-in-law AnnMarie McLeod, Marybeth and Robert Campbell, Donald and Ranyce McLeod, Keith and Maria McLeod, and Cathy and Ed Mariani, as well as his nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and his father-in-law Donald McLeod.

Family requested donations if desired to be made in Michael's name to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis.

Northeast Region Updates:



the Northeast Region CSI is comprised of 12 local chapters:

Metro NY (1950); Boston (1956); Buffalo-Western NY (1958); Hartford (1963); Syracuse (1964); Rochester (1964); 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



Northeast Region Updates:

Welcome to the new **CSI Northeast Region Leadership**

Executive Committee:



President
Oliver Wilhelm



Vice President
Kristen Norwood



Secretary
Barton Ross



Treasurer
Roger Hoyt

Voting Board Members:

- Boston Director: TBD
- Buffalo/Western NY Director: Jim Bourgeois
- Eastern NY Director: Steven Van Hoose
- Hartford Director: Tom Gribbin
- Housatonic Director: Eric Kesegi
- Long Island Director: Paul Commesso
- Metro NY Director: Erin Spadavecchia
- New Jersey Director: Anthony Stazzone
- Northern New England Director: Wayne Wheeler
- Rochester Director: Allison Shannon
- Syracuse Director: Kevin Phillips
- Vermont Director: Stephen Poston
- Worcester Director: Maria Smith

Non-Voting Member:

- Institute Director: Frank Mruk

Northeast Region Updates:



the 2028 CSI Northeast Region Conference heads to the Big Apple

In a ceremony similar to the Olympic Games, the regional conference host chapter was transferred from the Buffalo Chapter to a Tri-Chapter team (Metro New York, New Jersey, and Long Island).

Jim Bourgeois blew the ceremonial horn signifying the end of the Buffalo Conference and turned over **the Horn Plaque** and **Pepe the Skunk** to Oliver Wilhelm of the Metro New York Chapter.

Part 1-The HORN PLAQUE: The tradition of the horn and horn plaque was initiated at the 1972 June Regional Conference in Rhode Island where the horn was given by and first blown by the Rhode Island Chapter, at the end of the Conference. The plaque houses the names of each host chapter as well as the horn and the back of the plaque has the following reading that is recited as the transition for Conference leadership:



"May this horn pierce the fogs of lethargy that will beset us, and by its tuneful last serve as an inspiring reminder of all the work that has been done and herald our advance into the future."

Northeast Region Updates:

Part 2-PEPE the SKUNK: The origins and tradition of PEPE the Skunk is a little less clear with various accounts that take us all back to the New York/New Jersey Region Conference held at Bear Mountain State Park (New York) in May of 1972 (two conferences that year).

At that conference, a real skunk wandered into the gathering area a sprayed, creating a memorable and unpleasant moment for the attendees and a long-running joke within the Region.

Later conference organizers began using a stuffed skunk mascot as a ceremonial object passed between host chapters, eventually becoming part of the “**Skunk and Horn**” ritual.



So, what really is the story? There is the Boston Chapter Story...There is the New York Chapter Story...There is the Newark/North Jersey Chapter Story...and There is the Albany Roadside Souvenir Shop Story...

I am buying the Albany Roadside Souvenir Shop Story which goes like this: After the Bear Mountain State Park conference, where the original skunk incident occurred, several members from the Eastern New York/Albany Area Chapter were driving back north along the Hudson Valley corridor and stopped at a roadside tourist shop/gas station and spotted a cheap stuffed skunk toy among the novelty souvenirs. As the humor of it all was still strong, one in the group said: “We should bring this Skunk to the next conference, so no one forgets what happened.” They brought the skunk to the next conference and during a social event at the late- night Hospitality Suite, presented it to the next conference host chapter as a mock “Award” and the traveling-skunk tradition began...So the **Skunk & Horn** are now in the possession of the Metro New York Chapter with Oliver

Northeast Region Updates:

Congratulations to the CSI Northeast Region Newly Certified Professionals (Spring 2026)



Jaclyn Galusha, Eastern NY
 Joshua Geisinger, Metro NY
 William Guida, Eastern, NY
 Stephen Jeffrey, Buffalo-Western NY
 Abigail Jones, Rochester
 Robert McWhorter, Eastern NY
 Jack Meister-Lopez, Metro NY
 Todd Molinari, Long Island
 Laura monies, Boston
 Ronald Papaleo, New Jersey
 Madison Rich, Buffalo-Western NY
 Sarah Roberts, Northern New England
 Ivan Rupcic, Metro NY
 Andrew Shveda, Worcester County
 Dawn Thompson, Metro NY



Jeffrey Dolan, Eastern NY
 John Grahm, New Jersey



Wan Ting Tsai, Metro NY



David Grimard, Boston

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- Comprised of 10 Regions
- Institute website: www.csiresources.org

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CSI NATIONAL CONFERENCE

2026 CSI National Conference

Gain new skills and grow your network. Join more than 400 of your peers as we discover the trends shaping our industry and share strategies for helping you navigate the changes ahead.

October 7-9 | Phoenix, AZ



Built-In Networking

Impactful Sessions

Community Celebration



So Why CSI?

CSI...an organization comprised of a diverse, cross-sectional group of design + construction professionals focused on improving the built environment through collaboration and leveraging ideas & experience...

ADVANCE Your Career

Be confident in your role in the construction project and earn your employer's confidence in your skills and knowledge. As a part of the CSI Community, you have added resources to earn your certificate as a Construction Document Technologist (CDT) or one of the advanced CSI certifications...

STAY Up-To Date

CSI brings you the best in construction building communications, CSI's monthly peer-reviewed magazine, "The Construction Specifier", discusses the latest trends in construction building and design. CSI Weekly e-newsletter keeps you up-to-date on issues and events affecting your profession and the industry. And your local chapter keeps you current on the issues important to where you live and work...

CONNECT with Colleagues

Engage with colleagues from around the world on www.csi.resources.org, join an on-line community and your local chapter. You know how valuable it is to be a member of professionals from every facet of the industry...

DRIVE the Industry

CSI volunteers develop the standards and formats that guide construction communication. They create MasterFormat, the Practice Guides, and many other projects and programs vital to the construction community. As a member of CSI, you can volunteer and drive the industry locally and nationally...

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Why Would a Contractor Join CSI?

A contractor joins the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) to master industry standards, improve project execution, and network with key decision-makers. The institute offers several specific advantages for construction professionals

- **Mastering the "Common Language":** CSI sets the standardized language of the industry, including MasterFormat. Understanding these systems helps contractors interpret design intent accurately, preventing costly miscommunications and ensuring precise bids.
- **Building Professional Credibility:** Contractors can earn the Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) certification or other advanced credentials. These establish proven expertise in contract administration and documentation, which helps in winning bids.
- **Accessing Networking Opportunities:** Membership connects contractors directly with architects, engineers, building product manufacturers, and project owners. This builds a strong referral pipeline and fosters relationships that lead to new business.
- **Enhancing Project Management:** CSI provides training on how materials interact, proper documentation, and risk mitigation, empowering contractors to run more efficient, compliant, and profitable jobsites.

Why Would a Design Professional Join CSI?

Design professionals join the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) to master the project delivery process, write clearer contracts, and build cross-industry networks. It provides architects and engineers with the resources needed to prevent liability issues, successfully translate designs into built realities, and advance their careers.

- **Industry-Recognized Certifications:** Earn credentials like the Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) or Certified Construction Specifier (CCS). These set you apart from competitors and prove your mastery of construction documentation and contract administration.
- **Standardized Frameworks:** Learn and utilize the industry-standard formats (like MasterFormat) to organize project manuals, detail materials, and communicate effectively with contractors and manufacturers.
- **Local and National Networking:** Connect with local industry peers, including engineers, contractors, and product representatives, through local chapters.
- **Continuing Education:** Gain access to specialized articles, guidelines, and seminars that keep you updated on new building materials and evolving construction best practices.

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Why Would a **Building Product Manufacturers** Join CSI?

A building product manufacturer joins the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) to master industry standards, improve project execution, and network with key decision-makers. The institute offers several specific advantages for construction professionals

- **Getting Specified:** Connecting with architects, engineers, and specifiers to ensure your materials meet project requirements and are directly written into project manuals.
- **Industry Standards:** Gaining a deep understanding of CSI MasterFormat, allowing you to organize your product data and literature the exact way design professional search for it.
- **Credibility:** Opportunities for staff to earn the Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR) designation, proving to specifiers that you understand construction documentation and how to serve their needs.
- **Networking:** Direct access to project owners, contractors, and decision-makers at CSI National Conferences, Regional Conferences, and local chapters.

Why Would an **Owner or Facility Manager** Join CSI?

Owners and Facility Managers join the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) to master the project delivery process, reduce facility lifecycle costs, and streamline operations through standardized building information management.

- **Mastering Industry Standards:** Access universally recognized organizational systems like MasterFormat and UniFormat, which allow facility managers to systematically organize O&M manuals, warranty data, and assets for easy retrieval during daily operations and future renovations.
- **The CDT Credential:** Earning the Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) certification ensures you know exactly how construction documents are written, interpreted, and enforced. This knowledge prevents costly change orders and simplifies project closeouts.
- **Multidisciplinary Networking:** Connect directly with architects, engineers, contractors, and building product manufacturers. This network provides direct lines of communication when troubleshooting building issues, planning renovations, or seeking expert advice.
- **Improved Project Execution:** Learn how to clearly communicate your exact operational requirement to design teams, ensuring the final constructed facility aligns perfectly with your long-term business objectives.

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