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LINKS

National Website:
csiresources.org

Northeast Region Website:
nercsi.com

NY Metro Chapter Website:
csimetrony.com

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...



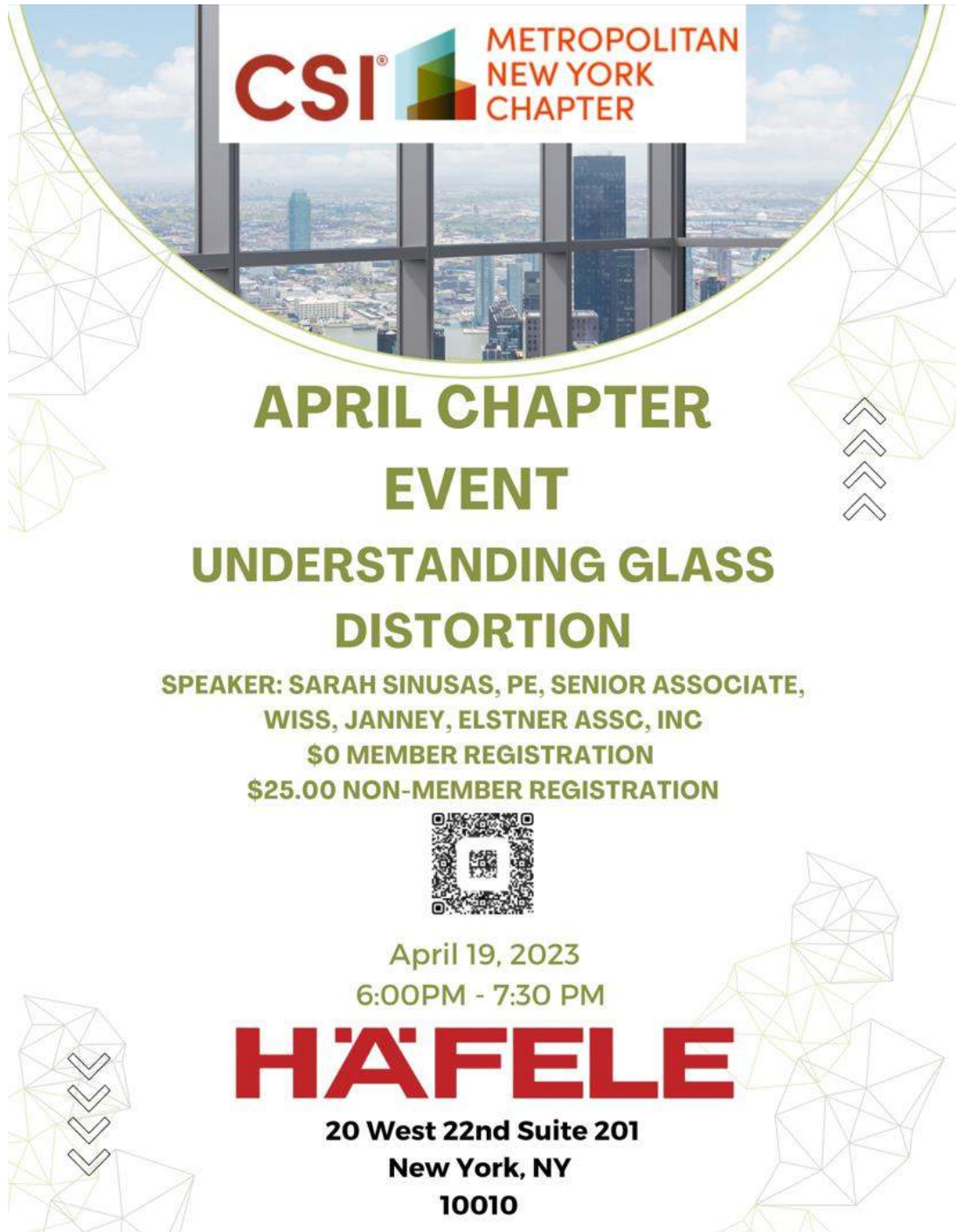
our **Plan:**

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...

the CSI Metro New York Chapter **April Event**




CSI[®] METROPOLITAN
NEW YORK
CHAPTER

**APRIL CHAPTER
EVENT**

**UNDERSTANDING GLASS
DISTORTION**

**SPEAKER: SARAH SINUSAS, PE, SENIOR ASSOCIATE,
WISS, JANNEY, ELSTNER ASSC, INC**
\$0 MEMBER REGISTRATION
\$25.00 NON-MEMBER REGISTRATION



April 19, 2023
6:00PM - 7:30 PM

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20 West 22nd Suite 201
New York, NY
10010

the CSI Metro New York Chapter News



Annual Chapter Elections:

Each year we hold our chapter elections in order to determine the leadership board for our chapter.

The Board is comprised of eleven (11) members:

- President; Two (2) Vice Presidents; Immediate Past President; Secretary, Treasurer; Four (4) Directors; and the NE Region Director

the Ballot:

The Nominating Committee has prepared the ballot and it is ready for issuance to you our Chapter Members.

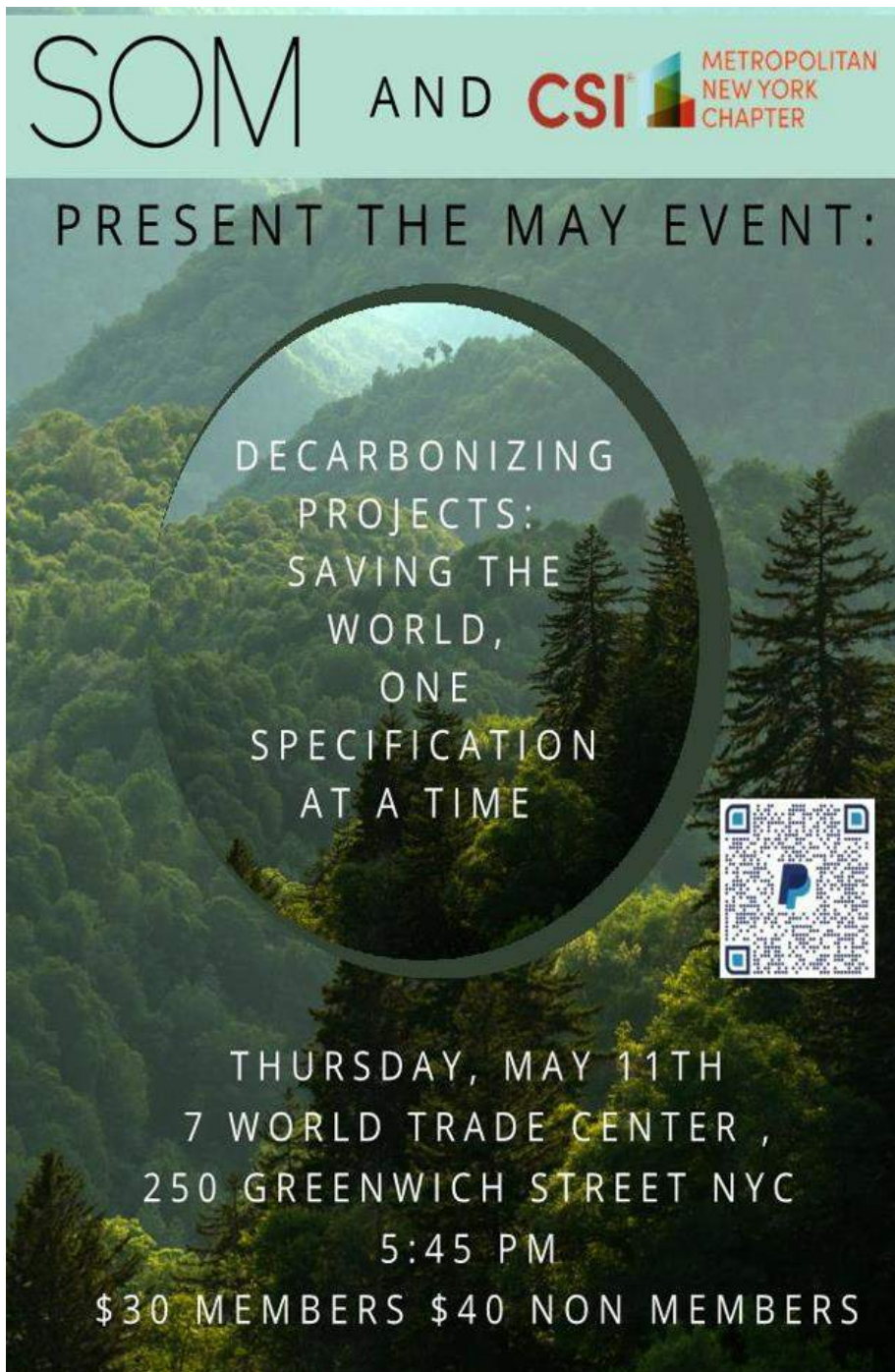
Be on the look out for an email from Terri Braken, our Northeast Region Administrative Assistant that will include the ballot and logistics for the election.

the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Calendar**



- September 14, 2022 @ Valli & Valli
- October 19, 2022 @ Milliken Showroom
- December 7, 2022...Holiday Party @ Quatorze
- January 11, 2023...New Year's Celebration @ Harding's
- February 9, 2023...Jackie Robinson Museum Tour
- March 8, 2023...@ Nemo Tile + Stone Showroom
- April 19, 2023...@ Hafele America Co. Showroom
- May 11, 2023...@ the Offices of SOM, 7 World Trade Center
- June 14, 2023...Member Appreciation Event...Location TBD


the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Upcoming Events**
May 11, 2023:



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PRESENT THE MAY EVENT:

DECARBONIZING
PROJECTS:
SAVING THE
WORLD,
ONE
SPECIFICATION
AT A TIME



THURSDAY, MAY 11TH
7 WORLD TRADE CENTER ,
250 GREENWICH STREET NYC
5:45 PM
\$30 MEMBERS \$40 NON MEMBERS

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

Hold the date for our annual...June 14, 2023

Member Appreciation Event

More information to follow...

*Thank
you*



the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Upcoming Events**
June 14, 2023:

It's Baaaaaaack...

the **Annual Golf Outing:**



We'll be back in Staten Island at
the South Shore Golf Course...

Looking at a September Tee Time...

More information to follow...

our 2022/2023 CSI Metro New York Chapter Board!



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the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Committees**



MEMBERSHIP:



The **Membership** Committee recruits new members and works at retaining existing members. This committee works with the Program Committee to produce special programs to appeal to particular disciplines within the design/construction industry.

Committee Members:

Renee Pecquex, Tom Scriven, Andrea Dinice

PROGRAMS:



The **Programs** Committee develops programs for the monthly events, invites speakers, coordinates with venues, and promotes programs in advance.

Committee Members:

Tom Lanzelotti, Erin Spadavecchia, Kori Camacho, Elizabeth Kahen, Andrea Dinice, Renee Pecquex

OUTREACH:



The **Outreach** Committee organizes communication strategies to the membership and non-members via the Chapter Website; Chapter Newsletter; Chapter Social Media Outlets; and Sponsorship Opportunities.

Committee Members:

Tom Lanzelotti, Erin Spadavecchia, Kori Camacho, Elizabeth Kahen, Andrea Dinice, Renee Pecquex

AUDIT / FINANCE:



The **Audit** Committee provides an independent review of the work of the Treasurer after the conclusion of each fiscal year, reporting its findings to the Board of Directors.

The **Finance** Committee advises the Board of Directors of fiscal policy and on investments of the Chapter's assets.

Committee Members:

Arnie Kravitz, Ken Raikowski, Tom Scriven

BY-LAWS:



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

Committee Members:

Tom Lanzelotti, Ken Raikowski, Arnie Kravitz

the CSI Metro New York Chapter Committees

FUND RAISING:



The **Fund Raising** Committee is comprised of three entities; Golf/Sponsorship/Scholarship. Together, the three entities focus on organizing programs & events to raise support of the Chapter efforts.

Committee Members:

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

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/CERTIFICATION:



The **Professional Development/Certification Committee** promotes CSI Certifications within the Chapter and the New York City area construction and design industry. Study programs for exams are organized and offered to coincide with Certification Exam schedules.

Committee Members:

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NOMINATING:



The **Nominating** Committee recruits and proposes leaders to the Board of Directors for inclusion on the annual ballot for election of Chapter 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:

Bill DuBois, Tom Scriven, Tom Lanzelotti, Erin Spadavecchia

AWARDS:



The **Awards** Committee makes arrangements with meeting venues, receives & processes reservations & payments, coordinates venue set-up, oversees activities at our Chapter Meetings, and welcomes attendees to our Chapter Meetings.

Committee Members:

Erin Spadavecchia, Tom Lanzelotti

GET INVOLVED!



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:

Kori Camacho kcamacho@enneed.com

Tom Lanzelotti tom_lanzelotti@gensler.com

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



Fanch Tseng

AIA, CSI, LEED AP BD+C, NCARB

Originally from Taiwan, I am a registered Architect in New York with experience in education, healthcare and corporate interiors.

I received my Bachelor of Architecture degree from Tunghai University in Taiwan and started my work career mostly focused on the development of spatial prototypes that integrated local urban conditions and contextual landscape.

After receiving a full scholarship from The Cooper Union, I moved to New York from Taiwan with a single piece of luggage and barely speaking English. It is there, where I completed my Master of Architecture degree.

Currently, I work as an Associate with Gensler, focusing on workplace design, documentation, and delivery for Professional Services, Financial Services, Office Buildings Repositioning and Landlord Services clients including SL Green, Gibson Dunn & Crutcher, Paul Hastings, Goldman Sachs, Barclays and Sentinel Capital Partners. In addition to my project work, I am an active member of the Reference Detail Library Task Force in Gensler's New York Office.

I am currently working towards my CDT Certification, engaged in the CSI Northeast Region CDT Exam preparation classes. These weekly classes, so far, have provided me with a tremendous amount of information and insight.

Hopefully, I will be able to see more letters (CDT) following my name!

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



Sean Burke

AIA, CSI, LEED AP BD+C, NCARB

Throughout my career at Gensler as a Technical Coordinator and Project Architect I have had extensive experience in large-scale projects working in both the New York and London offices of Gensler to design and deliver numerous types of workplace interiors.

Over my time with Gensler, I have satisfied multiple levels of my career: From my experience here in New York with reinventing antiquated iconic buildings to realizing, from inception to occupancy, one of the most energy efficient towers in the Western Hemisphere.

To my experience at the London office, managing the synergy between local starchitects and our client's design and construction team to develop one of the largest financial service firm's developments ever sought out. Given the opportunity to explore every facet in the professional world of design and construction has enriched my career and given me every strength needed to produce both large-and-small scale projects successfully.

In addition to my project work, I am actively engaged in our Specification Liaison program where I take on the role of both project consultant and leader for specification research, editing and quality review.

Outside of work, I am active in the New York City community, serving as a Team Leader for the New York Cares Highland Park Restoration and Rehabilitation Project and representing Gensler in various fundraising and NYC community events. I have also been a team leader for the ACE program, mentoring high school students interested in architecture, construction, and engineering.

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



Theresa Merrill, CSI

I'm currently an Architectural Consultant working for ASSA ABLOY in NYC. I grew up in the suburbs of Philadelphia and graduated from Jefferson University with a BS in Architectural Studies and a minor in Interior Design in 2002. My interest in architecture and design was sparked by visits to Philadelphia and New York as a child.

I still remember looking up at the skyscrapers in awe and trying to see the detail at the top of the buildings. I loved the patterns that the windows created on the building facades. Some with lights on and some with lights off, and I imagined that there were so many windows that there must be one for me somewhere!

I moved to Brooklyn in 2003 and began my career at Hafele working in their Showroom and advising architects and designers on their extensive and often daunting product line. Sort of like finding a needle in a haystack, I found my niche young! Since then, I have worked in various roles for several notable manufacturers such as Poliform, Arclinea, Accuride, and TruStile Doors.

I currently reside in New Jersey with my husband, 4-year old daughter and two dogs (mini poodle and mini goldendoodle), all of which keep me on my toes. I love to visit local farms and markets and taking my daughter on surprise adventures. I earned my CDT Certification in 2009 and I'm excited to be a new member of the Metro NY CSI Chapter.

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



Stuart Millstein, CSI

I have always been fascinated with how things work and how they're made. So, its no surprise that I've been marketing, selling and specifying complex manufactured products for over 35 years.

As a determined do-it-yourselfer, I've dabbled in mechanical repairs, carpentry, and a variety of home improvement projects.

The motivator has usually been the challenge, the reward has mostly been the satisfaction , and the direction has come from an evolving list of sources: books, VHS tapes, DVD's and lately, YouTube.

The knowledge of paints and coatings acquired of er decades of hands-on learning has allowed for a smooth transition this year from an architectural representative with a window manufacturer to Architect & Design Manager with PPG Architectural Coatings. Started as a plate glass company in 1883, PPG Industries has evolved into a leading developer and manufacturer of coatings, paint, and industrial finishes. With an annual R&D investment over \$400 million, PPG strives to continuously develop and improve products that “protect and beautify the world” with greater durability, efficiency, and sustainability.

PPG places a very high value on CSI and has numerous employees involved in the organization nationally. Being involved with CSI will provide me greater opportunity to learn and develop professionally, while building relationships and fueling my intrigue with construction and architecture.

When I'm not working to achieve specifications and studying to achieve CDT Certification, I enjoy spending time with family, traveling, hiking, tennis, and pickleball.

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



Elizabeth Kahen, CSI

I received my BA in Therapeutic Recreation and a minor in Studio Art from SUNY Cortland. I wanted to help people and incorporate art in my practice. The past 7 years, I've had several professional endeavors, working with individuals with disabilities and starting my own business hosting art and craft events. In 2019 I began a master's degree in Applied Behavior Analysis and focused heavily on behavioral therapy at The Manhattan Children's Center. The experience was invaluable, but I craved a position that would allow me to create and collaborate with a broader range of clientele. During the pandemic, I decided to pivot my career towards design and construction. The career change was a challenge, but I ultimately gained an amazing opportunity at Creative Materials Corporation, a multiline surfaces distributor, as a sales consultant. I am now able to utilize the desire to help people and my admiration of design to collaborate with skilled architects and designers.

Due to my lack of industry experience, I was eager to gain more knowledge and insight on the construction sector. I quickly became intrigued by CSI and the educational opportunities it provides. I decided to become a member and am preparing to take the CDT exam this year. I immediately gained a network of likeminded professionals that are so encouraging. CSI has given me solace in an intimidating field. Providing education to those who want to improve the standard of their practice, CSI is the perfect instrument for a beginner like myself. I look forward to gaining mentorship and becoming an involved member within CSI.

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):



- Company Logo/Link displayed on chapter website
- Company Logo/Link displayed in Monthly Newsletter (Full Page)
- Company Feature Article in two (2) Monthly Newsletters
- Company Mention at all Chapter Events
- Tabletop at one Chapter Event

Gold (\$1,000):



- Company Logo/Link displayed on chapter website
- Company Logo/Link displayed in Monthly Newsletter (Half Page)
- Company Feature Article in one (1) Monthly Newsletter
- Company Mention at all Chapter Events

Silver (\$750):



- Company Logo displayed on chapter website
- Company Logo displayed in Monthly Newsletter (Half Page)
- Company Mention at all Chapter Events

Bronze (\$250):



- Company Logo/Link displayed on chapter website
- Company Logo/Link displayed in Monthly Newsletter (Quarter Page)

If you are interested in being a Metro NY Chapter Sponsor, please reach out to our Fundraising Committee Sponsorship team tom_lanzelotti@gensler.com / bill_dubois@gensler.com / tom@empiresalesgroup.net and our Chapter Website www.csimetrony.com for additional information...



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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); New Hampshire (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



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

Northeast Region Updates:



Some Bi-Region Conference Highlights...



By the Numbers:

- Attendees: 76
- Sponsors: 16
- Exhibitors: 14



Scholarship Program:

- Dollars Raised: \$4,310.00
- Chapter Donating: 12
- Scholarships Awarded: 3

Scholarship Award Winners:

- Baltimore Chapter: James Kemp, son of Marvin Kemp
- Boston Chapter: Nick McEachern, son of Bob McEachern
- New Hampshire Chapter: Carlo Catalan, son of Arnel Catalan

Northeast Region Updates:



Featured Programs...



Save Ellis Island

“Our goal is to preserve the south side of Ellis Islands for future generations to experience the hopes and sorrows of those who came before them.”

America’s historic front door, Ellis Island and the Statue of Liberty, sit in the harbor a stones throw from the shoreline in Jersey City. The Hospital Complex, comprised of 29 buildings on the south side of Ellis Island, housed one out of every 10 immigrants as they arrived needing medical attention. The complex was the most modern, comprehensive hospital in the nation when it was built in 1900. Efforts to stabilize and preserve the buildings began in 1990. Matthew Funk, Senior Project Architect with DIGroup Architecture, with 23 years of experience and a strong background in building envelopes and architectural detailing, has always had a passion for history and has been a volunteer docent with “Save Ellis Island” since 2009.

Northeast Region Updates:



KEYNOTE: Urban Revitalization

New Jersey's two largest cities have both seen major redevelopment and growth in recent years. Our keynote will be a discussion with Tanya Marione, Jersey City's Director of Planning, and Christopher Watson, Newark's City Planning Officer on the challenges and successes of these urban centers: how they've gotten here, what initiatives are on the drawing boards, and how they are approaching the post-pandemic return to maintain urban vitality.



The Little Island : From Dilapidated Pier to Urban Oasis

Little Island provides over 2 acres of public park and outdoor performance space on an undulating landscape, rising up to 62 ft above the Hudson River. An ambitious design, the landscape is supported by 132 irregular pentagonal shape precast concrete "pots," each on a large precast concrete column and pile driven down to as much as 200 ft below the waterline. Fabian Jabro, founding principal of Standard Architects, Yong-Wook Jo, structural engineer from Arup/New York and Michael Parrella, theatre planning consultant from Arup/New York will take us through the design and construction of this innovative reuse.

Northeast Region Updates:



Embankment – The Urban Appalachian Trail

The Harsimus Branch Embankment is the vestige of a rail economy that once dominated Jersey City. The masonry and earth structure possesses a remarkable physical integrity and monumental qualities; “the everlasting solidity of Egyptian pyramids and Inca roads”. The Embankment was erected 1901-1905 to replace an existing elevated rail line. The stone structure ranged from 27 feet to 13 feet in height. The land atop the Embankment provides a natural open space connecting corridor through Jersey City. The Embankment Preservation Coalition formed in 1998 as a working group of more than a hundred neighbors concerned about a proposal to demolish it and develop the site. The groups research on the historic, environmental, aesthetic, and cultural aspects of the structure led to a consensus that the Embankment is an important and irreplaceable historic, environmental, and transportation resource that must be preserved.

Northeast Region Updates:



Conference Images...



National Updates:



CSI NATIONAL:

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

National Updates:



**MASTERING
CHANGE**

October 4-6, 2023, Minneapolis, MN

CSI

**CSI NATIONAL
CONFERENCE**

A promotional banner for the CSI National Conference. The left side has a dark red background with the title 'MASTERING CHANGE' in large, white, bold, sans-serif capital letters. Below the title, the dates and location 'October 4-6, 2023, Minneapolis, MN' are written in a smaller white font. The right side of the banner has a light blue background. It features the CSI logo in the top right corner and the text 'CSI NATIONAL CONFERENCE' in bold, dark red, sans-serif capital letters.

Save the date as CSI ventures north to



Stay tuned for additional information @
www.csiresources.org

National Updates:



Help Shape the Future of CSI!

The CSI election for positions on the Board of Directors is now open! Positions include Director-at-Large and Directors from the Northeast, Northwest, and South Central Regions.

Eligible voting members of CSI would have received their 2023 Election ballot and instructions via email.

Voting closes on Tuesday, April 25, at 11:59 p.m. ET.

To Review the Candidate Profiles and gain additional information regarding the voting procedures, visit the CSI National Website at www.csiresources.org



So Why Join 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...

are you ready for your **VIP** Member Experience?