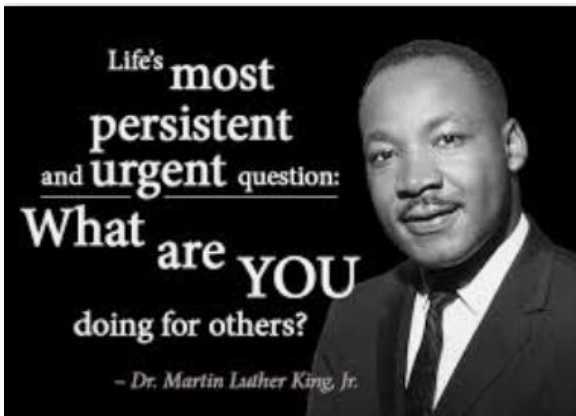
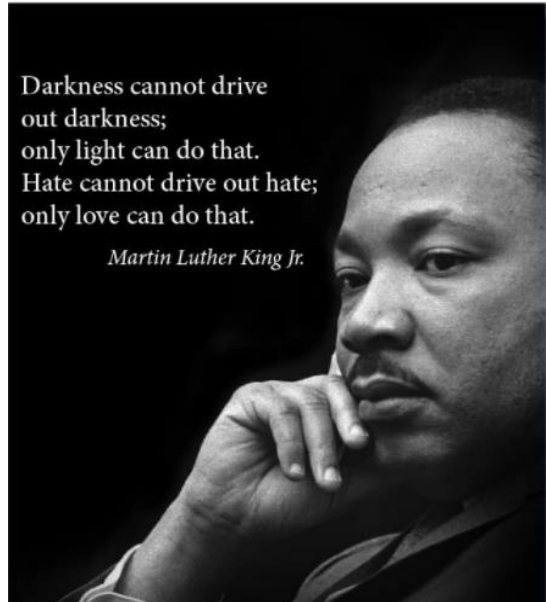
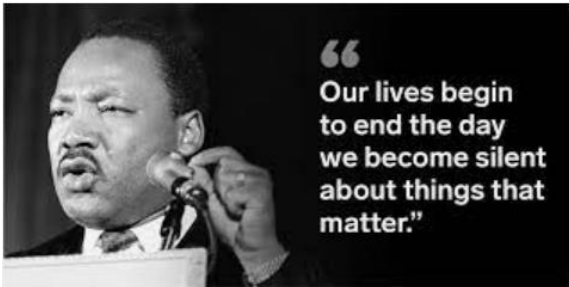


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LINKS

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...

a **January** message from the **President...**

Welcome to 2022!

We hope everyone had a safe, healthy and relaxing Holiday season. If you're like me, it was a quiet time but nevertheless rejuvenating and restful. We are still dealing with Covid and the limitations it presents for our Chapter meetings moving forward and so they will remain virtual through January. We have a fun and unique activity planned for the meeting so please mark your calendar for January 19th from 6-7:30 PM, a link will be provided soon!

We are also very excited to have Mark Dorsey, CEO of CSI join us for our February Chapter meeting. The discussion promises to be exciting, enlightening and informative to all who attend! We hope to see you there...more details to follow!

Please stay safe and healthy, we will see you all a bit later in the month! In the meantime, if you have any thoughts or suggestions for upcoming programs please do not hesitate to reach out. The Metro NY Chapter belongs to us all and we want you to get the most out of your membership!



Andrea Dinice

President

CSI Metro NY Chapter

the **February Event:** What's Cooking at **CSI...**



Come join us for an intimate discussion with **Mark Dorsey**, the CEO of the Construction Specifications Institute to gain insight into what is cooking in the CSI Oven... Bring your questions and suggestions...



Wednesday, February 16, 2022
Virtual Meeting Start Time @ 6:00pm
Registration is required in advance on our Chapter website @
www.csimetrony.com

Looking Ahead...



- Tuesday, September 21, 2021 This is Jeopardy!
- Wednesday, September 22, 2021 CSI National Conference, Nashville
- Thursday, September 23, 2021
- Friday, September 24, 2021
- Saturday, September 25, 2021 CSI National Board Meeting, Nashville
- Sunday, September 26, 2021
- Wednesday, October 6, 2021 CSI Metro NY Board Meeting #1
- Wednesday, October 20, 2021 It's Documented...
So how do we Build It?
Structure Tone Panel Discussion
- Friday, October 22, 2021 CSI Northeast Region Conference
- Saturday, October 23, 2021
- Wednesday, November 17, 2021 Design with Tile
- Wednesday, December 8, 2021 CSI Metro NY Holiday Celebration
- Wednesday, January 5, 2022 CSI Metro NY Board Meeting #2

Looking Ahead...



Wednesday, February 16, 2022

What's Cooking at CSI...
an intimate conversation with
CSI CEO Mark Dorsey

Wednesday, March 16, 2022

Project Tour (TBD)

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

CSI Metro NY Board Meeting #3

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

IIDA Equity Council Presentation

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

Project Tour (TBD)

Wednesday, June 8, 2022

CSI Metro NY Annual Awards
Event/Picnic (70th Anniversary)

Wednesday, June 15, 2022

CSI Metro NY Board Meeting #4

Wednesday, July 13, 2022

CSI Metro NY New Member Event

Looking Ahead...



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| Wednesday, July 20, 2022 | CSI Metro NY Summer Planning Meeting #1 |
| Wednesday, August 17, 2022 | CSI Metro NY Summer Planning Meeting #2 |
| Wednesday, August 31, 2022
Meeting #3 | CSI Metro NY Summer Planning Meeting #3 |
| Wednesday, September 14, 2022 | September Kick-Off Meeting |

Please note that the calendar of future events is an evolving process and may be changed on a monthly basis due to various reasons. Please see each month's newsletter and our chapter website for possible updates...

YOUR 2021/2022 CSI Metro New York Chapter Board



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The success of our Chapter is based upon the quality of our Membership Experience...

Many factors comprise the Membership Experience ranging from;

- National provided Programs & Resources;
- Regional Communication & Information Sharing;
- Dedicated Chapter Leadership, and;
- Quality Educational Programs

But, most importantly the quality of the Membership Experience comes down to your Participation...

WE NEED YOU!

Please let your Chapter Leaders know of any ideas you may have to assist in improving your Membership Experience...and if you are interested in volunteering for one of our committees or taking on a leadership role.

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.

PROGRAMS:



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

COMMUNICATION:



The **Communication** Committee organizes communication strategies to the membership via the Chapter Website and Chapter Newsletter as well as notifying the membership of events via Constant Contact.

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.

BY-LAWS:



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

Committees

GOLF:



The **Golf** Committee organizes and administers the annual golf outing which is a fundraiser for the Francis L. Frybergh Scholarship. This committee solicits donations for individuals and companies in support of the scholarship.

CERTIFICATION :



The **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.

NOMINATING:



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

PLANNING:



The **Planning** Committee coordinates the planning of Chapter activities for the upcoming year.

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.

GET INVOLVED!





Do you believe in value of CSI?
Then become a member of our **Sponsorship Program** to assist in supporting the development of Metro New York Chapter initiatives and programs

Annual Sponsorship Levels:

Platinum (\$1,500):



- Company Logo displayed on chapter website
- Company Logo displayed in Monthly Newsletter (Full Page)
- Company Feature Article in two (2) Monthly Newsletters
- Company Mention all Chapter Events

Gold (\$1,000):



- Company Logo displayed on chapter website
- Company Logo displayed in Monthly Newsletter (Half Page)
- Company Feature Article in one (1) Monthly Newsletter

Silver (\$750):



- Company Logo displayed on chapter website
- Company Logo displayed in Monthly Newsletter (Half Page)

Bronze (\$250):



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

For more information on our Sponsorship Program reach out to
Tom Lanzelotti at tom_lanzelotti@gensler.com



Congratulations to our first Platinum Sponsor...

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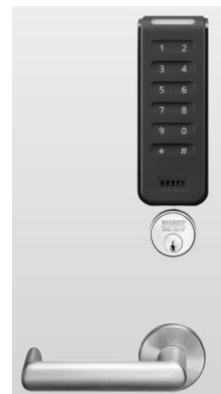
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Available through Authorized Channel Partners only.
Contact your local ASSA ABLOY Door Security
Solutions sales consultant for details.

Mobile Access

A close-up photograph of a person's hand holding a smartphone. The phone's screen displays an application interface with the text 'SACS' and 'Mobile Access'. The phone is held near a black door lock mounted on a wooden door. The lock has a silver push-button and a silver handle.

SN Series
Integrated Wired Access Control Lock



Local Contacts:

Sean Lodge / Liana Steffens / Erin Spadavecchia / Kenneth Raikowski

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 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:

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Tom Lanzelotti tom_lanzelotti@gensler.com



Community Outreach...



While we focus many of our efforts on the inner workings of our Chapter, the Board feels that it is important for us as a professional organization to also focus on how we interact with the Community in which we live, work and play in...

What should the Exterior Face of CSI Metro NY should be?

With this in mind, the Metro NY Chapter would like to focus our efforts on the development of a formalized **Community Outreach Program** to assist in supporting select community-based organizations in the Metro NY area. We will be looking for ideas & volunteers to assist in determining what community partnerships might be a match and spearhead those efforts...it is important for us to have a voice in making a difference in our community...



Looking Back... The **December** Event:



CSI METRO NY
Cordially Invites You to Our

ANNUAL HOLIDAY PARTY

December 8th, 2021
6 PM

Barbetta Restaurant
321 W 46th Street NYC
www.barbettarestaurant.com

\$ 25 member fee

<https://www.paypal.com/paypalme/treasurermetronycsi>

RSVP @ <https://www.csimetrony.com/events>

tom@empiresalesgroup.net or 347-564-7734



Looking Back...the **November** Event:



Designing with Tile

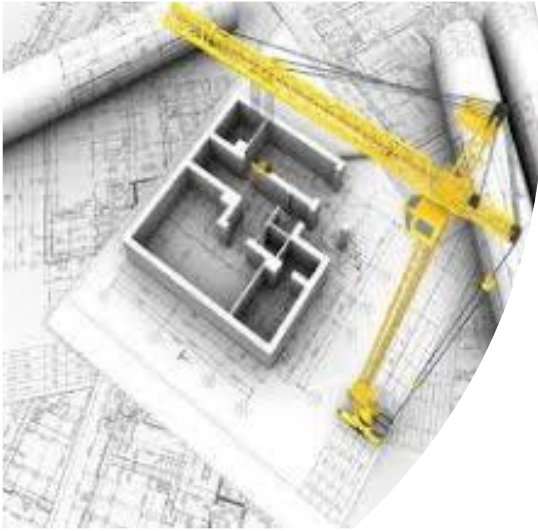


Presenter

Scott Conwell, FCSI, CDT, FAIA, LEED AP
Director of Industry Development, International
Masonry Institute

Attendees will develop an understanding of the various types of tile, setting methods, system components, and quality assurance methods as outlined in the ANSI A108 standards and the Tile Council of North America (TCNA) Handbook. The program will address design and installation requirements for conventional and large format tile including substrate preparation and floor flatness standards. It will examine ANSI requirements for mortar coverage, grout joint width, allowable lippage, layout and bonding, and other aesthetic and functional criteria. The program will also look at the new standards for thin Gauged Porcelain Tile (GPT) panels, and the recommended specification language for installer qualifications appearing in the TCNA Handbook and MasterSpec

Looking Back...the **October** Event:



“It’s documented...
So how do we build it?”

An in-depth conversation on the
Realization of the Design Intent...

Join a panel discussion led by Structure Tone,
one of New York’s Premier Interior and
Renovation Construction Companies...

We had an informative evening with Scott Renneisen of Structure Tone as we dove into current project delivery topics from a multi-view perspective including:

- Supply-Chain challenges
- Construction growth
- Current labor/talent pool
- Digital Technology
- Resiliency & Sustainability
- Benefits of CSI to Contractors

Looking Back...the **September** Event:



For our first meeting of the 2021/2022 Chapter Season we got together, virtually, for a relaxed and fun-filled Opening Night game of **JEOPARDY!**

We shared our collective knowledge and learned a bit about the following categories:

- NYC History
- CSI Stuff
- Architecture in the Movies
- Openings
- Jeopardy Fun Facts



the Metro New York Chapter is part of the CSI Northeast Region which is comprised of 15 local chapters:

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

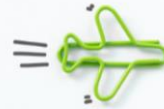
the Mission of the Northeast Region is to:

“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



Leadership Team



President Joe Lobdell



Vice President
Ken Lambert



Secretary
Renee Pequex



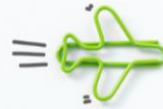
Treasurer
Tom Scriven



Immediate Past-President
Len Anastasi



Institute Director-NER
Tom Lanzelotti



Leadership Team

Each Chapter in the Region has representation at the table to assist in the sharing of information and best practices...

Boston Shane Imonetti
Buffalo Western New York Jim Grucella
Eastern NY Steven Van Hoose
Hartford John Robitaille
Housatonic Chris Meyers
Long Island Paul Commesso
Maine Valerie Paquin-Gould
Metro NY Bill DuBois
New Hampshire Thomas House
New Jersey Heath Waldorf
Rhode Island Tanner Tribolet
Rochester Lee Curtis
Syracuse Kevin Phillips
Vermont Rebecca Campbell
Worcester Steve VanDyke



NERCSI2020 **LONGEVITY / DURABILITY**

Building on History to Create the Future

The CSI Northeast Region Conference is scheduled for April 28-30, 2022 in Plymouth, MA

The annual Northeast Region CSI Conference is an opportunity for members of the construction industry to get together for networking, education, leadership development and fun. This year's event is being hosted by the Boston Chapter, one of the region's largest. As we'll be in Plymouth during the celebration of its 402nd anniversary, the focus of the event is on learning from the past to create better buildings for our future.

The conference will kick off on Thursday with our evening Welcome Reception and networking time in the hospitality suite.

Friday Morning will feature our trade show and technical seminars focused on Longevity / Durability / Resiliency. Lunch and the keynote will be on the Trade Show floor, as will the Cocktail Party and annual Scholarship Auction. Our President's Banquet will be held Friday evening.

Saturday morning brings the conference's leadership development activities including an Institute Update and Leadership Workshops. This will be followed by the Awards Luncheon. After lunch there will be a board meeting for CSI leaders. For other attendees there will be professional development sessions and a chance to tour the renovated Mayflower which returns to Plymouth Harbor just a week before.



For additional information and details about the Northeast Region Conference, visit the NER Website at [NE Region Conference - CSI Northeast Region \(nercsi.com\)](https://nercsi.com)

Or reach out to our Metro NY representatives on the Northeast Region Board:

Bill DuBois @ bill_dubois@gensler.com or Tom Scriven @ tom@empiresalesgroup.net



CSI NORTHEAST REGION 2022 CDT CANDIDATE PREPARATION CLASSES

- WHEN:** 10 weekly classes
02/15/22 - 04/18/22
6:00PM – 8:00 PM
- WHERE:** From the comfort of your own home, though virtual tutoring by live instructors
- COST:** CSI Members within the Northeast Region: **Free**
Non-CSI members: \$50



The Northeast Region is proud to announce that it will be offering preparation classes to the 2022 Construction Document Technologist exam to candidates who are members of any chapter within the Region, and to non-members residing within the Region! Fifteen chapters within 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:

- Reside within the Northeast (CT, MA, ME, NH, NJ, NY, RI, VT)
- Have a high school diploma or equivalent.
- Two (2) years’ CM experience and/or completion of college-level coursework is highly recommended.

Classes are free for any member of the Northeast Region, and only \$50 for non-members living within the Northeast. Any non-member who passes the exam and joins any chapter in the Region within 3 months of passing will be reimbursed the \$50 class fee.

CSI is offering the exam itself between May 2, 2022 and June 8, 2022. The Region has arranged for a discounted exam fee of \$375 if 10 members from around the Region sign up for the exam.

Interested? Visit <https://nercsi.com/cdt-preparation-class/> before 02/14/22 to sign up for prep classes, see the class topic breakdown and syllabus and get recommendations on study materials. Like us on Facebook at NERegionCSI or follow us on Twitter @csi_ne to get bios on the faculty, reminders about classes and connect with other candidates.



MEET THE 2022 FACULTY! CSI NORTHEAST REGION CDT CANDIDATE PREP CLASSES

CSI's Northeast Region has developed a new approach to credential preparation tutoring by assembling a team of veteran instructors to participate in a 10-part program to prepare candidates for the Construction Document Technologist certification. Each instructor will present a live on-line session with which he/she has tangible professional experience, to candidates throughout the 15 chapters in the Region. Increase your professional network while you increase your knowledge of the test material, by meeting peers and educators from around the Northeast through this unique arrangement.

Tom Scarlata, CSI, CCS, CCCA, CDT, AIA



Tom is a registered architect and Principal at Bargmann Hendrie + Archetype, Inc. where he's specialized in Recreational, Athletic and Aquatic Design for over 33 years and is regularly responsible for the oversight and organization of multiple projects. He's an active member of the Boston Chapter, where he is also Certification Chair and regularly teaches CDT classes. Tom is serving as "Dean" to the "Faculty" of instructors the Region has assembled, and will present the introductory session to candidates, and assist with the wrap-up review session with Ruma Som.

Kevin O'Beirne, PE, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CDT



A PE licensed in NY and PA with over 33 years of consulting engineering experience in design, Kevin is currently the National Manager of Engineering Specifications for HDR, a Board Member of the Buffalo Chapter and several CSI Committees at the National level. He is a principal author of CSI's *Construction Contract Administration Practice Guide, Second Edition* (2020) and has authored approximately 40 feature-length articles and papers and over 30 blog posts on the topic. Kevin's been a delegate to EJCDC since 2008 and his session will cover Fundamentals of the CDT, specifically the EJCDC's General Conditions.

Bill Selski, CSI CDT



A 35-year veteran of CSI, Bill is an active Board Member and newsletter editor of the Housatonic Chapter. Professionally, he is a registered architect working as a project manager for Lothrop Associates LLP in Hartford, CT and prior to that served as the Architectural Drafting Department Head in the Connecticut Technical Education and Career System in Bridgeport. Bill is a certified Construction Document Technologist (CDT) with CSI and will cover the Project Concept and Delivery portion of the study material, discussing programming, planning, pre-design, studies, design and construction services.

Kevin Philips, CSI, CDT, LEED Green



Kevin has 22 years of experience as an architect and is currently a project architect with Schopfer Architects in Utica, NY specializing in healthcare, educational and hospitality projects. He is a 12+ year veteran of CSI, the treasurer of the Syracuse Chapter and their representative on the Region Board. Kevin's sessions will include the Design Process, covering Schematic Design, preliminary project descriptions, design development, outline and also Procurement, touching on Procurement options, addendum, purchasing, competitive pricing, bidding and negotiations.



MEET THE 2022 FACULTY! CSI NORTHEAST REGION CDT CANDIDATE PREP CLASSES

Steve Laurente, CSI, CCS, CDT, LEED GA



Steve is an experienced specifier with Gensler's Morristown, NJ office, where he's logged over 20 years of experience assisting design teams with field surveys, design & construction detail development, construction documentation, construction administration, quality assurance & quality control drawing reviews. An active member within the New Jersey chapter of CSI, Steve will present part 1 of the 2 part session on Construction Documents, with topics including the Project Manual, Drawings and the proper procedures for Modifications to them.

Bill DuBois, AIA, CSI, CDT, CCS



Bill is an active Board member of both the Metro NY Chapter and the Northeast Region, with over 40 years of involvement with CSI. He is a licensed architect and has been a lead specifier for Gensler's New York office for the last 20+ years, promoting the importance of specifications as complementary to drawings for clear, concise, correct, complete construction documentation. Bill's session will cover Construction Documents and will review methods of specifying, specification language, and the formatting conventions for organizing specification information.

John Gant, AHC, CCS, CCPR, CDT, FDAI



An architectural hardware consultant and spec writer with 20 years of experience writing hardware specs for Allegion through RSO New England, John is the current Secretary for the New Hampshire Chapter. In addition to holding 3 CSI certifications, he's also an Architectural Hardware Consultant and Fire Door Inspector. His session will review Pre-Construction efforts including Notice to Proceed, preconstruction submittals, permits, verification of site conditions, and related topics.



MEET THE 2022 FACULTY! CSI NORTHEAST REGION CDT CANDIDATE PREP CLASSES

Martin Helly, CSI, CDT



The current President of the Worcester County Chapter and an active leader throughout the Northeast Region, Marty offers 40+ years of experience in the construction industry and has been involved in all aspects of design and construction including as a practicing architect, a design-build contractor, a product manufacturer's rep, an owner's rep through hundreds of projects throughout the US and abroad. For the past 20 years primarily as a consulting specifier for his own company M H Specs LLC. Marty's session on Construction will discuss activities and procedures related to the administration of the contract.

Ruma Som, B.Arch, M.Arch, AHC, CSI, CDT, Associate AIA, NOMA



Currently the principal of her own independent door and hardware consulting firm, Ruma built her career as a product rep and specifier specializing in doors and hardware for Allegion/Assa Abloy. A 20-year veteran of CSI, she's a member of and held leadership roles with the Metro New York and New Jersey Chapters, she's a past member of the Northeast Region Board with years of experience as the chair of academic and educational committees and she is the current chair of the Region CDT Training program. Ruma will wrap up the program with a review session in the form of an interactive Jeopardy game.

For more details, visit the Northeast Region website at <https://nercsi.com/cdt-preparation-class/>



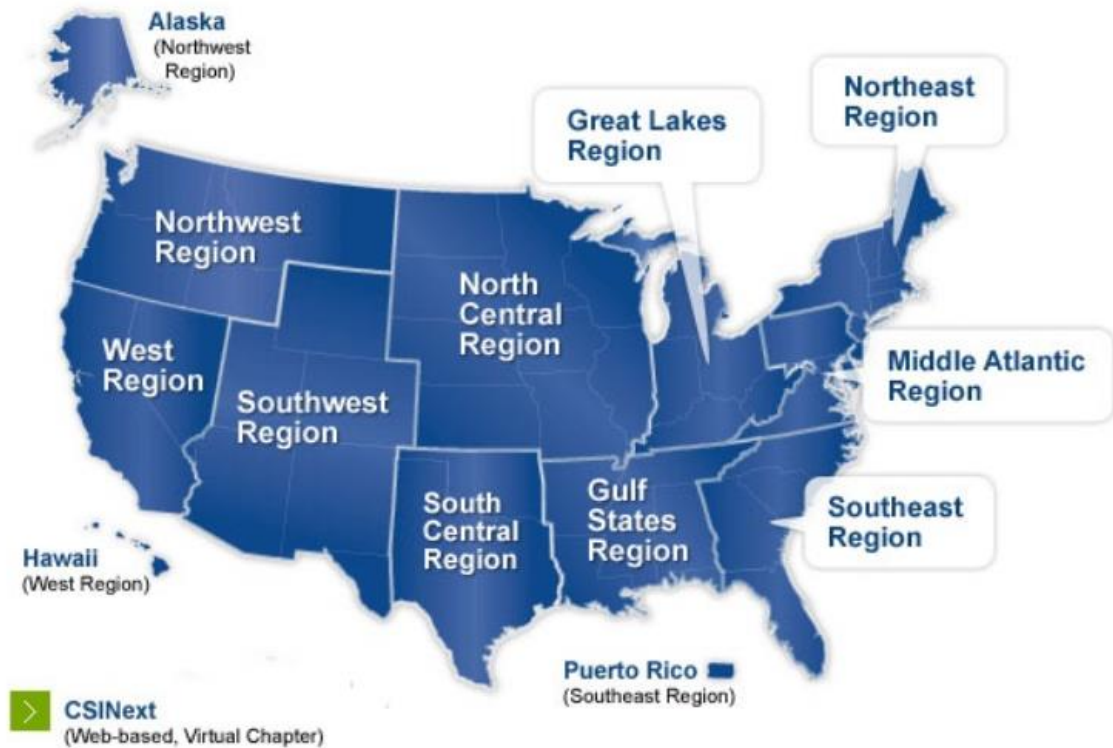
Scholarship Application Deadline June 15th

The Northeast Region CSI has a tradition of annually providing three or more scholarships to college students. The scholarships are funded by the proceeds of an auction held at the region conference. The auction was started in 1991 by the members and spouses showing off their skills and talents by submitting items for auction. Recipients are selected from submitted eligible students through a random drawing. The auction was formalized in Northeast Region policy in 1997.

The number and amount of awards will be decided upon results of the “Scholarship Auction” and discussion at this Spring’s Board Meeting to be given out to eligible students submitted by chapter presidents. Candidates eligible for a scholarship must be: a current member of a chapter in CSI Northeast Region or their spouse, child, niece, nephew, grandchild, step-relative, in-law or sibling and be accepted at or enrolled in an institute of higher education.

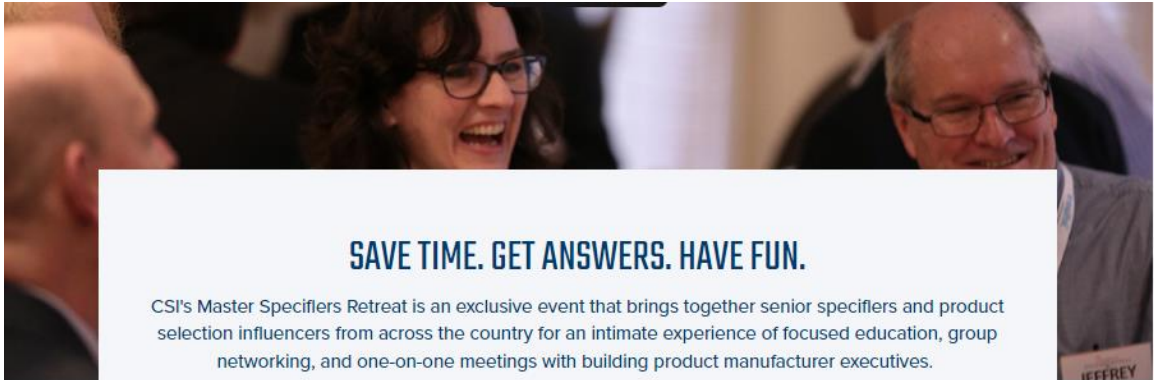
To nominate a student for consideration, fill out the application form (see link below) and submit through one of the fifteen chapters of the Northeast Region CSI by June 15, 2021. Chapter Presidents will each forward one candidate to the Region Executive Committee. Award recipients will be notified by July 1, 2021. Recipients will be required to provide proof of enrollment to the Region Treasurer to receive the funds.

<http://nercsi.com/wp-content/uploads/2021/04/SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION-2021-revised.pdf>



CSI NATIONAL:

- Comprised of 10 Regions and one Virtual Chapter
- National Website: www.csiresources.org



SAVE TIME. GET ANSWERS. HAVE FUN.

CSI's Master Specifiers Retreat is an exclusive event that brings together senior specifiers and product selection influencers from across the country for an intimate experience of focused education, group networking, and one-on-one meetings with building product manufacturer executives.

Master SPECIFIERS RETREAT

CSI 

Specifiers/Architects: Bring your project specs and get one-on-one feedback from manufacturers who know the technical ins and outs of their products and understand the scope of your projects.

At this popular two-day retreat, have your technical project information reviewed during one-on-one meetings between you and your building product manufacturers.

- Maximize your time
- Gain technical knowledge and CEUs
- Enjoy your stay at an exciting location
- Get complimentary hotel accommodations and airfare or mileage reimbursement up to \$500

Product Representatives: You will engage in 12 to 16 one-on-one meetings, 30 minutes each, with specifiers and product selection influencers that you select.



January 19-21, 2022
Loews Ventana Canyon Resort
Tucson, Arizona
<https://www.csiresources.org/msr-winter>



May 11-13, 2022
Rancho Bernardo Inn
San Diego, California



CSI STANDARDS HELP YOU DELIVER

Construction projects are complicated enough. That's why successful professionals rely on CSI standards to improve communication with their teams and deliver exceptional results to their customers.

“ **AT A TIME WHEN JOINT VENTURES AND TWO-CONSULTANT TEAMS ARE COMMON, HAVING AN INDUSTRY STANDARD FOR ORGANIZATION OF CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTS IS CRITICAL.** KEVIN O'BEIRNE, PE, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, COT

- For over 50 years, CSI has provided standards - like MasterFormat[®], UniFormat[®], and OmniClass[®] - to help construction professionals with the communication and ordering of information.
- In practice, this helps you with the storage, retrieval, and analysis of construction project data.
- Even though we are in a digital age, human beings still rely on interpersonal communication and the organization of information to provide order to the world around us.
- It's possible to conduct a construction project without using standards, but ask yourself - why add an extra layer of challenge to every task?



MasterFormat[®]

MasterFormat[®] is the specifications standard for the built environment.

- Lists of numbers and titles help you organize and communicate your plan to the whole project team
- On task and on time - expect more of your projects to be completed as planned when you apply the information presented in MasterFormat
- MasterFormat is the basis for organizing information for contract documents
- Design professionals rely on CSI standards like MasterFormat to produce buildings that are safe, up-to-code and long-lasting
- MasterFormat has changed the construction industry and influenced countless associated classifications, including the ASTM standard for sustainability assessment of building products, MasterSpec, SpecText, National Master Specifications (NMS), Building Systems Design (SpecLink), and SpecsIntact systems



UniFormat®

UniFormat® helps you arrange system information as the project design is finalized

- Common classification for the description, analysis, and management of a building throughout its life cycle
- Estimators and design teams benefit from the UniFormat® cost analysis and early project design documentation
- UniFormat® allows you to better evaluate design alternatives that affect facility performance



OmniClass™

OmniClass™ provides a classification structure for electronic databases and software

- Enriching your information with a classification system designed for the architectural, engineering, and construction (AEC) industry
- Especially useful in Building Information Modeling (BIM), the classifications can be applied when organizing library materials and establishing structures for electronic databases.
- Developed with a North American focus, but can be used to classify construction and its components in other countries

CROSSWALK[®]

Seamlessly integrate standards into your digital workflows or software products with Crosswalk. An enterprise-grade API, Crosswalk includes licenses for all versions of MasterFormat, UniFormat, and OmniClass, and the ability to translate between different standards and versions – directly through your current software.

Section Format

SectionFormat/PageFormat[®] gives guidance on organizing and formatting text for specification pages. The guidelines help reduce the chance of omissions or duplications and ensure consistency in your presentations.



SERVING YOU. TOGETHER.

New Dues Structure and Expanded Network for CSI Members on the Way.

The way members engage is evolving and we are too.

Providing value to members has always been at the heart of CSI. There are changes underway that will enable CSI to better serve you and which creates a pathway for all members to expand their networks. The changes improve the value of your membership.

What is Changing?

Beginning on July 1, 2022 (*the new fiscal year for the association*), CSI will transition to a new, single dues structure that creates a “home” Chapter and which expands networking opportunities for every member.

The changes will make Chapter affiliation easier to navigate and understand. Also, the way CSI Chapters, Regions, and National (“components”) are aligned will evolve to improve the way we all, collectively, serve you, the member.

Why are We Changing?

As an organization, CSI knows the local, in-person networking experience is highly valued by members. However, the way people engage with their organizations is changing and CSI leaders heard and experienced that there were disconnects and inefficiencies with CSI that got in the way of providing value to members.

So, a group of your CSI Chapter and Region leaders, through their work on [the Component Value Task Force \(CVTF\)](#), were brought together to explore one question:

“What is the optimal alignment between Chapters, Regions, and the National organization that enables CSI to provide maximum membership value?”

They reached the following conclusions:

- Members highly value the local Chapter experience but find it difficult to navigate the organizational structure.
- A simplified, unified structure will make it easier for members to engage with CSI.
- Chapter leaders need more support to provide maximum value to members.

Have Questions or Feedback?

If you would like to ask questions or provide feedback there are a few ways to do so.

- Review the FAQs here: <https://www.csiresources.org/membership/structure-change/faqs>
- Share your feedback using this form: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2CBDVPH>
- [Join an open office hour](#) and talk with a member of the Board of Directors or CVTF and CSI staff directly.

TIMELINE

Jan. 28, 2022

Current members receive information related to the transition

May 1, 2022

First invoices deployed for July 2022 Renewals

July 1, 2022

Changes go live



BUILD BETTER WITH CSI MEMBERSHIP

CSI members are essential to the creation of the built environment.

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CSI is a support network. CSI is a set of resources. CSI is a set of contacts. It's a community of likeminded individuals that are trying to reach the same goal. And the goals that we're all trying to reach is to try to get it right, be that design, be it construction, be it manufacturing, we're trying to do it better.

—Kathryn Marek, CSI®, CCCA®, CDT®, Principal, KM Architectural Consulting, PLLC

Connect. Engage. Advance. Join.

Membership meets you where you are and where you're going as a project delivery professional. You're part of a community that elevates your profession and innovates across all aspects of the industry.

CSI Members

OCCUPATION:

- Architecture, Design
- Building Product Manufacturers
- Construction and Contracting
- Specifications
- Engineering
- Other



ORGANIZATION TYPE:

- Firms
- Manufacturing
- Contracting, Development and Management
- Academic and Association
- Government
- Other



Specifications are baked into every construction project, translating design into reality. And while "Specifications" is part of our name, CSI is a lot more than specifications – it's about construction communication, project management, and contract management for today's dynamic environment.

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Learning the language of construction has made a huge difference to my career. That's why I've promoted the CDT certification program to every member of my team ever since.

—Charles Bleakely, CSI, CDT, LEED AP, Specification Area Manager, PPG

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CSI is an organization of people that write the instruction manuals for the construction industry.

—Thad Goodman, FCSI, CCPR, CDT, LEED GA, Construction Design Manager at National Gypsum Company



Explore the power of your CSI membership.

GET AHEAD: FREE AND DISCOUNTED EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Enjoy a broad mix of learning opportunities that cover everything from team roles and responsibilities to the interaction of products and materials on the job site. Plus, you'll get discounts on essential CSI industry certifications, training guides and exams that serve as the industry standard for excellence in the communication of construction and project delivery information.

GET CONNECTED: MENTORSHIP AND NETWORKING

CSI chapter experiences are unrivaled in expanding your professional growth. Whether you are an emerging professional seeking to grow your skillset and network, an experienced AECO searching for the answer to a client's question, or somewhere in between, you'll have support at both the national and local level.

GET INFORMED: ESSENTIAL INDUSTRY NEWS, TRENDS AND CASE STUDIES

Membership includes an informative mix of weekly news, exclusive and active online member community, and the monthly magazine, The Construction Specifier, highlighting the best in the industry.

GET EMPOWERED: STAY AHEAD OF CHANGING TECHNOLOGIES, CODES AND STANDARDS

Interested in the impact of industry game-changers like 5D BIM (Building Information Modeling), modular construction, design build delivery methods, augmented and virtual reality (AR/VR) and 3D building? CSI keeps you informed on industry innovations.

GET SUPPORTED: THE RESOURCES YOU NEED ARE AT YOUR FINGERTIPS

You'll have exclusive access to MasterFormat online and discounted professional reference books, as well as the groundbreaking Specs 101 virtual series on specifications coordination.



Come to CSI and learn how to deliver a project.

WHEN YOU'RE A MEMBER OF CSI, YOU HAVE THE TOOLS TO SOLVE CLIENT CHALLENGES AND THRIVE IN YOUR CAREER:

- Deliver better projects
- Supercharge your specifications knowledge
- Build your documentation confidence
- Demystify project delivery
- Boost your credibility.



CSI MEMBERS MAKE AN IMPACT.

They're equipped to bring projects to life, lead the industry, and move us toward a future that is technologized, diverse, and global. Join us today.



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...

So Why Join CSI?

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?