

# the Platform

the CSI Metro NY Monthly Newsletter

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

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

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

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# CSI Metro NY game plan...



## our **Mission:**

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



## our **Make-Up:**

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



## our **Plan:**

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

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

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

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

I thought about what I would write for this month's newsletter. We are in such strange and unfamiliar territory in so many ways. How do I act as if everything is "normal"? When will things go back to some semblance of order both personally and professionally? As your Chapter President I wanted to tell you all that CSI is here for you. We are a family, we stick together, no matter what. Our members are some of the brightest lights in the Metro New York construction market.

I won't pretend things are back to the way they were nor will I tell you we know when we will get back to business as usual, if ever. What I can say is we are all in this together, our future health and the built environment are going through changes and we all need to adapt. Our CSI chapter is striving to add to our diversity and inclusion and with that the presentation of ideas for our public and private spaces moving forward. The Well Building initiative takes on new meaning today and we will continue to explore this movement closely.

Our next Chapter meeting is on October 21<sup>st</sup> at 5:30 PM, will delve into Covid 19's effects on various facets of the construction industry. We do hope you'll join us for this thought provoking and hopefully positive discourse about the current and future state of our business. Please visit our web site [csimetro.com](http://csimetro.com) to register for the event and I look forward to seeing you there!

Andrea Dinice, CDT, Leed Green Associate

President, CSI Metropolitan New York Chapter



# meet your CSI Metro New York Chapter **Board**



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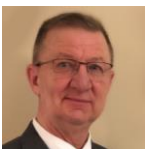
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## the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Upcoming Events**

### the **October** Event:

join us for our second virtual chapter event of the year, Wednesday evening, October 21<sup>st</sup> @ 5:30PM

**Part 1: 5:30-6:00pm** virtual networking...  
“What was **your** Favorite Halloween Costume”



have your drink of choice in hand as we connect virtually face-to-face to catch up; share some **spooky Halloween** stories...

**Part 2: 6:00-6:30pm** Chapter Business Update

**Part 3: 6:30-7:30pm** Featured Program

## What's the **FUTURE** of Design & Construction?



If you are interested in where the Design & Construction Industry could be headed **Post-COVID...**

Join us for a Virtual Roundtable Discussion with industry leaders representing Design Professionals; Specifiers; Manufacturer's; Product Vendors; Contractors; and Ownership

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Committees**

## **MEMBERSHIP:**



Renee Pecquex, *Co-Chair* [Renee.Pecquex@ceasarstoneus.com](mailto:Renee.Pecquex@ceasarstoneus.com)  
Andrea Dinice, *Co-Chair* [andrea.dinice@sherwin.com](mailto:andrea.dinice@sherwin.com)

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:**



Tom Lanzelotti, *Co-Chair* [tom\\_lanzelotti@gensler.com](mailto:tom_lanzelotti@gensler.com)  
Bill DuBois, *Co-Chair* [bill\\_dubois@gensler.com](mailto:bill_dubois@gensler.com)

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

## **COMMUNICATION:**



Han-Hui Ling, *Chair* [hling@henry.com](mailto:hling@henry.com)

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:**



Chair to be Determined

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:**



Michael Bean, *Chair* [mbean1313@gmail.com](mailto:mbean1313@gmail.com)

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

## **GOLF:**



Arnie Kravitz, *Chair* [arnie@doorautomation.com](mailto:arnie@doorautomation.com)

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.

## **PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT / CERTIFICATION:**



Chair to be Determined

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.

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Committees**

## **NOMINATING:**



TBD by Previous Year's Nominating Committee, *Chair*

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

## **PLANNING:**



Bill DuBois, *Chair*

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

## **AWARDS:**



Tom Scriven, *Co-Chair*

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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.

# the CSI Metro New York Chapter **Member Renewal Assistance**



## Chapter Membership Renewal Assistance

On August 12<sup>th</sup> during our planning meeting we voted and unanimously approved a motion to fund membership renewals to 10 people negatively financially impacted by the Covid-19 Pandemic. The conditions for reimbursement are:

1. Current or recent professional or emerging professional Metro NY member
2. Furloughed, laid off, or businesses severely impacted by the economic slowdown
3. Employer reducing benefits financing outside professional organizations.

The member would be required to purchase the membership renewal and then submit to this board a reimbursement form found on our website :

[https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5725393b859fd0c265e76535/t/5db120c1049ad83d6738a558/1571889345939/CSI+ Reimbursement+Form+ -+FY2020.pdf](https://static1.squarespace.com/static/5725393b859fd0c265e76535/t/5db120c1049ad83d6738a558/1571889345939/CSI+Reimbursement+Form+-+FY2020.pdf)

Member Renewal Request Application:

<https://www.csimetrony.com/s/08162020-membership-renewal-assistance-form.docx>

The National Renewal Page can be found here:

<https://www.csiresources.org/join>

Please direct any questions to Tom Scriven at [tom@empiresalesgroup.net](mailto:tom@empiresalesgroup.net)

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



Each month in our Chapter Newsletter, we will provide **Member Profiles** to celebrate 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!



### **Renee Pecquex, CSI, IIDA-IP**

Like many, my career started in residential interiors, having attended the NY School of Interior Design. I then transitioned to building products, having worked for Armstrong as a showroom manager, which is where my involvement in CSI began. I then became a surfacing material specialist, representing several manufacturers but ultimately Caesarstone, as an A+D Account Manager for nearly 14 years.

Now, with over 30 years of building products experience, I still enjoy it. I've visited many factories, worked on hundreds of commercial projects, know many design professionals, and have made lasting friendships. I've served as Chapter Secretary and am now serving on the Board as a Director and assisting our President, Andrea with Membership.

Architecture is more than beautiful, functional structures to me. When I admire buildings, I think of all the labor it took to design and construct them. They embody the energy of people and products. Each has a story behind them, and CSI is a great place to share my passion for the built environment.

## the CSI Metro New York Chapter News



Each month, in our Chapter Newsletter, our Membership Committee will be sharing the responses from you, our members to the “The Big Question” of the month...

This Month’s **BIG** Question is...

What was the first & last concert you attended?



Please send your response and any collateral imagery to:  
[tom.lanzelotti@gensler.com](mailto:tom.lanzelotti@gensler.com)

the CSI Metro New York Chapter News

**Congratulations CSI Metro New York Chapter  
for receiving a  
FY 2020 Outstanding Chapter Commendation**



While FY 2020 was challenging on many fronts, we as a Chapter pushed our way through...Staying connected via virtual meetings & events and our Monthly Newsletter, “the **PLATFORM**”...Congratulations to each you for making this possible! Let’s continue to stay connected and be here for each other...Together we can press forward to greater things.

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

the **September 2020:**

join us for our first virtual chapter event of the year,  
**Wednesday evening, September 16<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30PM**

**Part 1: 5:30-6:00pm** virtual networking...“summer stories”



have your drink of choice in hand as we connect virtually face-to-face to catch up; share our summer stories; and kick-off our new CSI Metro NY Season...

**Part 2: 6:00-6:30pm** Chapter Business Update

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**How to Optimize LinkedIn  
for Job Search**

*presented by Joann Lui*

Joann is a licensed architect at Gensler NY and the founder of Women Architects Collective, a community of 2000+ women building careers they love. She helps architects build unforgettable personal brands so that you can get noticed in a competitive marketplace. You can find her on her blog ([joannlui.com](http://joannlui.com)) or follow her on Instagram @joannlui.



## the CSI Metro New York Chapter **In the Works...**



The success of our Chapter will always be based upon the quality of our membership experience. There are many factors that comprise the Membership Experience ranging from Institute Provided Programs & Resources; Regional Communication & Information Sharing; and Dedicated Chapter Leadership & Quality Educational Programs; but most importantly it comes down to Member Participation, Satisfaction, and Feedback.



Please let your Board Members and Committee Chairs know of any ideas you may have to assist in improving your membership experience...

## the CSI Metro New York Chapter **In the Works...**



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...



## the CSI Metro New York Chapter **In the Works...**



The piloting of a formalized **Sponsorship Program** to assist in supporting the many initiatives/programs that the Board has in the works...If interested please reach out to one of our Chapter Board Members.

### **Annual Sponsorship Opportunities:**

#### **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)

## Region news



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

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



## NERCSI2020

**LONGEVITY / DURABILITY / RESILIENCY**

*Building on History to Create the Future*

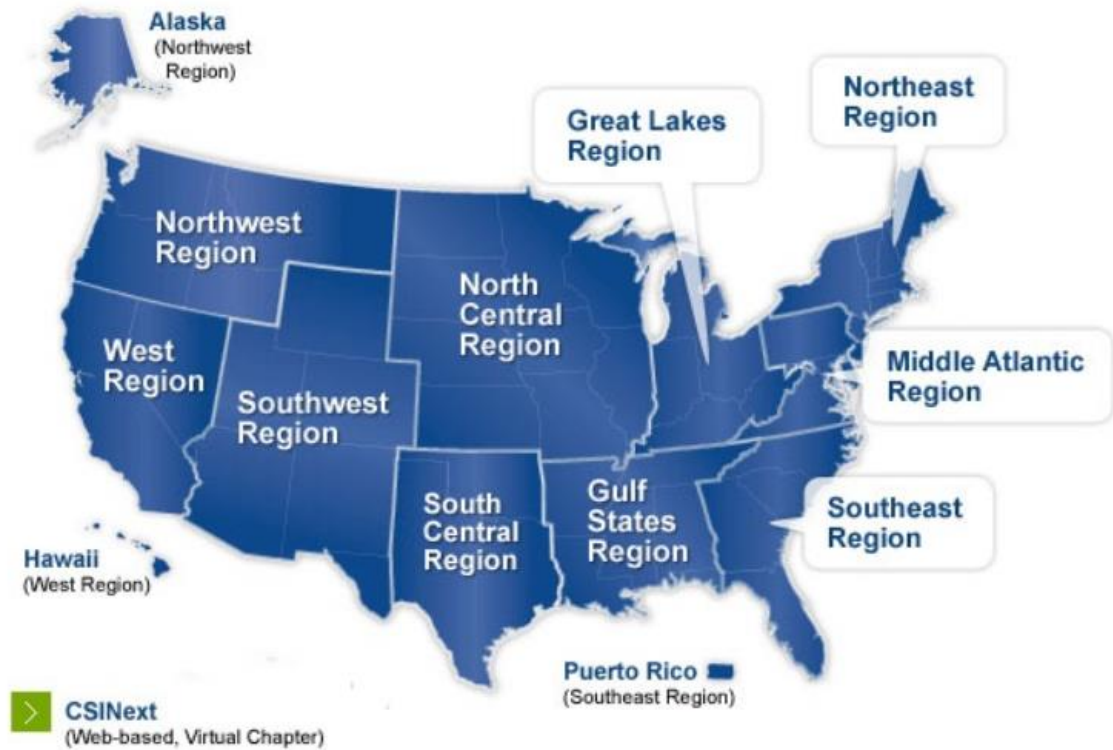


**NORTHEAST REGION CONFERENCE RESCHEDULED:**

The Northeast Region Conference Committee has decided to reschedule the Northeast Region Conference due to the impacts of COVID-19 and the concern for the health and safety of our members.

**Conference will be held in Plymouth, MA**

April 29-May 1, 2021



## CSI NATIONAL:

- Comprised of 11 Regions and one Virtual Chapter
- Institute website: [www.csiresources.org](http://www.csiresources.org)



## Learning Library



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Check out CSI's new **Learning Library** at <https://www.csiresources.org/home...>

If you are part of the Working From Home contingent, you will be able to find a number of upcoming live events and an ever-growing collection of past session recordings available for you to view OnDemand.

Most sessions are between 45-60 minutes in length and are accompanied by a post-session survey and/or short evaluation.

Upon completing a session, you will be eligible to download a Certificate of Completion and awarded learning hours that can be used towards maintaining your CSI Certifications and any professional development requirements you may have associated with your given profession.

## 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](http://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?

# the CSI Membership Application

To join, you can go to our chapter website [www.csimetry.com](http://www.csimetry.com) under the Links tab to find a membership enrollment form...



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**CSI Tax ID#:** 53-0242938

## MEMBERSHIP ENROLLMENT FORM

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**MEMBERSHIP TYPES**

**Professional: \$275.00**  
I am a technically experienced individual whose primary function is to author, manage or communicate building information; to create, interpret or use construction documents; or to educate, support or assist the construction industry.

**Emerging Professional: \$150.00\***  
I am an individual who has less than three years experience in any construction-related field and am a prospective Professional Member.

**Student: \$50.00\***  
I am a full-time student enrolled in an undergraduate or graduate program in a construction industry curriculum at an educational institution.

*\*If selecting Emerging Professional or Student Membership, please call CSI Member Services for related chapter dues. Emerging Professional membership is limited to 3 years, at which time members must renew at the Professional level.*

**Personal Information**  Mr  Ms  Mrs  Dr

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Middle initial: \_\_\_\_\_

Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Firm name: \_\_\_\_\_

Website: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City | State | Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Business phone: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ Fax: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Please review the listings on the back and enter the corresponding number(s) that best describe the following:

Occupation code: \_\_\_\_\_ Firm type code: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Don't Forget to join a chapter!**

Enrollment form for July 2017-June 2018.  
Dues rates subject to change.

NOTE: CSI membership is non-transferable and non-refundable.

Who can we thank for referring you to CSI?

**Institute and Chapter Dues**

See Institute dues above and chapter dues on reverse side.

Institute Dues (see types of membership to the left) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Home Chapter Name (see reverse)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Chapter(s) Name(s)..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Membership Certificate (optional)..... \$ 15.00

Total (US funds only) ..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\*..... \_\_\_\_\_

\*Required to validate your enrollment form.

Visa  Mastercard  AMEX  Check  (Payable to CSI—please specify "Member Dues" and if renewing membership include member ID on memo line.)

Card # \_\_\_\_\_ Exp Date \_\_\_\_\_

Signature\*..... Amount \$ \_\_\_\_\_

\*Signature required for credit card authorization.