

CSI Mission Statement

The Construction Specifications Institute advances the process of creating and sustaining the built environment for the benefit of the construction community by using the diversity of its members to exchange knowledge.

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Message of The President

Greetings and Happy Summer!

As we begin our next term of leadership for the soon to be titled North Coast Chapter, I would like to tell you about some of the exciting things that we are working on.

First and foremost, our change of leadership. I have now shifted into the Presidents Chair, while Mark Jacobson is now our Immediate Past President and my mentor and role model. I think we can all give a collective round of applause for the awesome job that Mark has done in the last two years. Thank you, Mark!!!

John Workley has now completed his role (sentence) as immediate past president as his service to our chapter will continue as our Director, Architect Outreach.

We also welcome David Kent as Chapter Vice President. David came to us from the former Erie Chapter and is very active, so we are excited to make his position official.

Thank you to the rest of our board members who will continue to help us keep our chapter strong: Shelly Higgins; Peggy Lipscomb; Julianne Workley; Theresa DeVries; Scott Mitchell-Taylor; Thomas Pekoc; Brian James; Venkatesh Ramamoorthy.

Our Chapter has also grown with the Erie/Northwest Pennsylvania Chapter officially folded into the Cleveland Chapter. As a result of this, we will be working on changing the name of the Chapter to the North Coast Chapter. This reflects the reach of the Chapter from the Toledo area to Erie. We welcome the new members and look forward to their participation!

Please join us for a small celebration of the installation of officers on the Cleveland Tiki Barge, July 17. More information and sign up [here](#).

We will be participating in the August AIA Sandcastle Contest. More information to come.

Join us for [Avery Dennison Tour and AIA HSW Course](#) on September 11.

We will be the host city for CSI National Conference in Cleveland. We will have information regarding local tours that we are helping to arrange and possibly help host before or after that event. Stay tuned for more information.



Finally (as alluded to above), we are in the process of changing our chapter name to the **North Coast** Chapter, to better describe our inclusion of membership that spans from Toledo to Erie.

As I begin my new role as president, I realize that I have some big shoes to fill. I hope that together we will all help to make the North Coast Chapter the best it can possibly be for the years to come.

Thank you,

Brad Saeger, AIA, LEED AP, ICC, CDT

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About Brad:

Brad has been working in the architectural and design industry since 1988 as a designer, project manager and specifier for a variety of firms in the Midwest. He has worked on many types of projects including residential, retail and educational, earning his LEED AP in 2007, RA in 2009, ICC plans examiner in 2020, and CDT in 2022. Brad also enjoys being an experienced Technical Instructor.

He joined Moody Nolan in 2017 as a Project Manager / Architect, later shifting position to specifications, now a Senior Associate and Specifications Writer.



CSI Chapter Challenge Membership Program

It is a career no-brainer! BECOME A MEMBER of the CSI Cleveland Chapter. Professionals can enjoy **One Year FREE**, under our Chapter Challenge program.

What is **CHAPTER CHALLENGE** and who is eligible?

- Opportunity for Design and Construction Professionals to experience CSI for one year to highlight the value of CSI with the goal of continued membership beyond the Chapter Challenge Year.

Who is eligible for **CHAPTER CHALLENGE**?

- Open to members of an Architect, Engineer, Interior Design or General Contractor Firm who may not be familiar with CSI or have not been a member of CSI for at least 3 years. Manufacturer Representatives are not eligible for this program.

What does **CHAPTER CHALLENGE** cost?

New Member - **FREE** for the Chapter Challenge year.

- The only cost will be participation. Attend a minimum of 4 regularly scheduled educational meetings.
- Report the value of being a CSI Member to a Principal or Decision Maker at your firm a minimum of two times.

Benefits of Membership:

- Join in our monthly social and CEU events! Meet members, share information and have fun!
- **CSI Tech Talk Tuesday** – Sign up to hear about new products and methods in the industry.
- **CSI Weekly** – CSI posts for events and CEU's, access to the learning library and much more.
- **CSI Connect** – post a question to receive information from members across the country.
- **The Construction Specifier** – How products and technology can impact projects and other insights.
- **The Right Angle** – Highlights building industry products and projects in the news,

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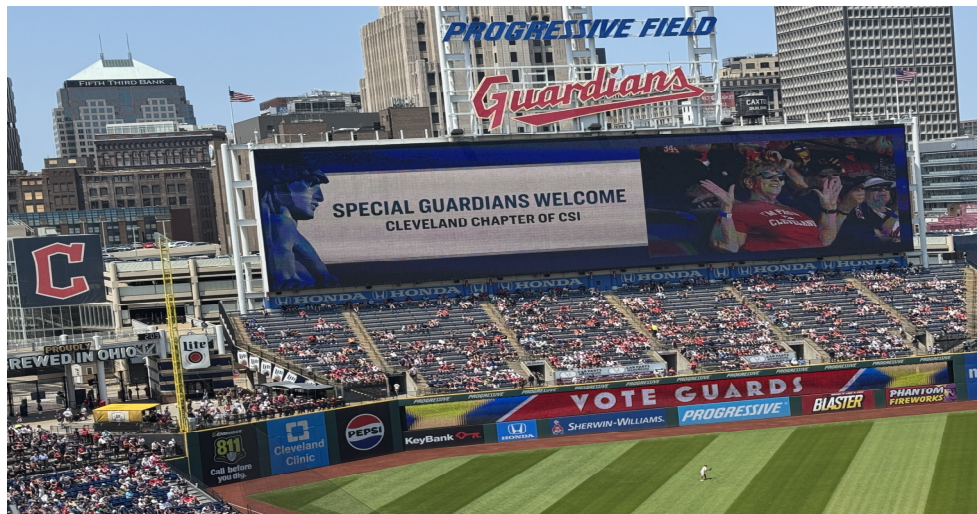
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Complete the CSI Membership Application *Personal Information* section and email to Theresa DeVries at tdevries@dsshowley.com. That is it! I will take it from there.

CSI Chapter Free Membership – Join TODAY!

CSI Chapter Happenings

Take me Out to The Ball Game Chapter Event



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CSI Chapter News

Cleveland Chapter wins Great Lakes Region Education Award

The Cleveland Chapter of CSI won the Great Lakes Region Education Award for its consistent offerings of continuing education courses, culminating in the 2nd annual SPECTaCLE event. Thank you to everyone who makes these events a success. If you have not been taking advantage of them, try one out!

Upcoming 2025 Events

Upcoming Programs can be accessed [HERE](#).

July 17 -There are 10 spaces left on the [Tiki Barge](#). Have some fun with the Board as new officers are installed and awards are given!

August 2 - We will be participating in the [AIA Sandcastle Contest](#). Details coming soon.

September 11 - Sign up is available for an [Avery Dennison plant tour and HSW CEU session](#) on

October 1 – AIA/ CEU Virtual Presentation, Sliding Doors in a Means of Egress. More info to follow.

October 15-17 – CSI National Conference, Cleveland, Ohio.



Who is CSI?

CSI is a national association of more than 8,000 professionals. CSI members are experts in building construction and the materials used therein and are dedicated to improving the communication of construction information.

Please contact [John Workley](#)

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