

# SPECIGRAM

Official Newsletter of the Pittsburgh Chapter, Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)

## TOUR OF PITTSBURGH INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT NEW CONSTRUCTION

Date: Thursday, March 14, 2024  
*(note the change of day)*

Pittsburgh International Airport is undergoing a massive terminal modernization project that is expected to be ready in 2025. Major components include eliminating the landside terminal and locating all travel facilities in the existing landside terminal (all during normal airport operations!). Construction of a new multi-level parking garage will bring parking closer to the terminal.

Tour Leader: Jeff Martinelli, Communications and Community Outreach, Pittsburgh International Airport. Representatives from Gensler and the contractor may assist with the tour and answer questions.

Tour starts: 3:00 pm (don't be late)

Tour runs approximately 90 minutes.

Reservations: **REGISTRATION:** <https://mp.gg/zw8x0cuj>

**MEMBERS:** \$30; **Non-CSI member:** \$60

We are using a new registration system that will hopefully be easier called MemberPlanet. Payment in advance is requested on the MemberPlanet site (additional processing charge). If you can't pay by credit card contact Brian.

**Proper personal protective equipment is necessary. Bring your hard hat, glasses, high-vis vest and leather work boots. A limited number of hard hats will be available if you don't have one. Long sleeve shirts and pants (no skirts) are required. This is a walking tour so be prepared to walk throughout the tour. Leave any loose articles in your car (purses, briefcase, etc.). Photography is not allowed and phones should not be used on the tour. Attendees will be required to sign a waiver before the tour.**

The meeting place will be in the landside terminal with the meeting room to be detailed after registration. A bus will take us to the construction site. Car pooling is recommended since parking is in the airport lots (no reimbursement).

Questions: E-mail Brian Trimble at [btrimble@imiweb.org](mailto:btrimble@imiweb.org) or call 703-300-0109.

# MEMBER NEWS

## March Anniversaries

30th	Duncan Penney	
18th	Richard Strayer	Maffei Strayer Furnishings, Inc.
10th	Ray See	Bridges & Co.
8th	Mason Radkoff	Strada

## Current Membership: 70

**Chapter Elections** are upcoming.

Two Director seats are open.

If you are interested in filling a Director position, please contact Rich Strayer, Miki Vargo, or Bob Bailey.

Watch for emails regarding the elections process.

Watch for CSI Middle Atlantic Region's  
CDT Study Preparation Course  
in the Fall of 2024!

## CSI Members

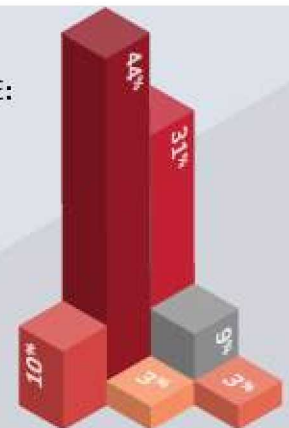
### BY OCCUPATION:

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



### BY ORGANIZATION TYPE:

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



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### **APRIL 4th-7th, 2024 -- CSI MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION**

#### **Region Conference**

Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center, Glen Allen, VA  
[https://app.memberplanet.com/#/event/csi-richmondchapter/csimidatlanticconferenceregistration\\_1](https://app.memberplanet.com/#/event/csi-richmondchapter/csimidatlanticconferenceregistration_1)

### **APRIL 9th, 2024 -- CSI PITTSBURGH**

**Katelyn Rossier, AIA, CSI of MentorDINO** will be doing a seminar on communications (title to come).

<https://www.mentordino.com/>

### **MAY 14th, 2024 -- CSI PITTSBURGH** Date may change due to plant schedule; possibly 5/13

Tour of **Glen-Gery Brick Plant**, Pittsburgh.

<https://www.glengery.com/>

### **MAY 17th, 2024 -- AIA PITTSBURGH**

**Build Pittsburgh** continuing education conference and expo.

**Pittsburgh Carpenters Training Center, Parkway West.**

<https://aiapgh.org/events/build-pittsburgh/>

### **JUNE 5th-8th, 2024 -- AIA NATIONAL**

**Conference on Architecture & Design**

Washington, D.C.

[https://conferenceonarchitecture.com/?utm\\_source=google&utm\\_medium=search&utm\\_campaign=aia24-search-convert&gad\\_source=1&gclid=EAlaQobChMI34vmv93shAMVIGIHAR2ffwd4EAAYASAAEgI9zPD\\_BwE](https://conferenceonarchitecture.com/?utm_source=google&utm_medium=search&utm_campaign=aia24-search-convert&gad_source=1&gclid=EAlaQobChMI34vmv93shAMVIGIHAR2ffwd4EAAYASAAEgI9zPD_BwE)

### **JUNE 11th, 2024 -- CSI PITTSBURGH**

**Top Golf** event and Chapter awards

Top Golf, Bridgeville, PA

<https://topgolf.com/us/pittsburgh/>

## 2024 MID-ATLANTIC REGION CONFERENCE

Historic Richmond, Virginia

Virginia Crossings, Glen Allen, VA 23059

April 4-7, 2024

This conference is an opportunity for members of the design/construction industry to get together for networking, educational seminars, and fun.

We have selected Virginia Crossings, located on 20 acres just north of Richmond. It is the heart of Civil War Country and you will find beautiful historical architecture taking you back in time to the 1700's.

We will kick off the conference on Thursday, April 4, with a golf tournament as well as a sporting clays shoot.

Friday, April 5, will be packed all day with seminars and a Product Show. The day will wrap up with an exciting and entertaining Welcome Reception.

Seminars and a tour of a historical building are scheduled for Saturday, April 6. Closing the day will be our Reception and Awards Banquet.

On Sunday, April 7, join us for an open roundtable discussion led by SCP before heading home.

For more information, please contact Barbe Shaffer ([csirichmondva@gmail.com](mailto:csirichmondva@gmail.com)), or Cindy Cordo ([ccordo@rrmm.com](mailto:ccordo@rrmm.com)).





# JENNA GLOVER



### **What is your company and what is your position?**

I have been a Project Designer at RM Creative since December of 2020. At RM Creative, we specialize in Healthcare Design but have been branching out to Commercial and Higher Education Sectors in the past year.

### **Tell us about your job.**

In my current position, I perform a wide range of duties. This includes meeting with the client to confirm scope and project expectations, developing the solution through design, construction document creation, specification writing, and construction administration.

### **What is your education background?**

I attended Kent State University where I gained my Bachelors of Science in Architecture.

### **How many years have you been in the industry?**

I graduated from Kent State in 2016 and was thankfully immediately able to find a position at WTW. I held internships throughout the summers beforehand at Jacobs and at WTW.

### **What part of your job do you most enjoy?**

My favorite part of the job is coming up with creative solutions for the problems that the Client may have.

### **If you weren't in your current job, what would you be doing?**

If I weren't currently in the design field, I would certainly be on the opposite side in construction. I enjoy everything about the industry and the spaces we are able to create for others to experience.

## What year did you join CSI?

I joined CSI in 2021, I believe. I started attending events after a Principal at my firm, Kelly Brown, suggested it. I've enjoyed meeting and networking with people from different firms and of different Product manufacturers.

## What do you see as the value of CSI membership?

The value of a CSI Membership is best described as you get what you put into it. Going to events, networking, and utilizing the programs offered (such as the CDT course) have been very beneficial to my career. I'm not able to take full advantage of these opportunities if I don't make time or show up for them.

## How has CSI helped you to do your job better?

CSI has offered the tools and opportunities for me to network with product representatives. Through this, I have fostered a better connection and gained a confidence when writing specifications and being able to reach out to them when I have a question.

## What CSI certifications have you earned?

I just passed the Construction Documentation Technologist (CDT) exam certification. I was able to do so by attending virtual classes presented by CSI. I found the course to be informative and worthwhile.

## What's your favorite building?

I think it would have to be a tie between PPG Place and the Allegheny County Courthouse. Both buildings are Pittsburgh icons, have such a presence about them, and are remarkable in their own rights.

## What's your favorite city?

Pittsburgh! With each city I have ventured out to visit, I always end up longing for home. We have a unique city layout defined by our rivers and topography that helps create such interesting little moments.

## What's a true sign of success?

A true sign of success is how much you're able to give back to your community and those you love. It's easier to pour from a full cup than an empty one. Finding happiness and excitement in what you do and the life you live makes it easier to have that full cup.

## Best advice anyone ever gave you:

Don't be afraid to ask questions! It will do so much for you in life. Asking to attend a field measuring venture, a job site, and a Pre-Bid Meeting have all allowed me to learn and expand on my abilities as a designer and future architect. Often times the 'worst' response you can receive is no – in which you just ask again next time!

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