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Paul Hertzler	Exhibit Show
Logan Myers	Hospitality
	Long-Range Planning
Jan Myers	Membership
Chris Atwood	Programs

# CHOICE



## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

### Central Pennsylvania Chapter – CSI

#### WE'RE BACK!

You, and any other reasonably well-behaving person you can bring to the virtual room, are invited to join us for a virtual meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter (CPC) CSI, starting at 6:00 p.m., Tuesday, September 8, 2020 with a half hour of social networking followed by a 1-hour live program on:

“Accelerating Recovery With Bipolar Ionization”  
Presented by Robert Weidner, P.E., LEED AP, CxA

While the COVID-19 virus will dictate when we head back to offices, schools, convention centers, and other places of commerce, the time to prepare is now. The shift back to business will come with a host of challenges—perhaps one of the most significant being human anxieties as society emerges from isolation and enters a world where the coronavirus will remain prevalent. Places where we once worked, lived, attended classes, and enjoyed leisure activities in comfort may bring unease after months of social distancing. The new normal will require the development of new protocols and the adoption of game-changing technologies.

What if we could help speed up COVID-19 recovery efforts by reducing the anxieties of faculty and students upon their return to campus, employees as they prepare to reenter office spaces, or production workers as they head back to manufacturing facilities? There's a lesser-known ventilation product called bipolar ionization that can significantly enhance the indoor environmental quality to tackle those fears head-on. Bipolar ionization uses ionization tubes in an existing HVAC system to neutralize contaminants at their source to purify the air, negatively affect bacteria and viruses, eliminate odors, reduce dust and mold particles, and break down toxic compounds and gases.

As we now prepare to shift to life in a post-pandemic world, now is the time to take measures to increase comfort and safety for the eventual return to the workplace. Join this educational session about bipolar ionization and how it can prepare your HVAC system for the battle against COVID-19 and other viruses.

Bob Weidner serves as a principal project manager for Gannett Fleming and specializes in resolving complex mechanical challenges for a diverse range of client organizations. As mechanical practice leader, he emphasizes high-quality deliverables and champions new technologies to move client organizations forward, enable financial savings, and increase sustainability. With more than 37 years of experience in the building industry, Bob is actively involved with ASHRAE, where he serves as the Research Committee Chair and as a member of the TC 9.10 Laboratory Systems committee. He holds a BAE in Architectural Engineering from The Pennsylvania State University.

This program will qualify for 1-hour continuing education (registered with AIA CES for 1 LU HSW). Certificates will be available to all attendees, issued by email following the meeting.

TO REGISTER for this FREE program and receive the Zoom URL link, email our host, Ken Robinson at [kbrpe@kbraengineering.com](mailto:kbrpe@kbraengineering.com) no later than 3:00 p.m. on September 8.

The chapter meeting will be preceded by the CPC CSI Board meeting from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. All CPC CSI members are welcome to attend (if so, please note when you register for the program).



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#### SEPTEMBER 2020 ISSUE

All material **MUST** be in the editor's hands no later than **September 24, 2020** for publication in the **next** issue of "Choice".

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The Construction Specifications Institute is a nation-wide nonprofit technical organization dedicated to the advancement of construction technology through communications, education, research and service. Founded in 1948, CSI provides a forum for architects, engineers, specification writers, contractors, suppliers and others in the industry.

Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership.

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MEMBERSHIP PAGE!



## President's Message

Chapter Members,

"The secret of change is to focus all of your energy, not on fighting the old but, on building the new." – Socrates

Much of the previous way of doing things has changed. It may come back in time, however most likely not in the exact same form as before. Virtual programs are developing rapidly and many of them are very effective.

The Middle Atlantic Region of CSI has re-focused the Leadership and Education Development programs to a virtual format. They have been very informative and helpful, focusing on the basics needed to lead the chapters in 2020. There are still 2 more programs Technical Committes on August 25th and Commu8nications Committes on August 26th. Both days at 12:10 – 12-40 pm. Email Mitch Miller at MK2Architek@hotmail.com if you want to receive an invitation.

Construct 2020 is being re-imagined into a top-notch virtual experience which will include the same strong programming, stellar education, product demos and live networking. Make plans now to participate, October 7-9, 2020.

Not to be outdone, Chris Atwood has arranged for a timely program for our September meeting on Tuesday, September 8, 2020 at 6:00 pm. We often build by starting with the basics, something simple. Although we seldom think of it, we need clean air every day to stay alive and be healthy. The topic for September's meeting is Bi-Polar Ionization, as a solution to mitigate the spread of airborne coronavirus in buildings. Please join us for this important topic that can have a positive impact as we move forward through the Covid-19 affected life we are in now. As always there will be learning credits for the program.

Also, a reminder, our CDT Certifications will be up for renewal next year. Plan now to benefit from all of our AIA credited programs throughout the coming year to make sure you have enough credits to keep your certifications current.

We are looking forward to building our knowledge, understanding and contacts to further focus on maintaining and constructing the built environment in ever more effective ways.

Rich Forsberg, CSI, CDT, ASPE

Central PA CSI Chapter President

## From the Editor's Desk

Don't forget to connect with us on LinkedIn or Facebook and check out our website too for upcoming events!

Our Program Committee is seeking ideas for diverse, unbiased, educational presentations for the coming year (and beyond). If you would like to be part of our Program Committee, or just have some program ideas to share, please contact Chris Atwood (catwood@gfnet.com) or Jeff Turicik (JeffTurick@ykkap.com)

The Central PA Chapter dues include all meals for the chapter program dinner meetings for the year. Come out to our meeting to network, socialize, and learn about timely subjects in the Construction Field.

# PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

## Board Meeting Minutes

By: Jen Sariano

Date: August 11, 2020

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Zoom Meeting

Quorum: Yes (10 of 14 min)

### Opening Comments:

•President: Rich Forsberg

- 1)LEED Training Programing Programs continuing. Awards 12:10-12:40. Please see Mitch Miller.
- 2)August 31st CSI – Certification Exam Testing window deadline.
- 3)We are 71 members, up one from last year.
- 4)Bob Loftin noted that regarding from last meeting minutes, he was in attendance.
- 5)Motion to accept min from last time with Bob's attendance – Yes.

### Treasurer's Report:

•Treasurer: Bill Brightbill

- 1)Small deposit for dues.
- 2)35\$ domain registration.
- 3)Charlie and Bill had meeting for review to finalize.
- 4)Remembrance to Raj with donation to Salvation Army. See Old Business below.

### Officers' Report:

- President Elect-Randy Funk – No Report
- Vice President: Ken Robinson – No Report
- Secretary: Jen Sariano - No Report
- Past President / Advisor: Kathryn Sterner – No Report

### Editors Report:

•Editor: Eric Hardenbrook

- 1)Website up to date.
  - 2)All Advertiser, all officers, everything up to date.
  - 3)Choice Summer issue went out two weeks ago. Please submit any information and stories by August 21st.
- Webmaster: Michael Deck – Not Present

### Committee Reports:

•Academic Affairs: Paul Brunski

- 1)Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter information criteria was reviewed. Last year was the first time they did this for scholarships. Chris A - Mike is usually the one to report on their information.
  - 2)Budget – what are we willing to spend? CDT / \$750 for two awards? Maybe at least one?
  - 3)The costs to register for the CDT exam with minimum expense \$500 with early registration. Membership costs also.
  - 4)3rd edition of the project delivery guide available.
  - 5)Budget line item for the class previously? Scholarship?  
Charlie - Stu lobbied to be \$1000, now only \$100 now  
Establish criteria and get exposure.  
Limit to CSI members only?
  - 6)Exams in the fall and the spring. Potential scholarships candidates in both.
- Advertising: Bill Deck – Not Present / No Report
  - Archives: Bill Brightbill - Not Present / No Report
  - Awards: Katie Bicksler – Not Present / No Report
  - Budget / Finance: Charles Beauduy - No Report
- 1)Addition to the budget number for the academic affairs, Bill and I talking about reinstating the gold outing – Sponsors, etc. This fall or next spring.
- Bylaws: Bill Deck – Not Present / No Report
  - Certification: Chris Atwood
- 1)Results – from the two candidates who took CDT test not in.
  - 2)Not planning on doing a CDT course this fall.
  - 3)Researching the difference between the 2nd and 3rd Edition on the CSI delivery guide.
- Education / Technical: Robert Loftin
- 1)Everything has been turned in, nothing new.
- Electronics / Communications: Eric Hardenbrook
- 1)FB page and LinkedIn are up to date. Post something if feeling social.
- Exhibit Show: Paul Hertzler
- 1)Construction Specialties was doing a virtual trade show. Could not get in and did not get the video.
  - 2)Participation or going out and doing something on their own; what different ideas are there?
- Hospitality: Logan Myers – Not Present / No Report

Attendee's this month:

- 1)Ken Robinson
- 2)Jeff Snyder
- 3)Rich Forsberg
- 4)Charlie Beauduy
- 5)Paul Brunski
- 6)Chris Atwood
- 7)Robert Loftin
- 8)Randy Funk
- 9)Kathryn Sterner
- 10)Paul Hertzler
- 11)Eric Hardenbrook

## PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED)

### Board Meeting Minutes

By: Jen Sariano

#### •Long Range Planning: Rich Forsberg

1)Copy of the latest and members comments sent out by Rich. Are there any other comments or changes that anyone would like to make?

2)ERIC - Conversion process/concept for meeting delivery; Philadelphia Chapter Message from this afternoon (08/11/20), they had their calendar already set up through May 2021.

Our Long Term Planning. Can we pull something like that together? Get people to confirm or tentatively to get us scheduled through the holiday season. Start to get people's attention and keep moving forward.

Kathryn – How are we going to handle guest? Send invitation with no obligation.

Charlie – My opinion would be we are struggling for members; we let them attend and maybe they will want to join. Especially now that we are virtual.

Long range planning; after vaccine, let's have a barbeque! Master list of guests (email); a marketing program. This can encourage new members and inspire everyone.

Chris – We do have sign in sheets? Yes. As many guests as members, we have a pretty substantial list of the curtesy list...join us! No in your face marketing, but friendly reminder. We are Opportunity.

3)COVID programs! Bi-Polar ionization... September

•Membership: Jan Myers – Not Present / No Report

#### •Programs: Chris Atwood

1)No programs – Adhoc list. Need to discuss.

2)How to encourage new member orientation? CSI jeopardy. Game show format, it can be fun and get people participating.

3)Eric suggested a program regarding tying specs together with a BIM model. Great presentation. Someone saw it at one of the national conventions. Vivipecs or BSD spec link or Deltec, not a vendor. Spec writing from Seattle – Beth Strohain. Time difference maybe challenging. Opportunity to get different people from all over the world with Zoom and other platforms being used regularly now. Opportunities to gain knowledge on information that stretches beyond our area. BIM/specs a lot of issues but a lot of interest.

#### Directors Reports:

1)Bob Runger – None

2)Charlie – None

3)Jeff Snyder - None

4)Rich Moorehead replacing Susan

5)Dan Mayer

6)Bob Loftin – handling elections as the teller.

#### New Business:

1)KS – meeting ideas – regional calls. Idea of trivia night to stay in touch.

2)Programs – Bi-polar ionization. AIA good power point. Bob Widener

3)Notre Dame indoor

4)Chapter Operation being reviewed.

#### Old Business:

1)Raj as a remembrance. \$75 to the Salvation Army. Rich will let Bill Brightbill know and will send over in the Chapters name.

2)Biography requests.

3)Venmo, PayPal for possible ways of paying dues, etc.

4)WEBSITE and Electronic Payments

oStar Chapter pay a fee and they do event related items and methods of payment though their set up. Should include payment processing and a monthly fee. Will research.

oIf we are looking to changing website, then this would be step one. If we stick with Michael Deck... will still incur and will need to update our security cert. to take an addition \$100/annual. His recommendation called Strike also recommending event bright – using in order to take reservations online. And then cost for webmaster to build this stuff. Beyond point of original agreement now hourly.

oAre we still happy with our website as it is?

oCharlie – reservations and stuff may drive them to website and more exposure for our chapter.

oStar Chapter – that includes initial set up – 150 members 1000 email \$1000 set up fee/80 per month. Changes to the website can be made by us. Event data, loading newsletter. Will ask Start chapter for a demonstration and sales pitch. Given our number of members, 1000 might be steep for our chapter right now.

oDoing our own work, we would need to depend on someone. Central PA ASHREA uses Star Chapter.

oEvent bright – fee per transactions. Look at different options. Flat rate is a better option than percentage fee.

5)Chapter organization – Kathryn gift cards/other meeting ideas.

6)Paul B. is doing a virtual tour. Life tour. Prefabricated booths. Panels with high tech things in them.

7)CDT renewals. Continuing education. Leed will count.

8)Next Meeting September 8, 2020 – 5 PM board/ 6 PM chapter.

9)No social event regarding baseball.

10)August 26th event KCA/CMAA/CSI can resend.

Next Meeting September 8, 2020 5PM board – 6PM chapter

**Meeting Adjourned: 6:16**

## Calling All Reps!



*Bill Deck,  
Advertising Chair*

Would you like to highlight your company or a special product? Do we have a deal for you. For a mere \$125-\$150 you can display your wares during the social time and have 10 minutes of everyone's attention during dessert at one of our CPC/CSI dinner meetings. What an awesome opportunity to hit several specifiers at once. If you are a member of this chapter, it will cost \$125. If you are not, it will cost \$150. For more details, see the CPC-CSI.com website. To schedule a table top, contact Bill Deck at [bdeck@warehausae.com](mailto:bdeck@warehausae.com). Thanks!

*Bill Deck  
Advertising Chair*



Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the  
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**Table Top Display Registration**

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Cost: \$125 members /\$150 non-members (does not include meal)  
for non-members

Fee Includes:

1. One 72 x 30 inch table to display product.
2. Display time: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. (During social hour)
3. Presentation: 10 minute presentation during dessert.
4. Electrical: Outlets available. Vender supplied extension cords.

Contact: Bill Deck, CPC Advertising Committee  
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## LOOKING FORWARD

### Construct goes Virtual!

CSI and CONSTRUCT are committed to the safety and wellbeing of attendees, exhibitors, staff and CSI members. We are continuing to monitor COVID-19, specifically in the Dallas area, combined with local guidance. CONSTRUCT, an Informa Markets show, made the difficult decision to transition CONSTRUCT 2020 to a digital experience. CSI fully supports this decision.

The CONSTRUCT virtual event will take place October 7th – 9th, one week later than the original dates. CSI events associated with CONSTRUCT, such as the Honors and Awards Celebration and the Annual Business Meeting, are being rescheduled as well.

Get all the info at the [CONSTRUCT](https://www.construct.com) website.

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