



Northeast Region Construction Specifications Institute BOARD REPORT

DATE: May 30, 2019
TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors
FROM: Rochester NY, Region Director

SUBJECT: Report of CSI Rochester NY

A. Report Summary

1. CSI Rochester, NY is in great shape; we enjoy an active membership with numbers holding steady (at around +/- 100). Our finances are in order with a substantial cash reserve. Our elected leadership has been established and includes a great mixture of seasoned and younger leaders, all of which are committed to serving the members of our great chapter. Our future is bright...

B. The Report

1. Summary of Chapter Activities for FY19:
 - a. Summer 2018: We met as Planning Committee to review, plan, and schedule the various opportunities to fill our monthly program meeting calendar.
 - b. September 7, 2018: CSI Rochester Board Meeting: General topics and Committee reports.
 - c. September 27, 2018: The Chapter held a social networking mixer at The Lost Borough Brewery. It was a successful event that brought together member and prospective emerging architect members.
 - d. October 10, 2018: CSI Rochester Board Meeting: General topics and Committee reports.
 - e. October 10, 2018: Program / Dinner Meeting. “3D Scanning & the Use of Drones”, presented by: Greg A.M. Hale, PE of HALE TIP, Rochester NY. Attendance = 40: This presentation looked at the benefits and costs savings of 3D scanning and drones and how they can aid in construction and design.
 - f. November 7, 2018: CSI Night” Product Show. Included two (different) Seminar sessions (“*Fire Behavior in Structures*”, presented by Ridge Culver Fire Department, and “*NFPA 285 Exterior Wall Fire Testing, Design and Compliance*” presented by Owens Corning). Over 100 exhibitors, Attendance = 300+: The product show was a huge success, we as a board, decided to add an additional seminar to our usual single presentation, the first was scheduled for 2 pm, the second 4 pm as we did successfully in 2017.
 - g. December 12, 2018: CSI Rochester Board Meeting: General topics and Committee reports.
 - h. December 12, 2018: Program / Dinner Meeting. “*RCSD John Walton Spencer School 16*”, presented by: Jamie Bucci, AIA and Allison Shannon, AIA of SWBR, Rochester NY. Attendance = 55: This was our annual holiday program dinner. Mr. Bucci and

Mrs. Shannon presented the rehabilitation of a historic 1920 school building from programming through construction administration.

- i. January 9, 2019: CSI Rochester Board Meeting: General topics and Committee reports.
 - j. January 9, 2019: Program / Dinner Meeting. “*Cost, Constructability & Client Goals – The Benefits of Incorporating a Builder in the Planning Process from Project Inception*”, presented by: Anthony DiTucci, Kevin Nowack, Gary Sylvester and Brent Haywood of DGA Builders, Rochester NY. Attendance = 42: This program discussed the many advantages to be gained by both the Client and the Design Team by incorporating a qualified Builder into the project design and planning process early on (as design is just beginning). This Presentation outlined typical project challenges, common concerns/objections to including a builder in the preconstruction process, how to overcome these potential concerns/objections, and what to look for when considering a Builder to participate in a project’s preconstruction/planning process.
 - k. February 13, 2019: CSI Rochester Board Meeting: General topics and Committee reports.
 - l. February 13, 2019: Program / Dinner Meeting. “*Golisano Autism Center*”, presented by: Rob Simonetti of SWBR Steve Savage, P.E. of The Pike Company, Rochester NY. Attendance = 45: This presentation explored the impetus for this unique project and reviewed the design response which creates a supportive environment for those on the autism spectrum.
 - m. March 13, 2019: CSI Rochester Board Meeting: General topics and Committee reports.
 - n. March 13, 2019: Program / Dinner Meeting. “*YMCA’s Regional Campus for Healthy Living*”, presented by: Jeffery Roloson, AIA of LaBella Associates, Rochester NY. Attendance = 40: Mr. Roloson walked the group through the process of revising a P.U.D. and different approaches to providing wetland mitigation.
 - o. April 27, 2019 CSI Design Awards banquet and presentation at the George Eastman House, Rochester, NY.
 - p. May 16, 2019: Tour of YMCA’s Regional Campus for Healthy Living.
2. Planned Programs for Summer:
- a. June 20, 2019: CSI Golf Tournament, Ravenwood Country Club, Victor, NY.
 - b. July 2019: Our Chapter Planning Committee will meet once again to review, plan, and schedule the various monthly programs to fill the 2019 – 2020 calendar.
3. Planned Programs for FY20:
- a. Not yet determined (Summer planning sessions have been scheduled with the committee chair)
4. Problem areas:
- We’re happy to report that the Chapter is in really in great shape. Our leadership team is doing a fantastic job!!
5. Success stories:
- We are practically proud of our membership initiative (both new and retention efforts). Our membership chairman is very active in soliciting new members with great success, we as a board take this a step further and make it our own individual personal mission to promote the chapter at every opportunity. We are equally as proud of the quality of our monthly program presentations which is proven by membership attendance and

participation. Our overall goal is to provide wide range of timely relevant topics of interests that appeal to our diverse membership of all backgrounds. On average we attract roughly 50 attendee's monthly.

C. Chapter Leadership Roster

1. Chapter Officers for FY20
 - a. President: Kristin Purdy
 - b. Vice President: Alan Turner
 - c. Secretary: Ken Christiano
 - d. Treasurer: Dan Cannan
 - e. Directors: Jessica Krusa, Dan Mossien,
Jay Woodcock, Allison Shannon,
Guy LoMonaco, Joe DiBitetto
2. Chapter Committee Chairs for FY20
 - a. Membership: Paul Mahoney
 - b. Programs: Allison Shannon
 - c. Education: Jessica Kruse
 - d. Awards: Bill DeVos
 - e. Certification: Stu Axelrod

Respectfully submitted;

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