



**Northeast Region Construction Specifications Institute
BOARD REPORT**

DATE: 04-20-2022
TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors
FROM:
SUBJECT: Report of Syracuse Chapter of CSI

A. Report Summary

1. **Chapter membership is holding steady. Participation with Zoom programs have grown. 2022 Construction Outlook program is coming together great so far!**

B. The Report

1. Summary of activities since last report:

The Syracuse Chapter has switched to Zoom programs vs. in-person programs with much success. There has been a noticeable increase in participation since we have switched to Zoom. The noon Zoom programs are very convenient to members since they do not have to leave work to participate. We look to do some so called hybrid (both in-person and Zoom) programs in the near future. Some of our programs/events included:

05/06/2021; Window and Door Performance Requirements for Buildings (Specifying Performance Class and Grade); 4 participants

05/26/2021; Automatic Entrance Systems Overview; Zoom program; 3 participants

07/15/2021; E-Code - The Old and the New; Zoom program; 9 participants

08/12/2021; AIA & CSI Golf Tournament; in-person event; 92 participants; 13 sponsors

09/30/2021; CANCELLED: W.R. MEADOWS Presents Effective Waterproofing

10/14/2021; RESCHEDULED: W.R. MEADOWS Presents: Effective Waterproofing; Zoom program; 4 participants

01/27/2022; Doors, Frames & Hardware for Medical Facilities; Zoom program; 6 participants

03/03/2022; Control Layers, Abstraction, and Utilitarian Dysfunction; Zoom program; 9 participants

05/12/2022; 2022 Construction Outlook (in-person event); 30 attendees, 13 vendor tables, and 3 sponsors so far.

2. Status of current programs:

The Syracuse Chapter plans on continuing with monthly Zoom programs.

In the Fall, we plan on re-starting the popular Spec Hunt program at a local college which will coincide with the start of a spec writing competition for local college students to win up to a \$1000 college scholarship. Planning for 2022 Construction Outlook program is coming together great so far. This is our largest program of the year and the must-see event of the year. Syracuse Builder's Exchange and SACNY (Subcontractors Association of Central New York) are co-sponsors of this event.

3. Problem areas:

Our biggest problems include finding volunteers and providing a "perceived value" to our members that is worth their dues. One idea is for each chapter of the region to provide one monthly Zoom program (if possible) which could be offered for free to all CSI members of the region. This proposed change would considerably add perceived value to our Chapters and the Region. Would giving our members the option of attending up to 15 programs per month worth over \$300 in annual dues? If we did something like this, then members could pick and choose which programs they want to attend each month. And the potential amount of AIA cont. education credits would be beneficial to architects. Would you spend over \$300 annually for something like this? Or spend over \$300 annually for just one program per month?

4. Success stories:

Our biggest success is our Zoom programs which has attracted more participants than past in-person meetings (which was close to zero participants if you exclude our three Board Members). 2022 Construction Outlook is moving forward and this should be a great in-person event.

5. Liaison Activities: None

C. Chapter Leadership Roster

1. Chapter Officers

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2. Chapter Committee Chairs: None

3. Chapter Nominating Committee Appointee: Kevin Phillips, Treasurer

Respectfully submitted;

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