

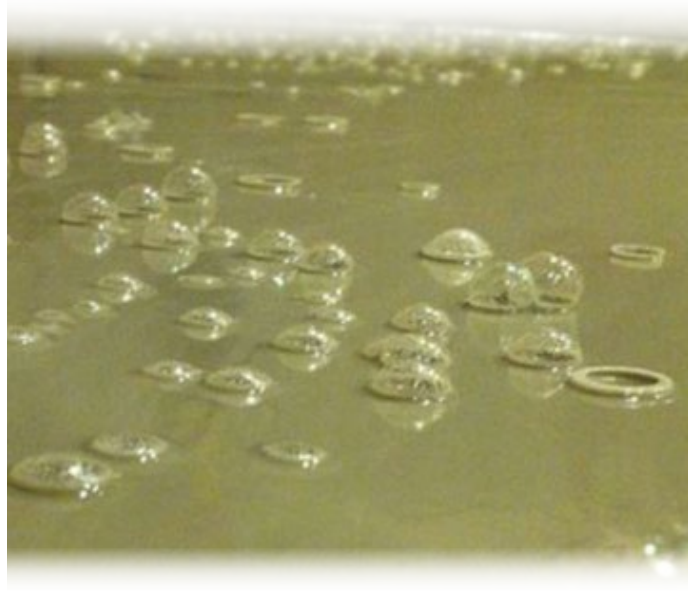


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The Construction Specifications Institute

CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY, JUNE 9TH

PREVENTING FLOOR AND WALL COATING FAILURE

Presented By Steve Kotler, Sherwin Williams



CSI Knoxville Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, June 9th
Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)

In-Person Meeting Location: Associated General
Contractors (AGC)
Address: [3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3306+Ragsdale+Ave+NW,+Knoxville,+TN+37909)

SCHEDULE
11:30 am - 12:00 pm Networking
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Presentation

\$20 Per CSI member (Pay at the door: Cash, credit cards,
or checks are accepted)
Guests are free on first visit, then \$20 each meeting.

RSVP: Lunch Provided [Click here to make Reservation](#)

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The Knoxville Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month, U.N.O. in Calendar. Guests are Welcome!
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 02** **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, June 2nd
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 09** **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, June 9th
Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST) "Preventing Floor and Wall Coating Failure"
Presented By Steve Kotler, Sherwin Williams
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JULY

- 01** **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, July 7th
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 04** **CSI Summer Fun Party and 4th of July Celebration**
Saturday, July 4th at 4:00pm - 9:00pm,
at Suzan Jordan's House
1000 Fox Road, Knoxville, TN 37922
Cell Phone: 389-9476
[RSVP to csiknox@gmail.com](mailto:csiknox@gmail.com)
- 09-11** **CSI GULF STATES REGION CONFERENCE**
Thursday, July 9th - Saturday, July 11th 2026
Crowne Plaza Knoxville Downtown University
401 W Summit Hill Dr, Knoxville, TN 37902

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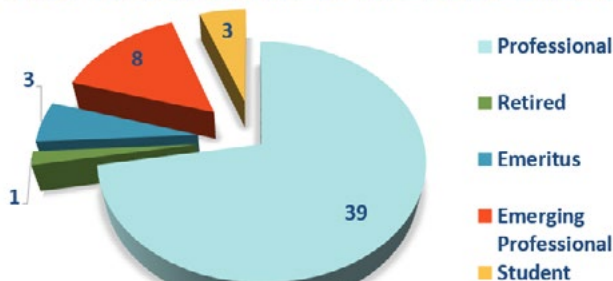
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CSI KNOXVILLE MEMBERSHIP



TOTAL MEMBER COUNT = **54**

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER CSI GULF STATES REGION CONFERENCE

Please join CSI Knoxville Chapter on Tuesday, June 9th for CSI Knoxville Chapter Meeting "Preventing Floor & Wall Coating Failures" Presented By Steve Kotler, Sherwin Williams



This session takes a deep dive into why resinous floor coatings fail and what proactive steps can extend the life of a coating system. Learn how design choices, installation practices, and maintenance strategies all play a role in long-term performance. Credit 1 AIA LU/HSW

CSI Knoxville meet at the AGC Building at 3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN, 37909. Lunch is served at 11:45 and the Program begins at noon. \$20 / person. Reservations are encouraged in order to get a head count for meals. First time guests to our chapter can attend this Program Free of Charge. To register as a first time guest, follow the link below and enter the code: XIZWGKcV

Registration is now open for the CSI Gulf States Region Conference, here in Knoxville, Tennessee. The event will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel July 9th-11th, 2026. The conference steering committee is crafting the programming around a Team Building theme, with major Key Note speakers from our local university's award winning teams. Be on the lookout for conference registration communications that have gone out to all our Gulf States Chapters.

SPONSORSHIP INFORMATION

Sponsorships are now available. Follow this link for information. [INFO](#)

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Knoxville is thrilled to announce that our own Children's Hospital has been renamed the Dolly Parton Children's Hospital. Learn more about this new partnership and consider making a donation to support their wonderful work! [Dolly Parton Children's Hospital](#)

The Steering Committee meets bi-weekly on Wednesday's after office hours either online or face to face at MHM's new offices. There are many opportunities for local chapter members and their spouses to join the Steering Committee Team and take on small tasks to help pull this effort together. Contact Aaron Miller, Chair, to join the team.

Watch this column for up to date news on exciting events that will be included in this conference.

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PREVENTING FLOOR & WALL COATING FAILURE

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Course Objectives

- 1) Understand how to properly prepare the surface
- 2) Learn about moisture and the issues it causes
- 3) Understand how to control cracking
- 4) Understand application mistakes and coating limitations.

TUESDAY,
JUNE 9TH 
11:30-1:00

THE AGC 
3306 RAGSDALE
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**RSVP
Now!**

PREVENTING FLOOR & WALL COATING FAILURE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Resinous floor coatings are generally designed to last for a predetermined amount of time. This course explores why coatings fail and what can be done differently to prolong the life of any coating system.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

- 1) Understand how to properly prepare the surface.
- 2) Learn about moisture and the issues it causes.
- 3) Understand how to control cracking
- 4) Understand application mistakes and coating limitations.

COURSE DETAILS



Course Name: Preventing Wall & Floor Coating Failure

Provider: Sherwin-Williams Company

AIA/CES Program #: PreventFloor24

AIA/ CES Provider #: K065

AIA/CES Credits: 1 LU

IDCEC Course #: CEU-116607-R1

IDCEC Credits: .1 CEU, HSW

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GSR CONFERENCE SPEAKER HIGHLIGHT

Wondering what's happening in Knoxville at the CSI Gulf States Region Conference? Meet a few of our speakers!

Date: July 9th - 11th

Location: The Crowne Plaza Hotel, Downtown Knoxville



Meet **Steve Herzog**, owner of Herzog Professional Development Services and a nationally recognized sales and leadership trainer. With 35+ years of experience—from leading sales and marketing for an \$850M company to building one of Sandler's top-performing training organizations. Steve has coached thousands of professionals toward stronger client relationships, higher profitability, and lasting success. We're excited to welcome him to the stage on day 1 of the GSR conference!

Steve will be presenting ***The Starting Lineup: Developing and Retaining Emerging Professionals*** - Great teams start with strong lineups — and in design and construction, that means investing early in emerging professionals. This session covers practical strategies for recruiting, mentoring, and developing early career talent, with insight into what today's professionals value and how firms can create environments that support growth, engagement, and long term retention. Whether you're building your bench or strengthening your core team, this course helps you shape a winning roster for the future.



Meet **Karina Kane**, a 2026 graduate of the University of Tennessee, and the current president of the CSI Knoxville student collaboration. Karina will be presenting ***Draft Day: Entering the Workforce as an Emerging Professional***. Starting a career in design and construction can feel like stepping onto the field for the first time—exciting, challenging, and full of possibility. Led by Karina Kane, who has just made the jump from student to professional, this session offers a real-time look at what to expect in your first years on the job. Attendees will gain practical insight into navigating early career challenges, building confidence, and finding their place on a team. Whether you're preparing for your next step or supporting emerging professionals, this course delivers a timely, relatable playbook for a strong start.



Step onto the field with **Knoxville Utilities Board** for an interactive, hands-on look at the essential infrastructure that powers our communities. KUB's ***Power & Pipeline Playbook: Live Utility Demo*** was named the 2025 Gulf States Region Chapter Program or Seminar of the Year, this session blends live demonstrations with expert instruction to reveal the operations, equipment, and safety protocols behind overhead power line work and underground water and gas systems. Attendees will gain a deeper understanding of the coordination, precision, and risk management required of skilled utility crews working above and below ground. From high voltage lines to buried pipelines, this course offers a rare, firsthand view of the critical plays that keep our cities running safely and efficiently.

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\$3,500 - 1 AVAILABLE

- Top Level Sponsor listed on all printed material and social media.
- Complimentary vendor table at entry to General Session meeting room.
- Recognition in three (3) issues of our award-winning monthly newsletter, the Speck with inclusion of full page logo or ad.
- 3-5 minute introduction or video presentation (by sponsor) at Conference Welcome & Recognition.
- Includes two (2) full Conference Registrations including Awards Banquet and Hospitality.
- Sponsor's logo will be featured on the Official GSRC T-shirt

HOSPITALITY EVENT SPONSOR \$3,000 - 1 AVAILABLE

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- Recognition in three (3) issues of our award-winning monthly newsletter, the Speck with inclusion of full page logo or ad.
- 3-5 minute introduction (by sponsor) at Hospitality Event – TN Smokies Baseball Game.
- Includes two (2) full Conference Registrations including Awards Banquet.
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AWARDS BANQUET SPONSOR \$2,500 - 1 AVAILABLE

- Mid-Level Sponsor listed on all printed materials and social media.
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- Dedicated sponsor signage at the breakfast buffet.
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LUNCH SPONSOR \$1,500 - 2 AVAILABLE

- Mid-Level Sponsor listed on all printed materials and social media.
- Recognition in one (1) issue of our award-winning monthly newsletter, the Speck with inclusion of half page logo or ad.
- Dedicated sponsor signage at each table.
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STUDENT ADVANCEMENT SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,000 - 1 AVAILABLE

- Support our region's students by donating to the student advancement scholarship fund. The student advancement sponsor will receive recognition during the conference, 2 tickets to the Awards Banquet to present the scholarship to the student, their logo on the conference t-shirt, and their logo on marketing materials/signage.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER SPONSOR \$1,000 - 2 AVAILABLE

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SNACK SPONSOR \$750 - 2 AVAILABLE

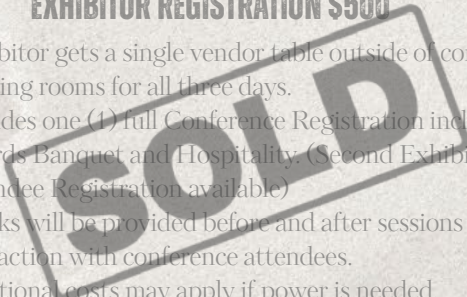
- Sponsor listed on all printed materials and social media.
- Dedicated sponsor signage at the snack buffet.

REGISTRATION TABLE SPONSOR \$750

- Exhibitor gets a single vendor table outside of conference meeting rooms for all three days.
- Exhibitor signage will be featured on GSRC Registration Table
- Includes one (1) full Conference Registration including Awards Banquet and Hospitality. (Second Exhibitor Conference Registration available)
- Breaks will be provided before and after sessions for interaction with conference attendees.
- Additional costs may apply if power is needed.

EXHIBITOR REGISTRATION \$500

- Exhibitor gets a single vendor table outside of conference meeting rooms for all three days.
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STUDENT REGISTRATION SPONSORSHIP \$50 - UNLIMITED

- Support the next generation of our industry by donating to the student registration fund. Your gift will pay for a student's conference registration.

DONATIONS FOR GOODIE BAGS

- CSI is accepting small sized items that can be included in the goodie bags that will be provided to each conference attendee. (pens, stress balls, notepads etc.) - Contact Laurretta Puritt LJAPruitt@gmail.com if you wish to donate goodie bag items.
- Multiple items of the same item needed. Goodie bags are estimated at roughly 100. Final quantity will be provided after registration.

TABLE TOP SPONSOR \$300 (OR A DONATED GIFT BASKET OF EQUAL VALUE) - 10 AVAILABLE

- Sponsor listed on all printed materials and social media.
- Sponsor will have their logo displayed on the centerpiece (gift basket) of the table.
- Sponsor will receive recognition during the giveaway.



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Please contact Joshua Hankins joshua@smartroofsolutions.com with any questions.

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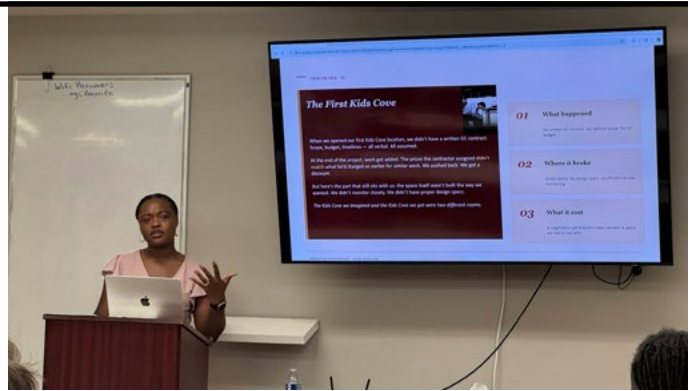
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- New home construction
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- Meet Housing & Neighborhood Development contractor criteria

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Home Chapter (See reverse side) _____ Included

Membership Certificate (Optional) \$ 15.00

Total (U.S. funds only) \$ _____

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