



THE SPECK
The Construction Specifications Institute

**CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH**

**ADA ITEMS
FREQUENTLY OMITTED**



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CSI Knoxville September Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, September 12th,
Time: 11:30 am- 1:00 pm (EST)

Location:
Associated General Contractors (AGC)
3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909

SCHEDULE

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Sign-In & Networking
12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Presentation

[Click here to RSVP for Lunch Meeting](#)

The Knoxville Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month, except July & December. Guests are Welcome!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2023

- 05 **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, September 5th
 Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
MBI Companies Inc.
[299 N Weisgarber Rd., Knoxville, TN 37919](#)

- 12 **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, September 12th
Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)
"ADA Items Frequently Omitted" Presented by Gary T. Bergeron FCSI, Principal and Co-Owner at Kelso-Regen Associates, Inc. Consulting Engineers
In-Person Meeting Location: Associated General Contractors (AGC)
Address:
[3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](#)
[RSVP: Click here to RSVP for Lunch Meeting](#)

- 28 **Decompression Hour:** - Thursday, September 28th
 Informal gathering, 5:30 p.m. at **Balter Beerworks**
[100 Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37902](#)

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- 03 **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, October 3rd
 Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
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- 10 **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, October 10th
Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)
"Specifying Elevators" John Tolar, United Elevator AIA, HSW, CEU

In-Person Meeting Location: Associated General Contractors (AGC)
Address:
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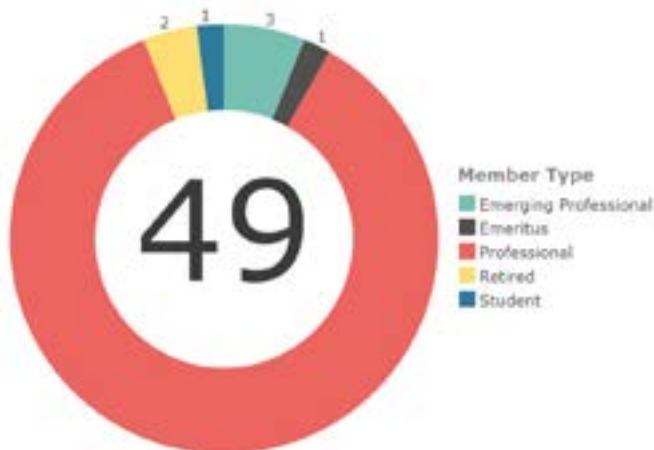
[RSVP: Boxed Lunch provided](#)

- 20 **Inaugural CSI Wes Crow Golf Tournament:**
 Friday, October 20th
 Lunch: Served at 11:30 AM
 Tee Time: 1:00 PM

Egwani Farms Golf Course
 3920 S Singleton Station Rd
 Rockford, TN 37853

 Contact: Wes Crow, CSI
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 Phone: (865) 770-0727
 Entry Deadline: 10/16/2023
[Register for Golf Tournament](#)

- 26 **Decompression Hour:** - Thursday, October 26th
 Informal gathering, 5:30 p.m. at **Balter Beerworks**
[100 Broadway, Knoxville, TN 37902](#)



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

WHAT A LONG STRANGE TRIP...

Brent Williams, CSI, CDT
CSI Knoxville Chapter President
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It is August 1st, the beginning of my second month of presidency of CSI Knoxville. Holy cow, where did the first month go?

The good news is that the first months didn't go by entirely unnoticed. Our board and a number of our committee chairs met in late July for our annual planning retreat. Over the course of that meeting, we were able to put together a solid action plan for the upcoming fiscal year, which will involve more activities on the social side while still maintaining our traditional focus on improving practices and communication within the ACE community.

Speaking of, my personal prime directive for this upcoming year revolves around primarily improving two key targets within our Chapter: improving the member experience and bettering the body of knowledge for the greater good of the community.

=Our industry continues to rapidly change, with the influx of new technologies and systems, as well as the constant change of expectations within all of the stakeholders within our world. Software systems and data management are becoming the axle around which our entire industry rotates, and staying up-to-date with these evolving technologies is a constant task. The communication which happens within a CSI chapter is an excellent resource for our members in order to stay abreast of these rapidly changing technological advancements.

That is why staying connected socially is also vitally important to our chapter, more so now that we are coming out of the remnants of the pandemic, and beginning to interact constantly on the social level. Over the course of the next year, I would like to see the chapter doing more to encourage these

social interactions. One event in particular is our monthly Decompression Sessions, where we strive together in a casual environment to trade stories, and share experiences to enhance our daily work lives. I

would like to ask all of you to personally make an effort to attend one of the upcoming sessions.

The other element that I would like to see us all focus on this year is in the improvement of the body of knowledge for our entire industry...and that effort needs to begin here at the chapter level. Dream is for us to look back at the Institute as a whole, and be able to come up with a short and powerful description of why CSI is CSI... In short, we need to define our Institute "elevator pitch" and this is no easy task. Back in 2009, when I was serving on the Institute Membership Committee, we tried to accomplish that task and frankly failed.

As a member based organization, explaining to the other stakeholders in the architectural space exactly what CSI is, and what we do is a very difficult task. Wow those of us that are inside the chapter understand the "nonverbal benefits" to membership... The friendships, the connections, and actions that we all share...being able to take those feelings and distill them into a concise and punchy mission statement has proven difficult.

But our organization, and especially our chapter are made up of brilliant minds within the industry...minds that are easily capable of solving this dilemma. Over the course of the next few months, I will be reaching out to many of you personally, to ask you your thoughts on both of these initiatives.

In the meantime, I want to let all of you know that my job as president is to serve all of you. Feel free to reach out to me at any time. If there is anything that I can do to help you have the most positive CSI chapter experience possible.

Yours In Service,
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KNOXVILLE CHAPTER

SEPTEMBER 2023



PRESENTATION SUMMARY

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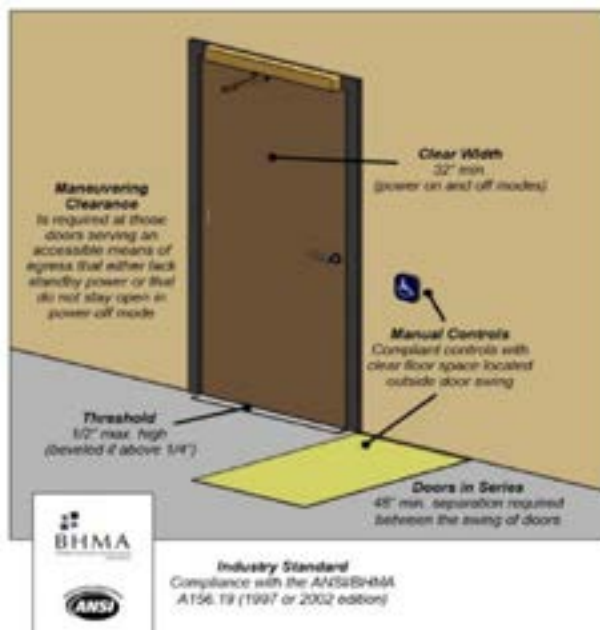
Gary started his career in 1984 as a consulting mechanical engineer with Assaf, Simoneaux & Tauzin Consulting Engineers in Baton Rouge, then moved on to Pruet & Ford Consulting Engineers in Augusta, Georgia. Johnson Controls Facility Management division lured Gary away from consulting engineering where he was the manager of a 90-person maintenance and repair department of 1400 buildings at the US Army's Fort Gordon base for approximately two years. Once in Knoxville, Gary worked for Albert Bedinger Engineers for four years then accepted a position with Kelso-Regen & Associates in the spring of 1995, where today he is co-owner of the firm. Gary attended the International Ground Source Heat Pump Association (IGSHPA) School in 1997 where he became a member of the association and also learned about the design and installation of



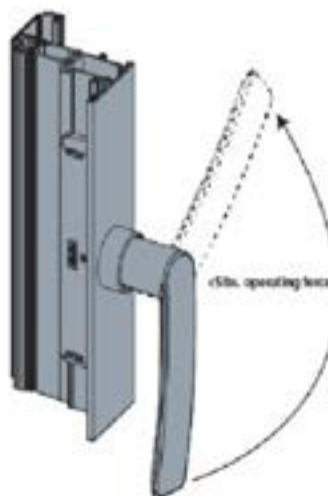
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geothermal heat pumps, piping and wellfields. He has been active in professional organizations such as the American Society of Plumbing Engineers (ASPE) and American Society of Heating, Refrigeration and Air conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), having held several offices for ASPE, such as Vice President Technical and Vice President Education, and is currently serving on its Board of Directors as Vice President Technical for the third time. Gary is also a member of the national Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) serving a two year term 2015-2017 as CSI Knoxville chapter president and is the 2017 recipient of the CSI national Robert P. Brosseau award along with the 2018 Gulf States Region Eugene Wetzel award and was elevated to CSI Fellowship in 2022. The national ACE mentorship program recently established an affiliate in Knoxville, TN and Gary was selected to be the CSI chapter representative on the board of directors. Gary is also a local chapter member of the US Green Building Council (USGBC).

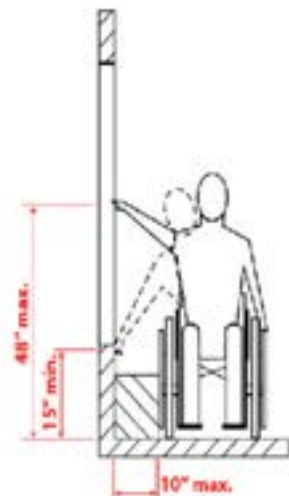
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Handle Operating Force




Reach Requirements



HINDSIGHT

CHAPTER AWARDS BANQUET TUESDAY, AUGUST 8TH





Ed Bankston
Outstanding Member Award

Presented to

Geoffrey Cavalier, CSI, AIA, NCARB

Who has shown great enthusiasm,
excitement, and persistent commitment
to an idea in the manner of Ed Bankston.

Presented on this, Eighth day of August,
Two Thousand Twenty Three





**Gunnar Kraft
Special Merit Award**

Presented to

Suzan Jordan, CSI, CCPR, CDT

For rendering distinguished service to the Knoxville Chapter in the advancement of its objectives, or in its administration. This is the highest award the Knoxville Chapter can bestow on an individual.

Presented on this, Eighth day of August, Two Thousand Twenty Three



Miller Euler Memorial Award

Presented to

Stacy Colbaugh, CSI, CDT, AIA

Who has greatly contributed to the Knoxville Chapter on a long term basis. This is the second-highest award the Knoxville Chapter can bestow on an individual.

Presented on this, Eighth day of August, Two Thousand Twenty Three



CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION
2021-2023 President
Kathryn Fuller, CSI, CDT, AIA, NCARB



Kathryn was an import from Spokane Chapter and quickly jumped in to help in our chapter when she moved to Knoxville. These past 2 years she has served our chapter as president. Unfortunately, she was called to a pre-bid conference to a job in Spokane at the same time as our award banquet. We became aware of Kathryn's unsuccessful bid on an ice cream scoop @ last year's ETCDC silent auction, so we commissioned one especially made for her as her parting president's gift. **Transition** to today's presentation on ADA issues

Leadership Installation
&
Awards Celebration

2023



Celebrates!

Last month was a big awards ceremony, BUT we had one notable absence.....



Round of Applause for the 2023 CSI Honors and Awards Recipients!

Congratulate your peers!

They will be honored for their talent, achievements, and contributions during CSI Celebrates, scheduled for Thursday, October 5, at CSI's National Conference in Minneapolis, MN. [Register now](#) to celebrate in person, and read more about each award in the link below.

Distinguished Membership

Ronald L. Geren, FCSI, Lifetime Member, CCS*, CCCA*, CDT*, SCIP, AIA

Fellowship

Lynsey Kay Hankins, CSI
Pamela C. Jorgenson, CSI, CCS*, CCCA*, CDT*

Robert P. Brosseau Award for the Advancement of CSI

Jack Philip Morgan, FCSI, CCS*, CCCA*, CDT*

Communication Award

CSI Cincinnati Chapter
The Speck, Stacy Colbaugh, CSI, CDT*, Editor

Distinguished Service Award

Randall Lewis, CSI

Environmental Stewardship Award

Erin Spadavecchia, CSI, CDT*

Outstanding Contribution Award

Ethan Johnson, CSI

Outstanding Emerging Professional Award

Nestor Lobos, CSI-EP

The Construction Specifier Article of the Year Award

"Building for Better Resilience in WUI Zones" from *The Construction Specifier*, February 2023 by Rick Roos

Mell/Betts Student Excellence Award

Kaitlyn Kurdziel, CDT*
James Stenze, CDT*

Chapter Cup

Cincinnati Chapter

Outstanding Chapter Commendations

Akron-Canton Chapter (Silver)
Boston Chapter (Silver) NEW!
Central Pennsylvania Chapter (Gold)
Charlotte Chapter (Bronze)
Chattanooga Chapter (Gold)
Cincinnati Chapter
Denver Chapter (Silver)
Fort Worth Chapter (Silver)
Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter (Silver)
Indianapolis Chapter (Silver)
Knoxville Chapter (Silver)
Suncoast Chapter

Little Rock Chapter (Silver)
Los Angeles Chapter (Silver)
Memphis Chapter (Silver)
Metro New York Chapter
Minneapolis Chapter (Gold)
Mississippi Chapter (Gold)
Mount Rainier Chapter (Bronze)
Oklahoma City Chapter (Bronze)
Phoenix Chapter (Gold)
Portland Oregon Chapter (Silver)
Puget Sound Chapter (Silver)

NEW MEMBER NEWS

KATIE GOERTHER, CSI

Meet Katie Goethert, CSI

Katie Goethert has joined the CSI Board of Directors for the term 2023-2025 and should bring a fresh new vision to the chapter. She has a Bachelor of Science in Interior Architecture from East Tennessee State University. She joined CSI in January of this year.



Katie has worked at oysk3 Architects for 2 years and has had the opportunity to be involved on a wide range of projects including custom homes, cabins, duplexes, townhouses, mixed use buildings, treehouses, hotels, restaurants, and day care centers. She pointed out that her role is "keeping the principal architects informed of all deadlines, and of any problems that may arise during the design process."

Katie shared how she migrated to the design and construction profession. "In 8th grade, I took a STEM class that had a green architecture/ design unit. During this time, I designed a shipping container house and completed several other modeling -based projects using Autodesk Revit. During this class I fell in love with design and continued to play with Revit and build my skill set throughout high school. I knew I wanted to choose a field where I could continue to grow using Revit, so I chose the Interior Architecture program at ETSU. "

Katie is from Oak Ridge where she currently lives and commutes to Knoxville each day.

When asked about her firm she replied, "Two firms merged in 2017 to form oysk3 Architects. The '3' in the name stands for three key pillars- consistent, reliable, and responsive.

My favorite part about working at oysk3 Architects is having the opportunity to work on several different types of projects. I am currently working on a new community of Habitat houses in Loudoun County. This has been an enjoyable project for me, and I really love working for such an amazing non-profit organization.

"I learned about CSI through my good friend Ginger Azpurua. I attended meetings for several months as her guest before deciding to join. I ultimately decided to become a member because I loved meeting new people in my field, learning during the CEU lunch and learns, and being a part of the CSI community in general. "

Please reach out and meet Katie face to face at the next monthly chapter meeting.



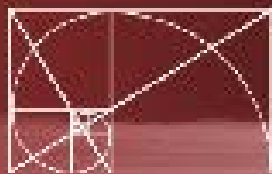
WE ARE HIRING!

Position:

Project Manager/
Project Architect

Requirements:

- ▶ 3-5 years of relevant work experience
- ▶ Proficiency in Revit



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We are hiring! TAC is looking for a new Project Manager/Project Architect to join our team. Our firm has a fun culture that is energetic and collaborative. To top it all off, you get to work with TAC Cat, Kingsport, every day!

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<https://www.indeed.com/job/project-managerproject-architect-612237a5d5f7a1d9>

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