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**CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13TH**

**CITY OF KNOXVILLE  
CONSTRUCTION TESTING AND  
INSPECTIONS**

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### CSI Knoxville Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, February 13th

Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)

"City of Knoxville Construction Testing and Inspections"

Aaron Skates, from City of Knoxville, AIA 1 LU/HSW

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In-Person Meeting Location:

**Bearden Banquet Hall**

Address:

[5806 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37919](#)

#### SCHEDULE

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Sign-In & 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: 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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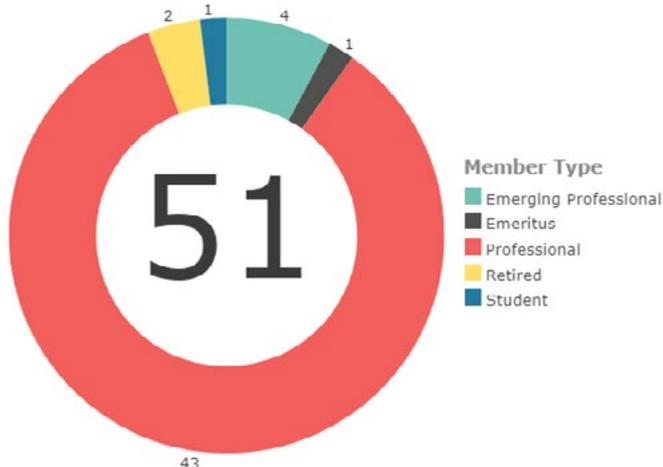


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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**FEBRUARY 2024**

- 06** CSI Board Meeting - Tuesday, February 6th  
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 13** CSI Chapter Meeting - Tuesday, February 13th  
**Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)**  
**Presented By Aaron Scates, City of Knoxville Construction Testing and Special Inspections, 1 AIA HSW/LU**

**In-Person Meeting Location:**  
[5806 Kingston Pike Knoxville, TN 37919](#)

**RSVP: Boxed Lunch Provided**  
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**MARCH 2024**

- 05** CSI Board Meeting - Tuesday, March 5th  
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 19** CSI Knoxville East TN Building Product Show:  
Tuesday, March 19th, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm, Foundry on the Fair Site  
[747 Worlds Fair Park Dr., Knoxville, TN 37902](#)

[Click to Pre-Register for Accessibility Seminar](#)

# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

## WHAT A LONG, STRANGE TRIP...

Brent Williams, CSI, CDT  
 CSI Knoxville Chapter President  
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Greetings, CSI Knoxvilleians, yes... it's me, I'm really here and haven't totally disappeared.

To say the last couple months have been insane for me on a personal level would be one of the most serious understatements of all time. Really. It's been nuts.

Immediately after attending the CSI National Conference, I embarked on a 3 week trip to visit dealers on behalf of my company. That trip, plus the week of the conference itself, really physically wiped me out...and that led to some soul searching about whether the "grind" was truly worth it. I'm past all of the cancer treatments, but still fighting the lingering effects on this old chassis and that grind made me re-evaluate my life...and, especially, my



job OF MY TEMPORARY OFFICE DESK

Don't get me wrong, I loved my role with my former company, but the travel schedule was nothing short of insane. Couple that with poor support from our manufacturer, a lack of understanding in the construction community and it added up to a recipe for frustration.

But then a funny thing happened...

The week of Thanksgiving, I got a call from Kelly Miller, Jr, Director of Sales for Advantage Innovations, one of my larger dealers and one that is local to Knoxville. He simply asked "how are things at Accent?", to which I replied "whyyyyyyy?" [frankly thinking he was looking for a potential salesperson]

He then went on to explain that Advantage Innovations was in the beginning phases of looking for a Director of Technical Services...a tech geek, as it were. He also mentioned that, when they had assembled the rough job

description, his leadership team all basically said "call Brent first"...so, he did.

That started a period of discussion that has now led to me being in my new role here at Advantage Innovations, driving their build out of a Tech Services department.

Yes, it was a crazy time in between, with my National Sales Meetings for the old firm in early December, moving Jeanne's PT practice at that same time, the holidays [while negotiating the new role] band practices for the International Blues Challenge and then the competition itself [during the mini-blizzard] and then the weeks of transitioning to my new role here.

I'm sitting here this morning, on my first official day of work, writing to you, simply to say how grateful that I am to be in this position of leading the Chapter on your behalf...and we have much to do as we transition back to whatever this "new normal" is evolving into.

We have much to do, from sorting out our schedule for the upcoming 17 months, planning our events for the remainder of this year and strategically focusing on how we can continue to develop CSI Knoxville into the premier chapter in the CSI Gulf States Region.

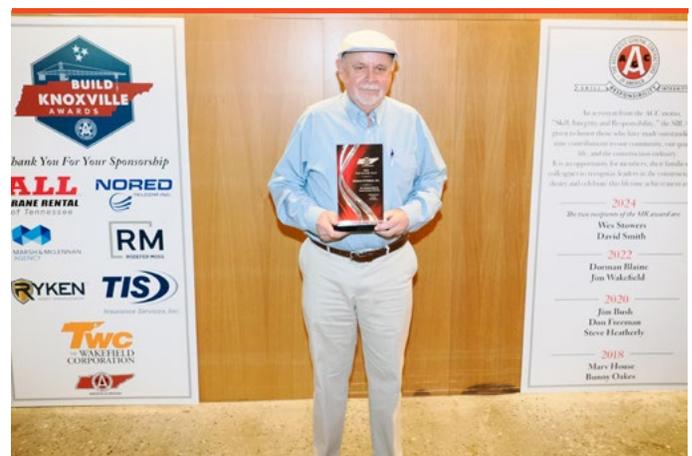
Stay tuned, this is going to be a wild, fun ride!

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## LOCAL NEWS

### WES CROW, FROM JOHNSON & GALYON, RECEIVES BUILD KNOXVILLE AWARD



# SPRING 2024 REGISTRATION & EXAM DATES

	Member*	Non-Member*	Student — CDT Only
<b>Early Bird Registration</b> 2/15/24 - 3/19/24	\$425	\$685	\$185
<b>Standard Registration</b> 3/20/24 - 4/25/24	\$525	\$785	\$185
<b>Final Registration</b> 4/26/24 - 5/10/24	\$625	\$885	\$185
<b>Exam Window</b>	5/6/24 - 6/6/24		
<b>Results Notification</b> (via email)	Mid-July 2024		

*\*Registration costs do not include study materials. Visit our bookstore to purchase CSI practice guides and study workbooks.*

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# **Construction Testing & Special Inspections**

**Presented by the City of Knoxville  
Plans Review and Inspections**

**February 13, 2024 at 11:30 am  
\$20 for Lunch**

Aaron Scates from the City of Knoxville will cover frequent code oversights and recent updates to the submission process, including naming conventions, Citizen Access Accounts, plan review, and how to streamline the process.



Register [Here](#)

**Bearden Banquet Hall**

**5806 Kingston Pike, Knoxville, TN 37919**



## PRESENTATION SUMMARY

### Construction Testing & Special Inspections

Course Number: CSIK-001  
Provider Name: CSI National  
Provider Number: S000

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#### INSTRUCTOR BIO

##### Aaron Scates

##### Building and Plans Review Manager, City of Knoxville

I am currently serving as the Building and Plans Review Manager for the City of Knoxville. This is a new position within the Plans Review and Inspections department, designed to expand and enhance the plans review process and accommodate increasing growth and development in the city of Knoxville. Prior to joining the City of Knoxville inspections team in 2018, I spent approximately 15 years in the private sector, working in architectural design, project management, and commercial real estate development and management.

#### ABOUT THIS COURSE

The City of Knoxville Plans Review and Inspections team will cover Construction Testing & Special Inspections requirements for commercial projects within their jurisdiction. The presentation will also touch on frequent code oversights and recent updates to the submission process, including naming conventions, Citizen Access Accounts, and plans review / how to streamline the process.

#### HSW JUSTIFICATION

Understanding Construction Testing & Special Inspections requirements is crucial for architects and builders to ensure that construction projects meet safety standards. These inspections help identify potential structural issues, ensuring the stability and integrity of buildings, ultimately safeguarding the Health, Safety, and Welfare of the public who will inhabit or interact with the structures. Compliance with these requirements also minimizes risks associated with substandard construction practices, contributing to overall community well-being.

#### LEARNING OBJECTIVES

1. Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to proficiently interpret and apply Construction Testing and Special Inspections Requirements, demonstrating a comprehensive understanding of the procedures, standards, and documentation necessary to ensure compliance and the structure integrity of construction projects.
2. Participants will understand the importance of coordinating special inspections of deferred submittal items with the design professional, contractor, and local jurisdiction.
3. Participants will be equipped to identify and rectify common building code oversights in construction projects, including the ability to navigate regulatory frameworks, ensuring compliance, and minimizing the risk of errors or omissions in building design and implementation.
4. The presentation will conclude with a discussion of the adoption, by the City of Knoxville, of the 2024 I-Codes in January of 2025, and how this code adoption relates to Special Inspections and common building code oversights.



**2024**

# **East Tennessee Building Products Show**

**March 19, 2024**

4:00 - 7:00 pm

**Foundry on the Fair Site**

747 Worlds Fair Park Dr.  
Knoxville, TN 37902

[Vendor Booth Registration](#)

[Click to Pre-Register for Accessibility Seminar](#)

**Everyone in the Design and Construction  
Industry is invited to this free event.**



## **Blue Print Training Course Schedule**

**When: Starts April 20th - every Thursday afternoon for 6 weeks**

**Time: 5:30pm to 7:00pm**

**Where: AGC Training Center – 3306 Ragsdale Ave**

**Cost: \$75 for up to 30 people**

**RSVP: please email [john@knoxtnagc.org](mailto:john@knoxtnagc.org)**

1. **Introduction and Architecture:**
  - **Suzan Jordan CSI, CDT, CCPR, w/ DuPont Tyvek and Kathy Proctor FCSI, AIA, CDT**
2. **Civil:**
  - **Robert Johnson PE, w/ Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC)**
3. **Structural:**
  - **Beth Crisco-Kestner PE, NAWIC; w/ Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC)**
4. **HVAC, Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers:**
  - **Gary Bergeron FCSI, w/ Kelso-Regen Associates**
5. **Electrical:**
  - **David Rouse, Master Electrician w/ Shoffner/Kaltoff MES**
6. **Specifications:**
  - **Aaron Miller AIA, CSI CDT and Ben Brewer AIA, LEED AP, CSI, CCCA w/ MHM Architects**



# PROJECT ARCHITECT

Join our dynamic and growing architectural firm, committed to delivering innovative and highly collaborative design solutions. Our projects are diverse, ranging from custom residential to restaurants, hotels, storage facilities and commercial shell buildings.

As a project architect with oysk3 architects you will play a key role in leading and managing multiple projects from conception, through design, navigate permitting and into construction at times. This position requires being fully licensed and five to eight years of project management experience with strong people and communication skills.

## Responsibilities

### Project Leadership

- o Oversee and guide the design process, for a majority of projects within the firm.
- o Communicate effectively within the firm, with various consultants and to all clients.
- o Ensure projects meet, or exceed, expectations set, including design needs, budget and schedule.

### Client Interactions

- o Collaborate with clients to understand and help define their vision, needs and project requirements.
- o Consistently communicate any questions, issues or schedule updates.
- o Respond in a timely manner to all inquiries.

### Team Management

- o Lead and mentor our growing team of interns and production staff.
- o Foster a team approach with a collaborative and creative mindset.
- o Encourage learning, asking questions and continued growth for all.

### Quality Assurance

- o Support processes in place to provide a consistent quality in project deliverables.
- o Conduct team and project reviews to maintain a consistent, reliable and responsive environment for staff, consultants and clients.
- o Be open to constructive criticism as well as share it in a supportive manner.

## Qualifications

- o Licensed Architect, held for eight to ten years.
- o Demonstrate experience in various commercial project completion in a portfolio.
- o Proven ability to lead and manage a project team.
- o Excellent interpersonal and communication skills., verbal and written.

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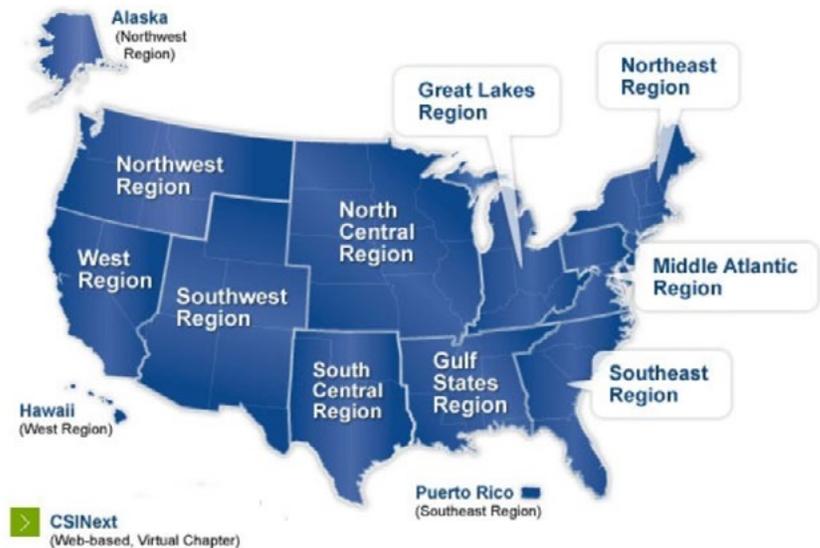
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