

**CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING  
TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH**

***FIRE SPRINKLER SHOWDOWN:  
HOW TO BEAT THE BLAZE***

**FIRE SPRINKLER PROTECTION SYSTEMS**  
PRESENTED BY GARY BERGERON, FCSI

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Tuesday, April 9th

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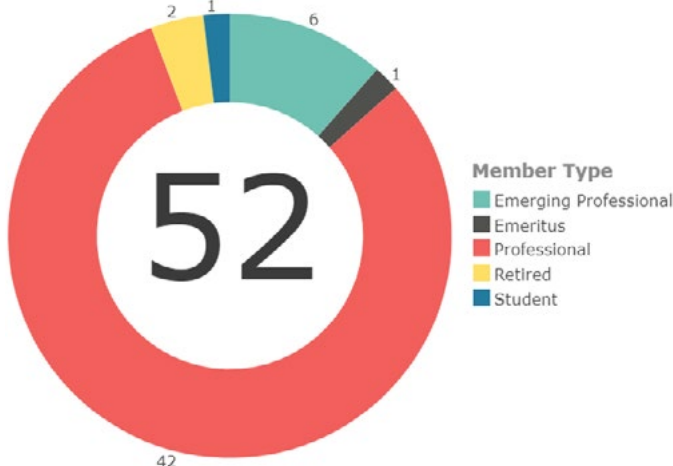


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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**APRIL 2024**



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**MAY 2024**

- 07** CSI Board Meeting - Tuesday, May 7th  
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
  
- 14** CSI Chapter Meeting - Tuesday, May 14th  
**Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)**  
**Power Line and Water/Gas Demo Presented by Janea Peterson, KUB Overhead and Underground Construction Teams**  
  
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# THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

# CSI NEWS

## WHAT A LONG, STRANGE TRIP...

## 2024 MEAL PLAN OPTIONS

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The CSI Product Show was a huge hit! We definitely had a terrific Product Show and Accessibility Seminar on March 19th. It was great to see everyone at the Foundry on the Fair Site. We hope you were able to stop by every single booth and check out what each vendor had to offer. We can't wait for next year!



Be sure to attend our upcoming CSI Chapter Meeting at the AGC. It will be an exciting presentation from Gary Bergeron, FCSI who will show us how to beat the blaze and help us understand the how's and why's of sprinkler systems. You will receive a 1LU/AIA credit and a delicious lunch from Brown Bag!

Starting in January 2023, the CSI dues no longer included the cost of monthly meals. The Knoxville Chapter Board voted on February 6, 2024 to implement a 2024 Meal Plan Option for the CSI Chapter.

Monthly meal costs are \$20 per person for lunch. This can be paid online in advance as you make your reservation at [CSI Meal Ticket](#)

The chapter is offering a discount meal ticket for \$100 which will cover all the rest of the monthly lunches this year. (a \$40 savings) You may purchase this online shortly or contact Suzan Jordan ([suzanwjordan@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanwjordan@yahoo.com)) to receive an invoice for this amount.

A reservation for each meeting is still required in order to provide the caterer with a correct food count.

Students and first time guests are always free.

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## NEW MEMBER NEWS

### Welcome, Shannon Elliott, CSI

Please welcome our new member Shannon Elliott, CSI. I first knew Shannon when she was a member of the CSI Student Affiliate at the University of Tennessee. She always had a huge smile and was willing to help CSI students to do so many things – including building a CSI Homecoming float. Shannon graduated from UT with a Masters of Architecture. (year??) She is licensed to practice architecture in both Tennessee and Kentucky.



Now she is a Sr. Project Architect at Parkway Construction and Architecture. When she was asked to describe her firm, she replied, “We are a Design-Build firm with national reach, and work in every sector except single family residential”. With offices out in the western US, and licenses in 49 states, they do reach most of the country.

She says she loves architecture, “because I’m interested in everything, and it combines so many fields of knowledge.” When asked what her favorite part about the profession is, she said, “...there is always something to learn.”

Shannon came to Tennessee from Parkersburg, West Virginia in 1999. Her family still lives there. Her father raises 100 varieties of hostas. Shannon is pictured here with a variety called Guacamole. It gets up to 8 feet in diameter and 6 feet tall. The leaves are as big as your head!!

Shannon loves learning! She has just passed the Estimating Practitioner’s exam, and she is studying for the CSI CCS exam this spring. Ask her about the CCS (Certified Construction Specifier) requirements. That is no small task!

When asked what she hopes to gain from a CSI membership, she said that she looks forward to reconnecting with folks that she hasn’t seen in a while. She works remotely for her firm, whose offices are in Texas, California and Utah, so being part of CSI gives her the opportunity to stay connected with what is happening locally.

So reach out to Shannon at our next meeting and introduce yourself. Or rekindle an old acquaintance. You will be happy that you did! Welcome back Shannon to Knoxville CSI!

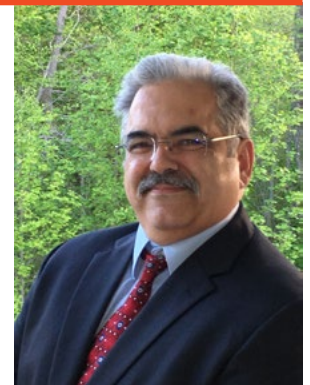


## PRESENTATION SUMMARY

### FIRE SPRINKLER PROTECTION SYSTEMS

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April’s presentation will be from Gary Bergeron, FCSI who will help us understand the how’s and why’s of sprinkler systems. The presentation will include a review of fire sprinkler drawings along with different sprinkler heads, piping and actual installations in the field in addition to a look into the Fire Codes Sprinkler Design Intent NFPA 13, 13R and 13D. The presentation qualifies for 1 hour HSW AIA/CEUs.



## CSI LEARNING

## A CSI/ACE MENTORSHIP STORY

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Empower Farms field trip

Kelso-Regen Engineers hosted three Grace Academy <https://www.gcarams.org/> students who were shadowing us with ACE Mentorship of Greater Knoxville during the first week of March for 30 hours. The students were Logan Mavroff, Elliot Ward, and Joseph Ploskonka. Monday was a general introduction to Architecture, Construction, and Engineering drawings with a set of Vision Clinic contract drawings along with the book specification that accompanies the project. We also discussed Thermal Envelopes and Fires in History that changed building codes. We briefly reviewed HVAC, plumbing, and fire sprinkler drawings. Tuesday was a concentrated look at HVAC systems and drawings. We also visited Theatre Knoxville Downtown which has exposed ductwork in the theatre space and domestic water and sanitary sewer piping exposed in the basement storage area. Wednesday was a concentrated look at Plumbing and fire sprinkler system drawings along with actual fire sprinklers, plumbing pipes and valves. Thursday was a "field trip" to several different Architecture, Construction and Engineering offices in Knoxville. It started with a field trip with Suzan Jordan at

Dealers Warehouse with their wood, fiberglass and steel door manufacturing lines along with all of their other building materials, a visit to Joele Fowler at Bennett Plessy structural engineers, a visit with Rob Houser at Bender structural engineers, Stuart Anderson at George Armour Ewart architecture, Brian Ewers at Dollar Ewers Architecture, and Debbie McCarter and Gabrielle Howard at Johnson Architecture.

Friday was a field trip to the Smokies baseball stadium construction site, Greg Lusk at Falconnier Design architects, Chris Lay and Alan Summers at Vreeland Electrical engineers, Sherry Roop and Cara Knapp at OYSK3 Architects, Robert Johnson at CEC office who has both civil and structural engineers in their office, Duane Grieve and Dustin Durham at East Tennessee Design Center and Gary Neyer at the Empower Farms School construction site in Powell.

The students were also provided a home-cooked meal of Cajun gumbo with crawfish, red beans rice and andouille sausage, shrimp jambalaya, along with bread pudding and key lime pie for desert for the three students.



Joseph, Elliot and Logan



Exposed ductwork at Theatre Knoxville Downtown

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# 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.*

## Have 10 or more certification applicants within your organization?

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# PROJECT ARCHITECT

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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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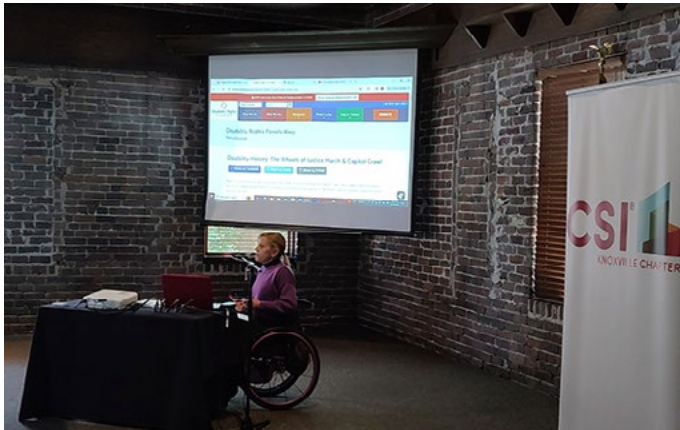
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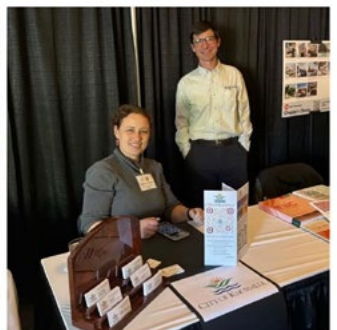
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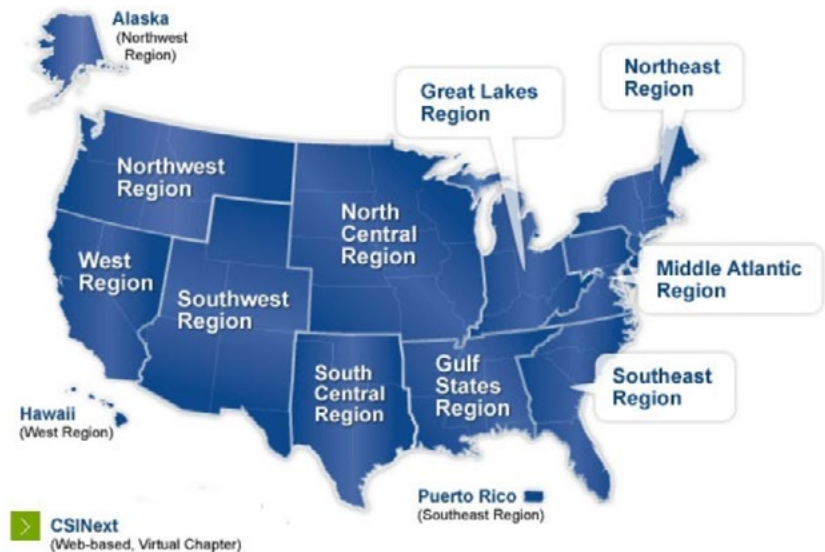
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This Enrollment Form pricing is valid from July 1, 2022 through July 30, 2023. Prices and information are subject to change.

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