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BIG SKY CHAPTER ELECTION RESULTS

Results of the 2008 Big Sky Chapter Elections were as follows:

President: Robert D. Jones, CSI, CDT, PE

President-Elect:

Vice President: William M. Lynch, CSI, PE

Secretary/Treasurer: Ryan W. Russell, CSI, CDT, AIA-A

Director (Professional): Robert J. Morrison, CSI, PE

Immediate Past President: Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

Installation of officers will take place during our June Annual Meeting. They will take office July 1, 2008.

2008 ANNUAL CHAPTER MEETING GOING GREEN

The Big Sky Chapter Annual Meeting scheduled for June 2008 is going green. We plan to broadcast the meeting via the internet on WebEx from Billings. If all goes as planned, you will be able to log into the webcast from your desktop, laptop, PDA, or other internet accessible device and participate without traveling for hours to attend. This is the next phase in our plans to reach out to our members and get more participation. Be on the lookout for more information and help us stay GREEN.

Northwest Region Membership

“CSI Membership Growth, Something New, Something Old, Something Planned our Industry at work”

By: Robert W. Simmons, CSI, CCPR, MAI

August, 25, 2008 the Northwest Region embarked on a membership campaign to expand our chapter and region membership through new memberships and future CSI Group Affiliates.

We have two future CSI Group affiliates in Oregon. They are: Medford, Oregon, “Jefferson” Affiliate and in Bend, Oregon, “Desert” Affiliate.

We have two future CSI Group Affiliates in Alaska, the village of Barrow, Alaska and Fairbanks, Alaska.

We just recently celebrated two chapter birthdays, our newest Big Sky Chapter in Montana celebrated its 1st anniversary and our oldest the Puget Sound Chapter in Washington celebrated its 50th anniversary.

Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) Membership is growing in the Northwest and we would like to have you as members to join in and help us celebrate other milestones over the next several years.

Our chapters are on their final push for membership this year and we will pick up the membership pace this summer. As CSI members, please join us in our efforts, this is more than just specifications, it's sharing knowledge with your friends within the industry we work and that can be an adventure.

We will be presenting our membership cash awards to the chapters that have met or exceeded the Northwest membership plan in May. Be apart of the membership plan in 2008.

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ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS!!

Help us stay connected... If any of your contact information is out of date, please go to the CSI website at CSInet.org and log in using the information provided on your membership card. You will then go to the Membership page and choose “Modify your Profile” from the box in the bottom left corner of the page. Please make sure CSI has your current email address – thanks!

NORTHWEST REGION MEMBERSHIP BY CHAPTER ENDING MAY 19, 2008

Home members recorded:

	<u>6.30.2006</u>	<u>6.30.2007</u>	<u>5.19.2008</u>
Puget Sound Chapter	329	324	310
Portland Chapter	361	360	347
Spokane Chapter	41	37	38+ 3%
Willamette Valley Chapter	114	101	104+ 3%
Cook Inlet Chapter	102	96	92
Idaho Chapter	26	24	29+ 21%
Mt. Rainier Chapter	61	70	69
Capital Chapter	24	28	32+ 14%
Big Sky	0	24	20
Non-affiliates	<u>109</u>	<u>98</u>	<u>96</u>

Total Region	1167	1165	1153
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Congratulations to the Spokane, Willamette Valley, Idaho and Capital Chapters and their membership chairs that met the NW Region challenge to grow the membership, 2% net or greater. You have set the tone for reaching the Northwest Region's membership drive in FY 2009.

- Four winners on the Northwest Region Net Membership drive:
 - Spokane Chapter
 - Willamette Valley Chapter
 - Idaho Chapter
 - Capital Chapter
 - Top prize winner: one CSI Convention registration fee, plus one round trip plane fare.
 - Other winners: one registration fee to CSI Convention.
 - Please contact us for your reward.
- 🇺🇸 The Membership goal was a 2% net membership increase home members as outlined in our two year membership plan FY 2008.

RW Simmons, CSI, CCPR
Director, Northwest Region Industry

Loren Berry, CSI, CDT,AIA
Director, Northwest Region Professional



- **Big Sky Chapter Membership Award Levels:**
 - 1+ new member - Free dinner at Chapter Meeting (\$20 value)
 - 5+ new members - Chapter Dues paid for 1 year (\$40 value)
 - 10+ new members - CSI Institute Dues paid for 1 year

NEW CHAPTER MEMBER COUNT 07

NEW CHAPTER MEMBER

Mr. Jeffrey A. Fox, CSI

BIG SKY CHAPTER IS A REGISTERED CSI CEN PROVIDER

Big Sky Chapter members now have another incentive to attend chapter meetings . . . continuing education credits!

On September 24, 2007, the Big Sky Chapter received a letter of approval from Jeff Iwankow, Chief Operations Executive for CSI's Construction Education Network, indicating that our application had been approved. The CSI CEN program sets the industry standards for continuing education programs, based on International Association for Continuing Education and Training (IACET) criteria. CSI CEU's and HSW continuing education credits are accepted by licensing, certification, and accreditation agencies.



BIG SKY CHAPTER TO CO-HOST 2010 CSI NORTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

The Big Sky Chapter and the Idaho Chapter have agreed to co-host the 2010 CSI Northwest Region Conference on September 23-26, 2010. The groundwork is already underway to host the conference at the Holiday Inn Sunspree Resort in West Yellowstone, Montana. The tentative agenda includes a tour of Yellowstone National Park.

We need volunteers on several committees to help in making this a great event for all in attendance. If you are interested in helping out, contact any of the Chapter Officers.



SIDEBAR ARTICLES

SPECIAL EVENT

CONSTRUCT2008 & CSI CONVENTION

PLACE: LAS VEGAS CONVENTION CENTER – SOUTH HALL 3

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA

JUNE 2 - 6, 2008

UPCOMING EVENTS

2008 NORTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

PUGET SOUND CHAPTER - SEATTLE, WASHINGTON

SEPTEMBER 25 – 27, 2008

CHECK REGION WEBSITE: WWW.CSINWR.ORG FOR UPDATES

2010 NORTHWEST REGION CONFERENCE

BIG SKY & IDAHO CHAPTERS – WEST YELLOWSTONE, MT

SEPTEMBER 24 – 27, 2010

CHAPTER EVENTS:

Big Sky Chapter Board Meetings:

Date: 3rd Thursday of the calendar month

Time: 12:00 – 1:30 pm

Location: CTA Architects conference room; Billings, Montana (unless notified otherwise)

Quarterly Chapter Meetings:

Date: 4th Tuesday of the month January, April, July & October

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location: Bozeman, MT (Price and location to be determined)

Next Chapter Meeting:

Big Sky Chapter Annual Meeting

Location: Billings, Montana (Location to be determined)

Date: June 2008

Time: To Be Determined

Articles, 250 words or less, are requested for this monthly newsletter. If you have articles or information to be shared with the Montana members, please send by e-mail to:

<http://xinbox.com/q9chjf>

Big Sky Chapter Contacts and Documents

Find a CSI Chapter



June 2-6, 2008, Las Vegas

The 2008 CSI Annual Convention at **CONSTRUCT2008** is just around the corner. For more information, click on this link: [CONSTRUCT2008](#)



Union Pacific Dining Hall - West Yellowstone

Message from the President

The President's Specs

By Jan E. O'Brien, CSI
Big Sky Chapter - President



I'm Still Here . . .

In the last newsletter you read my "parting commentary" as Big Sky Chapter President. Obviously it was a bit premature as the fiscal year had not come to an end. However, there is still time to get things accomplished before the new year begins on July 1, 2008. We can all go out and sign up some new members into the Chapter. We actually did fairly well in adding 7 new members. Where we fell down was in member retention. With the newer technologies available to us, we will be expanding our "Brown Bag Lunch" offerings in a manner where you can participate from the comfort of your own computer station. If you have suggestions to help our chapter help you, let us know.

Big Sky Chapter News

The Big Sky Chapter is just one component of the Construction Specifications Institute. As such, our mission is the same as CSI Institute . . . "Advance the process of creating and sustaining the built environment." We embrace the Core Values of CSI: Foster innovation and creative thinking; Honor and embrace our diversity; Encourage personal and professional growth; Make knowledge-based decisions; Strive for cooperative solutions; Promote stewardship of the environment; Promote and recognize individual and team excellence; Celebrate camaraderie; Keep promises, and trust others will do the same; and Value the needs of those we serve.

Chapter Development: Monthly Chapter board meetings are held on the third (3rd) Thursday of every month during the noon hour in the conference room at CTA Architects, Billings, Montana (unless noted otherwise). If you have items of business that you would like the board to discuss, contact any of the officers or directors.

The next Chapter Board meeting is scheduled for June 19, in Billings. If you have items of business for the board to discuss, please contact any of the officers or directors.

The Big Sky Chapter website is on-line!! The website is updated monthly to help keep you informed of current and upcoming events in the Big Sky Chapter, NW Region and Institute levels. If you have news items that you would like included, please call, fax or email material(s) to us by the 6th day of each month.

Opportunities: There are several Chapter committees that could use your help! If you have a desire to serve on a committee that would better our chapter, please contact any chapter officer or director.

Continuing Education Websites: [BDC University](#) [AEC Daily](#)

Big Sky Chapter of CSI
What do you want out of it...what are you willing to put into it?