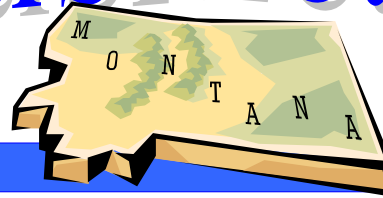




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CHAPTER EVENTS

Chapter Board Meetings:

Date:
3rd Thursday of the calendar month

Time: 12:00 noon – 1:00 pm

Location:
WebEx "MeetMeNow"
(Unless notified otherwise)

Contact:
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Quarterly Chapter Meetings:

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

Time: 6:30 – 8:00 pm

Location:
(To Be Announced)
Bozeman, Montana

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All photographs by Jan and Maria O'Brien except as noted.

2009 CSI Northwest Region Conference - Seward, Alaska

Cook Inlet Chapter

The Cook Inlet Chapter of CSI is proud to announce the Pacific Northwest Region Conference For Construction Specifications Institute. Please come join us to learn all about our majestic State of Alaska as we enjoy the wilderness and travel through our great State viewing our fall colors September 10 through the 12, 2009.



For golf enthusiasts, we will host a golf tournament on Wednesday September 9. Anchorage Golf Course located on the south end of Anchorage and offer scenic views of the Chugach Mountains. This is an 18-hole course with a par 72. It offers a golf shop, separate driving ranges, private instruction and an on-site restaurant and cocktail lounge. This is the premier choice for Anchorage golfers. Club rentals are available.

The Conference begins early Thursday morning by visiting the Alaska Native Heritage Center. There we will have an interesting presentation about Alaska Native Lands and People. We will learn about their very diverse climates, customs and cultures and view displays of their native home and building techniques.



We will then board a bus and travel to our Conference Center at the Windsong Lodge in Seward, Alaska. This bus ride will drive us down the Seward Highway, designated a "National Forest Scenic Byways" and a "All-American Road". It follows along Turnagain Arm, travels over Turnagain Pass at 988 feet, and through the gorgeous Chugach Mountains before reaching Seward on Resurrection Bay. The charming Windsong Lodge is set in a wooded rural area near Exit Glacier and offers a lodge feeling.

The conference theme is **Alaska – Its People and Its Place**. We'll have an Alaska Track that will discuss Alaska's unique geology, Arctic Engineering 101, building in rural Alaska, building on permafrost, what it took to build the oil pipeline, what it will take to build a gas pipeline, the effects of wind and snow in Arctic design, and LEED buildings in Alaska.



As part of the Conference, we will enjoy a narrated picturesque boat cruise on Resurrection Bay and dine on fresh grilled salmon on Fox Island. We'll see playful Sea Otters, breaching Humpback Whales, Tufted Puffins, Horned Puffins, and with luck, Steller Sea Lions. We will provide bus transportation from Seward back to Anchorage on Sunday afternoon September 13.



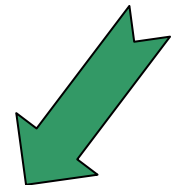
The Professional Development Track will include presentations on various CSI Leadership sessions, Consensus Docs versus AIA Docs, and Building Information Modeling (BIM). Feature Presentations will address the 1964 Earthquake and the history of Anchorage's urban Architecture.

Bring your spouse. Activities for them will include time at the following:

- Alaska Sealife Center
- A dogsled ride with Iditarod Musher Mitch Seavy
- An easy interpretive walking tour back to Exit Glacier
- And a day just enjoying Seward Alaska.



Click this link for more information: [2009 Convention Schedule](#)



Big Sky Chapter is a Registered CSI CEN Provider

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

In September 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. [Click here for the CEN Brochure](#)

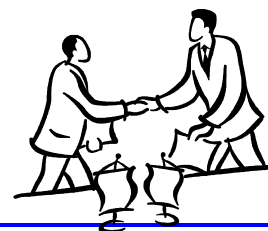


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CSI Member Referral Program:

With a new Fiscal Year underway, Institute and the Northwest Region will have new incentive plans for members to enlist new members. As soon as details are known, information will be provided to all members.

Membership is **not a spectator sport!**



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 can 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!

Big Sky Chapter FY2010 Membership Challenge

Why did you join CSI? How about sharing it with someone else!

FY2010 MEMBERSHIP CHALLENGE

Sign up one (1) new member. That's it!

No bells and whistles; no gimmicks; no prizes. Just a challenge to see if the values you place on CSI membership is worth sharing with someone you know.

2010 CSI Northwest Region Conference - West Yellowstone

The Big Sky Chapter and the Idaho Chapter will 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 Conference agenda includes a tour of Yellowstone National Park; optional river rafting and golf; and numerous educational opportunities.

We need volunteers on several committees to help in making this a great event for all in attendance. Go to the Big Sky Chapter website and click the connection for more details.



Old Faithful Geyser
Yellowstone National
Park

Big Sky Chapter of CSI

What do you want out of it...what are you willing to put into it?

"We are what we repeatedly do. Excellence, therefore, is not an act but a habit." -Aristotle



CONTACT US:

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/q9chif>

Deadline is 25th of the month

We're on the Web!

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CSI Membership Committee Notes

Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

The Chapter President / President-elect Seminar at the 2009 CSI Convention in Indianapolis was a success. Over 75 chapter leaders from around the country gathered for the 3 hour seminar, which included opening statements from President Gilman K. M. Hu, FCSI, AIA; President-elect Michael M. Davis, FCSI, CDT; and CSI Executive Director/CEO Walter Marlowe, PE, CSI, CAE. "Yours truly" presented a section on Non-Affiliate Members (see photo below).



The FY2010 Membership Committee will be meeting in Dallas, Texas in July for "face-to-face" meetings to plan out the coming year and make preparations for next year's President / President-elect Seminar.

"All progress occurs because people dare to be different."

-Harry Millner, Author



A View From the B.U.S.*

*Burr Under the Saddle

Jan E. O'Brien, CSI

A week at the CSI Convention is more than just seminars, meetings, and trade shows. It is a time for meeting old friends and for making new ones; talking to Institute officers and staff "face-to-face"; and meeting CSI members from around the country to discuss issues their chapters face(d) and how they dealt with them. One quickly learns that the same things occur in most chapters . . . both large and small.

A week at the CSI Convention also provides an opportunity to visit other parts of the country; to experience their culture and communities; and to participate in activities unavailable in our own little corner of the world. Tell someone you meet that you're from Montana and they will either recall a recent trip they made to the Big Sky Country, or that they are planning to come visit.

And that's another view from the B.U.S.

The President's Specs

Jan E. O'Brien, CSI



Welcome to a new fiscal year in CSI.

More importantly, welcome to a new fiscal year in the Big Sky Chapter of CSI. While the current economic situation continues across Montana and the rest of the Country, we can (and will) continue to build the Big Sky Chapter through promotion of the reasons why we joined the organization. Membership growth and membership participation are two goals that all of us can embrace this coming year. Who among us can look in a mirror and say that we do not know one person that we can sign up as a new member of CSI this year? Who among us can say I'm so busy that I just can't take one hour out of my schedule to make the Big Sky Chapter better? Who among us can say that the only reason I belong is so I can include "CSI" after my name?

Yes, a new fiscal year is upon us. It's time to get out the tools and start building our chapter.



Yellowstone Bison
2009 Maria O'Brien