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## YOU ARE INVITED!

To the *June Awards Dinner* of  
the *Tidewater VA Chapter*  
of the  
*Construction Specifications Institute*

**Tuesday, June 9, 2009**

*Ocean View Fishing Pier, Top Deck  
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Come and celebrate **45 years** as a Chapter serving and networking in the Hampton Roads area. It's been a long time since June of 1964, we have done a lot, learned a lot, and hopefully have made a difference in the construction industry here over the years.

We look forward to welcoming a new generation into CSI and celebrate the current one at our June dinner meeting.

5:30 pm Gathering  
6:30 pm Serving Dinner  
7:00 pm Presentations

**RSVP for for Dinner** so we will have a place waiting for **you!**

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Dinner Fee:

CSI Members and guest: \$20.00  
Non-Members: - \$25.00



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**About CSI**

CSI is an individual membership technical society that serves as the premier integrating force for those that create and sustain the built environment, and as a primary gateway to resources for programs, services, and the exchange of knowledge. The Institute offers products and services that provide a common system of organization and presentation of construction information, enhancing communication among all construction industry disciplines. CSI's 18,000 members include architects, specifiers, engineers, contractors, product representatives, building owners, and facility managers. Founded in 1948, CSI is headquartered in Alexandria, Va., and has 143 local chapters nationwide. For more information about CSI, call 800-689-2900 or visit [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org).



*PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE*

**Highlights of the April 2009 Mid-Atlantic Region Board Meeting**

The Mid-Atlantic Region Board meeting in Gettysburg, PA started routinely with Region Committee and "State of the Chapter" Reports, but it concluded with more interesting issues which deserve your attention:

1. Some of the most successful Region Chapter activities during the past year included a) panel discussion type programs concerning "Substitutions," and "What to Expect from Product Representatives;" b) the printing of business cards containing a summary of Chapter events to attract new members; and c) a combination of a winter holiday social event with table top displays by manufacturers.
2. Proposed programs were outlined for the next two Mid-Atlantic Region fall conferences – October 8-11, 2009 in Charlottesville, VA (reservations and registration open NOW at [www.marc2009.com](http://www.marc2009.com)), and September 23-26, 2010 in Annapolis, MD. Since the 2010 MARC will be sponsored jointly by all Chapters in the Region, rather than by a single Chapter, the Region Board approved a FY 2010 Region Budget, which includes a requirement for each Chapter to provide \$1350 in conference sponsorships, by July 1, 2010, to support that conference budget. For the Tidewater, VA Chapter, this equates to approximately \$16 per Chapter member, or \$100 per month Chapter income, from now until the deadline for remittance. Our Chapter will either need to request donations from individual sponsors or include a \$1350 line item in our FY 2010 budget to meet this obligation.
3. New MAR officers, running unopposed for 2 years, were elected without member balloting, due to the recent changes in governance procedures for the Institute and our Region Board. These officers are as follows:
  - MAR President: Raymond E. Gaines, AIA, CSI, CCS (Central Virginia Chapter)
  - MAR First VP: Margaret G. Chewning, FCSI, CCS, CCCA (Tidewater Chapter)
  - MAR Second VP: Mike Lechleitner, CSI, CDT (Pennsylvania Railroad Chapter)
  - MAR Secretary: Gail Nagie, CSI, CDT (Pittsburgh Chapter)

(Mitch Miller, AIA, CSI, CCS, MAI, will remain the sole Institute Director, representing the Mid-Atlantic Region, through FY 2011)
4. The schedule for the next two national CSI Conventions was announced. In 2010, the National Convention will be held May 12-14 in Philadelphia, PA. In 2011, the National Convention will be held in Chicago, IL, in the September-October time frame. This announcement



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Education June 16-19, 2009 Exhibits June 17-19, 2009 Indiana Convention Center, Indianapolis

## Emerging Professionals Group Update

By: Leslie Schlesinger, CSI-I, CDT

The construction industry is changing with the speed of technology. Roles and relationships are changing from traditional accepted models. One organization stands poised to help lead the industry through the next frontier. CSI is looking to the next generation of construction professionals, those new to the industry, and those with open minds about the potential of this organization to voice your opinions and concerns.

CSI's FY10 Emerging Professionals Task Team is focused on assisting emerging professionals in becoming the leaders of the industry. Input from a roundtable to be held at [CONSTRUCT2009 & The CSI Annual Convention](#) will be used as a starting point. The goal of this meeting will be collecting ideas about how CSI and emerging professionals can have a mutually beneficial relationship.

[CONSTRUCT2009 & The CSI Annual Convention](#) offers you an opportunity to meet and explore the challenges and needs of emerging professionals – the next generation of leadership in the Institute and the construction industry. If you are an emerging professional, work with emerging professionals, or

are just interested in participating and supporting this effort, join us in this exciting opportunity to collaborate with the next generation of construction industry leaders. Some of the topics that will be discussed:

- ★ What is an emerging professional? Is it the same thing as a CSI - Intermediate Member?
- ★ Why are emerging professionals important to CSI?
- ★ What can CSI chapters and regions provide to support and encourage emerging professionals?
- ★ What do emerging professionals want and need from CSI to enhance their careers?
- ★ How can CSI benefit from the talents that emerging professionals bring to the organization?

Please share this with a friend or colleague who might be interested in attending. The Emerging Professionals meeting will be Wednesday, June 17, at 5pm in the Indiana Convention Center.

If you are unable to attend, but want to contribute, please contact [Leslie Schlesinger](#) at 704-375-2889.

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will impact the scheduling of the spring and fall MAR conferences in the future. However, the Board decided to leave the LOS spring conference in April for 2010 and 2011, and to move the fall 2011 MAR conference, scheduled for Richmond, VA to the spring of 2012. Beyond these dates, no firm decisions were made. However, our Tidewater Chapter, may be asked to move its MARC host duties from 2015 to 2014, only 5 years from now. Stay tuned for developments.

The Region Board meeting took 3 hours, but it was well run by outgoing Senior Institute Director, Henry Zirkle, FCSI, and by continuing Institute Director, Mitch Miller, CSI, CCS, AIA. If you have questions about any of these issues, please see me at our upcoming June 9 Awards Outing and 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration.

### Get Your Free Button!

In celebration of the Tidewater Chapter CSI's 45<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year, we will be providing free anniversary buttons to all who attend our Tuesday, June 9 outing at the Ocean View Fishing Pier. The pin-type buttons declare "45 Years Strong," and we need your continued membership and support to keep our Chapter strong for another 45 years. Make your reservation to be with us to celebrate on June 9<sup>th</sup>. (We, along with the entire Construction Specifications Institute, have come a long way since 1964.)

*Richard Rivin, FCSI, CCS, AIA*

Chapter President

## M2 Region Note - May, 2009

May 15th, and only one month to Construct 2009! June 16-19, 2009 will be the education sessions and June 17-19, 2009 will be the exhibits at the Indiana Convention Center in Indianapolis, Indiana. I look forward to greeting each of you at Wednesday night's Welcome Reception. Please visit [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org) for more information.

This year's LOS was jamb packed with information and was held at the Wyndham Gettysburg on April 24 & 25, 2009. This was an excellent interaction time with other leaders from the region. During this weekend, we had a "roast" of Henry Zirkle, as it was his last 'official' board and business meeting as a Director. We all wish Henry the best and thank him for his years of service as Director for the Middle Atlantic Region. If you missed it, you will want to put it on your 'tickler' for next year.

The Spring Board and Business meetings brought us our new officers for the Middle Atlantic Region. Join me in congratulating Ray Gaines (President), Margaret Chewnig (1st VP), Mike Lechleitner (2nd VP) and Gail Nagie (Secretary) on their elections to these offices. Linda Pressler will remain as the region treasurer. This is a great group of enthusiastic leaders, and they will be a great asset to the future of the Middle Atlantic Region.

I will be holding the next President's teleconference on Wednesday June 3rd at 12:00noon. I will be sending an invite to the presidents with the call in information. This is a time to discuss concerns and where the region is heading.

The Region website has our revised Region By-Laws and Administrative Guide. The new website address is: [www.mar-csi.org](http://www.mar-csi.org) . I would encourage everyone to look at

this site, and email any comments or suggestions to directly to me. This website will be our primary means of communicating events and important information to the Region.

The Middle Atlantic Region Conference (MARC) will be held October 8th - 11th, 2009 at the Omni Charlottesville Hotel in Charlottesville, VA. Visit [www.marc2009.com](http://www.marc2009.com) for more information. You need to make room reservations as soon as possible as this is a football weekend and the rooms will go fast. It is never too early mark your calendar.

MARC 2010 will be held at the Historic Inns of Annapolis, MD September 23-26, 2010. We need volunteers from the region to help with this region led event. This is a very historic location, and we have a few tricks up our sleeves to make this another interesting conference. Please email me at [mmiller@usaarchitects.com](mailto:mmiller@usaarchitects.com) for more information.

If you ever have any questions, please feel free to email me at [mmiller@usaarchitects.com](mailto:mmiller@usaarchitects.com), or telephone me at 610-559-6000. I am here as your voice to the Institute and Region. SEE YOU IN INDY!



Mitch Miller, AIA, CSI, CCS, MAI

Remember: "If you didn't have fun at a CSI event, you didn't show up!"

## TVA Chapter Member News

### Chapter Shirts Celebrating our 45th Anniversary

Did you notice the new CSI shirts worn by the TVA Board members at the HRBPS this year!

We still have a few left available for sale.

The men's shirt in a beige color and ladies shirt in blue with a CSI Logo in Copper on the front, indications are they are quite comfortable at a reasonable cost. Contact Tom Gill for more information.



# Upcoming FY2009 CSI Events

Below are important dates to put on your planner **NOW** for Chapter Events in the coming year. The Board has agreed to continue Chapter meetings with programs at lunch time and are planning two Dinner Socials. Planning is still ongoing for our programs. If you have a suggested program of interest to our members, contact Tom Gill at 523-1029 (philmontgill@yahoo.com )

## May

- 12 Chapter meeting - Lunch and Program, CNA
- 19 TVA Board meeting, Lunch at Friendly's

## June

- 9 Chapter Social - Awards Dinner, OV Pier
- 16- 19 CSI National Convention/ Construction2009, Indianapolis, IN



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OMNI Hotel | Charlottesville, VA | October 8-11, 2009

Please join us for this outstanding event on Columbus Day weekend, October 8-11, 2009. The conference will explore the topic of "Sustaining Mr. Jefferson's Legacy: Designing for the Future."

Registration is now open  
<http://www.marc09.com/register.html>

### The Chapter can now take Credit Card payments for Meetings and for Seminar fees

As a service to our members, the Tidewater VA Chapter has set up an account to allow us to take credit card payment for lunch meetings and other events such as reservations for the Hampton Roads Building Products Show. If you wish to reserve your seat for our Chapter meeting you can fax the form below to Debbie Cacace at 486-0855 and we will have a plate waiting for you.

Tidewater VA Chapter CSI

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## FY 2010 CSI Events

The following dates are anticipated Chapter Event dates for FY2010.  
Please put them on your calendar Now

### July

- 11 Chapter Board Retreat for FY10 planning  
Clark Room, CNA Offices.
- 21 Early Exam Registration Deadline for Fall  
National CDT & Certification Exams

### August

- 21 Final Registration Deadline for Fall  
National Exams

### September

- 5 Fundamental formats Workshop part 1  
(tentatively)
- 8 Chapter Meeting - Lunch and Program
- 12 Fundamental formats Workshop part 1  
(tentatively)
- 21-26 Fall Certification Exams Held Nationwide

### October

- 8-10 MARC 09 in Charlottesville VA
- 13 Chapter Meeting - Lunch and Program

### November

- 10 Chapter Meeting - Lunch and Program

### December

- 8 Chapter Meeting - Lunch and Program
- TBD Holiday Social

### January

- 12 Chapter Meeting - Lunch and Program

### February

- 9 Chapter Meeting - Lunch and Program

### March

- 9 Chapter Meeting - Lunch and Program
- 29-4/2 Spring Certification Exams held Nationwide

### April

- 13 Chapter Meeting - Lunch and Program
- TBD LOS Conference in Gettysburg PA

### May

- 11 Chapter Meeting - Lunch and Program
- 12 -14 Construct2010 and CSI Convention,  
Philadelphia PA

### June

- 8 Chapter Awards Dinner



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Board Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at lunch time at Friendly's Restaurant, Virginia Beach Blvd and Military Hiway.

Board meetings are open to all Chapter Members .

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## the small stuff

### The Communicator

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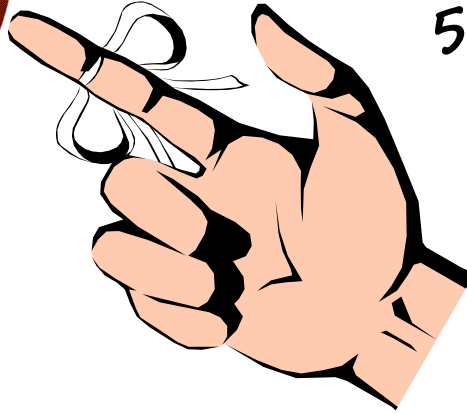


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the Pier, Tuesday June 9.

5:30 pm

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