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CSI PITTSBURGH CHAPTER MISSION STATEMENT

1. To support and promote the mission and core values of the Institute.
2. To help its members perform their jobs better by providing education and promoting certification programs.
3. To provide an opportunity for networking to facilitate project team building.

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Upcoming Programs to start the 2014-2015 Year

September 16, 2014

(note the date change to 3rd Tuesday of the month)

Pittsburgh 2030 District

The Pittsburgh 2030 district is a community of high-performance buildings in Downtown Pittsburgh that aims to dramatically reduce energy and water consumption, reduce emissions from transportation, and improve indoor air quality while increasing competitiveness, reducing resource use, and increasing owners' returns on investment.

Presented by Sean Luther, Pittsburgh 2030 District Director at Green Building Alliance

Joint meeting with the Pittsburgh Chapter of ASHRAE.

Location: Cefalo's, Carnegie, PA

October 14, 2014

Business Development for Construction Industry Professionals

Whether you are a design professional, a construction professional, or a building products professional, you will benefit from hearing proven strategies by an accomplished business development leader.

Presented by Robin Zoufalik, President of RZ-tek Solutions llc

Location: Cefalo's, Carnegie, PA

*5:00 Social, 5:30 Board Mtg, 6:15 Dinner, 7:00 Presentation
Cost \$35*

Reservations: MAZell@NationalGypsum.com (412) 951-8715

President's Message

August 2014

This is my first message as I take over the presidential duties for our chapter.

I have the opportunity to announce the Pittsburgh Chapter has AGAIN been selected to receive CSI's FY 2013 **Outstanding Chapter Commendation**. This year CSI will be recognizing two fiscal years (2012 & 2013) of OCC recipients at CONSTRUCT 2014 & the CSI Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD.

I would like to especially thank our Awards chair **Marty Thornton** for making sure everyone else in the Institute knows how truly Outstanding our Chapter is and for a

special effort this year with two submissions being due essentially simultaneously.

As I write this address I am flying across the country and am struck by how much space there is between metropolitan areas. However the space is still filled with farms and small towns. Similarly, in the construction industry in which we all focus on our specialties and develop expertise in our own particular areas, CSI can enable us to fill in the space between our specialties within the industry and provide a more well-rounded knowledge base. We can fill the space with relationships, trust and expanded knowledge we would or could not otherwise gain if we only remain in the "metropolitan area" of our own industry knowledge base.

One of my goals as president is to increase member involvement in our chapter. We have a strong chapter and have a chairman for each of our committees, but could use some depth to our bench. We are encouraging our **committee chairs** to recruit at least one other member to join a committee. We will have a list of committees that can use an additional member in future newsletters. If you see a committee that you would like to be involved with please let a board member know.

I am a good procrastinator for things that I am not particularly good at, just ask Mr. Bailey our newsletter editor how hard it is to get me to write this address. I do not have a talent for creative writing and that is why I am not involved in a committee that required creative writing. I am best at organizing, analyzing and applying facts, which I use as president. The good thing about CSI is there is a place for all of us to apply our talents and strengths.

I am looking forward to expanding and Growing our outstanding chapter. Please join me and our hard working board to make our chapter the best in the region.



Highlights from the Board

August 2014

Correction: The summary of the May meeting published in the Specigram incorrectly stated that the May board meeting was held at Cefalo's in Carnegie. The meeting was in fact held at the R.I. Lampus facility in Aliquippa.

JULY 10 MEETING – Telenko Residence, Jeannette, PA

President's Remarks: Work on getting more than one person involved in committees; first meeting in September moved to 3rd Tuesday (9/16) rather than 2nd because of CONSTRUCT. Miller proposed sponsored signage for reps with products in tour buildings; work on ways to get more professionals to attend, forward ideas to Vernon.

Treasurer: Approval of presented 2014-2015 budget set for August meeting after board review; bring back pin fines and push name tags; CSI Pittsburgh golf shirts discussed.

Programs: Discussed ideas for programs that will increase professional participation.

Technical/Education: July 17th – Legal Aspects of Sustainable Design.

Student Outreach: Possible CDT exam in the spring.

Golf Outing: Golf outing was a success; 60 golfers; cart girls were suggested to deliver beer to golfers and could be current members that do not golf.

Old Business: Vernon needs a final list of who will be participating in LOS; Strayer will represent Pittsburgh Chapter at LOS; Brown will be attending as well.

Need to get your name out there?

Get included in our Newsletter!

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Host a table top display at our next meeting!

Be seen on the CSI website!

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Member Profile: George Merges

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What is your company and what is your position? Principal of George Merges Jr/Architect

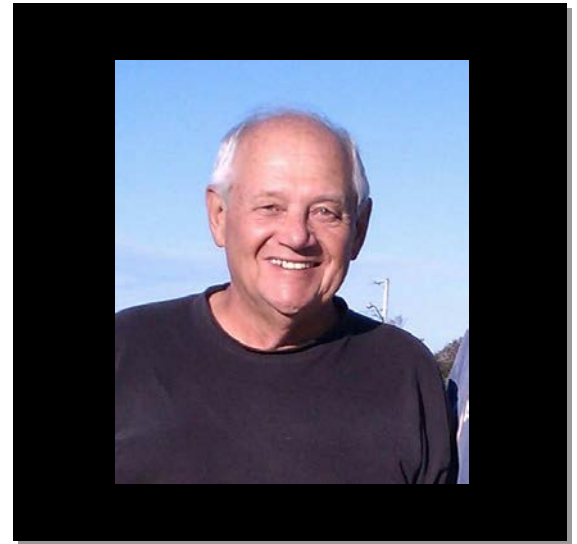
Tell us about your job. Jack of all trades, master of a few.

What part of your job do you most enjoy? Client development/contact.

If you weren't in your current job, what would you be doing? Enjoying retirement

If you could change one thing about your profession, it would be: To have the general public think of architects as building design professionals rather than contractors, builders or engineers.

What year did you join CSI? 1976



Why did you join CSI? I had just started my own practice and was suffering a bad case of cabin fever when Ken Nagie invited me to a CSI meeting. I was hooked.

What do you see as the value of CSI membership? developing friendships in the industry throughout the United States.

What would you want somebody considering CSI membership to know? It is a great opportunity to grow in the industry through friendships and networking.

Person you learned the most from: Leonard Mitchell, a spec writer and past president of the Pittsburgh Chapter of CSI.

Tell us about your family. My wife of 45 years, Debbie, is also a CSI member and works as a product rep for Architectural Resources, Inc. My son, Greg, is also an architect, a CSI member and has worked with me for 14 years. My daughter is a stay at home mom living in Duxbury, Ma. with her husband, Brian and our wonderful granddaughter Kenzie.

What's your favorite city? First, after Pittsburgh, is Anchorage, Alaska.

What's your passion? Traveling.

What's a true sign of success? Satisfaction and happiness with what you do and have done.

Best advice anyone ever gave you: Don't become an architect if you want to make a lot of money.

What would people be surprised to know about you? I was the architectural design consultant for Michael Baker Jr., Inc. on the New River Gorge Bridge.

What was your proudest moment in CSI? My advancement to Fellowship in 2007.



Member News

August 2014

July Anniversaries

28 th	Michael Mason	Arctecon, LLC
24 th	Gail Nagie	
19 th	Catherine Houska	TMR Consulting, Architectural Metals
15 th	Walter Boykowycz	
10 th	Mason Radkoff	Strada Architecture, LLC
9 th	Ron Dellaria	L.D. Astorino & Associates, Ltd.
1 st	Patrick Harding	A.L. Harding & Co. LLC

August Anniversaries

33 rd	Dennis Buirge	CMD/Smith
20 th	Philip Rinaldi	TKA
13 th	Frank Hughes	Hughes Sales & Services, LLC
12 th	Ronald Maroni	Allegheny Restoration Inc.
11 th	Benjamin Policicchio	
9 th	Eric Ghise	Ghise Associates, Inc.
7 th	Melio Shergi	W.R. Grace
3 rd	Herman Sayre III	Pittsburgh Stage, Inc.
1 st	Victor Mastandrea Jr.	Tom Webb Contracting, LLC



Danielle Hunsicker is now General Manager, Commercial Sales at Dal-Tile.

Bob Ober is now Architectural Sales Representative at YKK AP America, Inc.



Member News

August 2014

Congratulations to winners of CSI Pittsburgh's *Major Awards*

at the 2014 Awards Banquet at Cefalo's

Raymond A. Fisher Memorial Award – The Chapter's highest honor.

Awarded to **Gail Lynn Nagie** in memory of one of the chapter's founders and its first president, for his or her service to the chapter, region, and Institute to carry out the ideals set forth by Mr. Fisher to promote the purposes of the Institute. Gail has been very active in serving the chapter, region and Institute and was selected by the chapter past presidents.

Harry Ray Nay Memorial Award – The Chapter's second highest honor.

Awarded to **RonnaLeah Prindible** for exemplary service dedicated to the purposes of the Institute, in memory of the region's first director. RonnaLeah has been very active in serving the chapter and region activities and was selected by the chapter past presidents.

Kenneth T. Nagie Memorial Award

Presented to **David K. Miller**, who has through his activities, exemplified the loyalty, dedication and enthusiasm as a mentor to promote the objectives of the Institute, which Kenneth T. Nagie exhibited throughout his career in the construction industry. David is an acclaimed supporter of the goals of the Institute and an active participant in the Chapter.

Education Award

Presented to **Michael D. Moyta** for his significant individual efforts in promoting the objectives of the Chapter and Institute through his distinguished and unselfish services to the Pittsburgh Chapter 2013-2014 FY by contacting and establishing relationships with local colleges and universities and organizing and monitoring educational seminars that were presented.

Education Award

Presented to **Dennis Buirge** for his significant individual efforts in promoting the objectives of the Chapter and Institute through his distinguished and unselfish services to the Pittsburgh Chapter 2013-2014 FY by developing and presenting the educational seminar "Specifications for Non-Spec Writers" to local colleges and universities.

HAPPENINGS

August 2014



CONSTRUCT CSI **2014**

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BALTIMORE
EDUCATION: SEPTEMBER 9-12 | EXHIBITS: SEPTEMBER 10-11
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SHOW DATES

Education: September 9-12, 2014
Exhibits: September 10-11, 2014

LOCATION

Baltimore Convention Center.

ON-SITE REGISTRATION HOURS

Tuesday, September 9, 7:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, September 10, 6:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday, September 11, 6:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Friday, September 12, 7:00 AM – 11:00 AM

CONFERENCE

Tuesday, September 9, 8:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Wednesday, September 10, 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM
Thursday, September 11, 7:30 AM – 5:30 PM
Friday, September 12, 7:30 AM – 10:30 AM

GENERAL SESSION/KEYNOTE

Wednesday, September 10, 9:00 AM – 10:30 AM

EXHIBIT HALL

Wednesday, September 10, 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM
Thursday, September 11, 10:30 AM – 4:30 PM



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