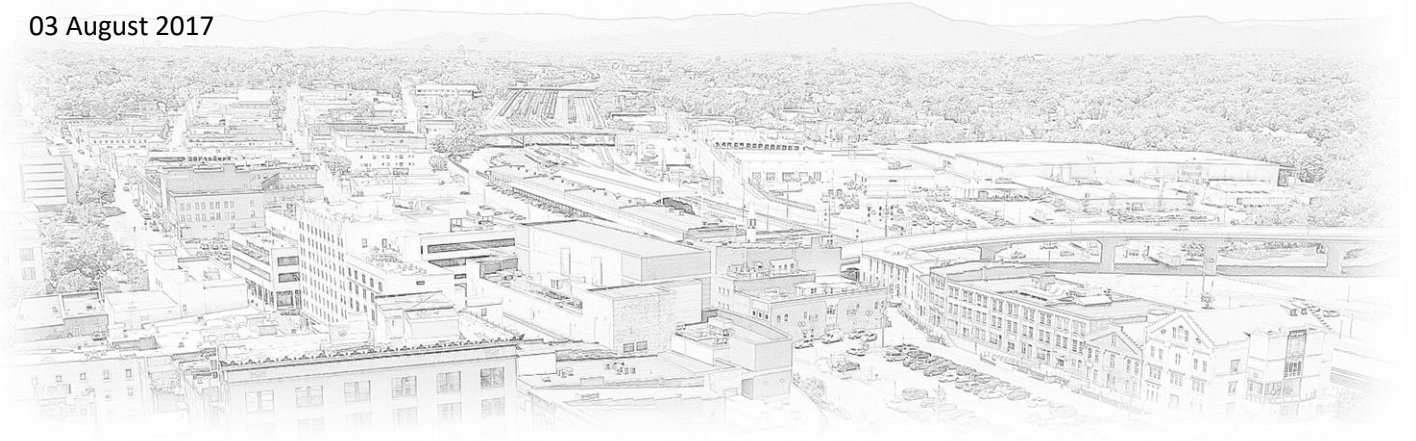


CSI Mid-Atlantic Region

Blue Ridge Chapter Report

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CHAPTER MEETING INFORMATION

The monthly Chapter membership meeting is held at 5:30 PM on the third Thursday of the month at Jersey Lily's Roadhouse, 1650 Braeburn Drive, Salem, Virginia.

At the dinner that precedes the meeting at 7:00 PM, attendees order from the restaurant menu and pay their own checks. Dinner costs range from \$8 to \$22.

Average attendance is seven, which is about 26 percent of the membership.

The regular Chapter Board meeting is held at 5:30 PM on the first Tuesday of the month at the office of AECOM in Roanoke, Virginia.

STANDING COMMITTEES

Committee	Chair	Number of Members	Tasks
Academic Affairs, Certification, and Education	Glen Reimer	1	CDT training class
Bylaws, Historian, and Library	(vacant)	0	
Finance	Kyle Dobbins	2	Monitoring Chapter finances.
Membership	Alan Tuck	2	Membership growth and outreach.
Nominating, Technical, and Tellers	Leo Tolia	1	Soliciting members to serve on the Chapter Board, scheduling and conducting annual elections.
Programs	Kyle Dobbins	2	Organizing and scheduling monthly chapter meetings.
Publications	Nida DeBusk	1	Chapter website and Facebook account maintenance.

CHAPTER PROGRAMS

Month	Program
July 2017	No program.
August 2017	No program.
21 September 2017	AIA, ASHRAE, and CSI Continuing Education and Networking Event Roanoke City Market Building.
19 October 2017	Managing Difficult Clients presented by Heath Suddleson with Executive Achievement, LLC
November 2017	Net Zero Schools presented by Rob Winstead with Stantec Architecture in Charlottesville. Joint Meeting with USGBC and AIA.
December 2017	No program. Board Members meet for dinner at Virginia Tech on 5 Dec.
January 2018	Not yet set.
23 February 2018	Not yet set.
March 2018	Not yet set.
April 2018	Not yet set.
May 2018	Not yet set.
June 2018	No program

SPECIAL PROJECTS

CSI will be assisting our local AIA chapter with an all-day educational event on 21 September. CSI will assist with staffing and with locating vendors who are willing to exhibit products.

The Chapter is hoping to sponsor a CDT training class, either in the fall or the spring on 2018.

The Chapter is considering hosting a day seminar on upcoming changes regarding Special Inspections in the 2015 Virginia Building Code.

The chapter will be hosing programs in conjunction with USGBC, AIA, and ASCE in an effort to boost attendance and to advertise our presence.

The Chapter has been contacting local architects, engineers, contractors, and product suppliers, and distributing meeting announcements to those interested in an effort to increase meeting attendance.

DISCUSSION ITEMS FOR MEETING

a. Issues facing the chapter:

- i. Difficulty in recruiting new members. Chapter membership has been stagnant at around 25 members for years.
- ii. Lack of member interest in chapter events.
- iii. Little membership interest in becoming a chapter officer or director. The same 4 to 6 people have continued as chapter officers and directors since approximately 2009, when the chapter was restarted.
- iv. The lack of dedicated members willing to invest time in the chapter make it difficult to impossible to stage large events and fundraisers. Chapter income is limited to dues.

b. Thoughts on solutions:

- i. Upgrade chapter web page to allow posting of news links, resources for specifiers, and other information that might attract people to our page. Include information on the benefits of CSI membership. Provide information on chapter membership and board meetings.
- ii. Contact local construction industry businesses. Obtain the names of business representatives willing to distribute information on chapter membership meetings within the business. Send announcements on chapter meetings to the representatives for distribution.
- iii. Spend a few minutes at each membership meeting reviewing recent CSI national and regional activities. Discuss benefits of CSI membership. Discuss benefits of CSI certifications, review certification procedures and resources.

Respectfully submitted,



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