



**Specifics**

**SF CSI Chapter Meeting**

**Wednesday, May 12, 2010 | 5:30 - 8:30 PM  
Sheraton Fisherman's Wharf Hotel**

**TRANSBAY TRANSIT CENTER PROJECT**

**Robert Beck, Senior Program Manager, TJPA**

Robert Beck will discuss in detail the \$4 billion Transbay Transit Center project, which will replace the current Transbay Terminal at First and Mission streets. The new Transbay Transit Center will create a "Grand Central Station of the West" in downtown San Francisco, connecting eight Bay Area counties and the State of California through ten transit systems: AC Transit, BART, Caltrain, Golden Gate Transit, Greyhound, Muni, SamTrans, WestCAT Lynx, Amtrack, and future High Speed Rail.

The project is currently in the preconstruction phase. Beginning this summer, demolition of bus ramps will begin, and bus operations will move to the Temporary Terminal. Robert Beck will explain the Transbay Transit Center's two phases of construction and show a detailed animation narrated by Peter Coyote. The presentation will conclude with an opportunity for questions.

Robert Beck is the Senior Program Manager of the TJPA. Previously, he worked for the City and County of San Francisco, including 18 years at the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the Department of Public Works (DPW). Most recently, as Deputy Director of Engineering with DPW, he oversaw a wide range of major capital projects and programs for the City of San Francisco.

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2500 Mason Street, San Francisco      7:00 PM - 8:30 PM      Dinner & Program

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*President Jim O'Keefe*

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

By Jim O'Keefe, CSI

This last month has been very busy for our Chapter, and the next few months will be just as busy for all of us. In April, we had our Annual ProFair at UCSF Mission Bay Conference Center, plus our annual election of Officers and Directors for the 2010 – 2011 upcoming year. In addition, we hosted a special Northern California Leadership Conference for all the local CSI Chapters.

The 2010 ProFair, our annual fundraiser, by all accounts was a great success. We had a full house of vendors (at last count it was 48) and a tremendous number of architects, designers and specifiers talking with the vendors on a variety of topics and issues. While the event was over at 7:00 PM, it seemed that many people stayed around later. A special thank you must go to Larry Fosnight, this year's ProFair Chair, and his Committee for the outstanding job they did in planning, organizing and executing the event. The venue was great, the food wonderful, and the spirit and networking tremendous.

April was also the month that we received our ballots to vote for the officers and directors for the 2010 – 2011 year. I hope that you all voted, and I wish the new Board well.

Finally, in April your Chapter hosted a Saturday afternoon Leadership Conference for current and evolving CSI leaders throughout Northern California. We had participants from our Chapter, the East Bay

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**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**

**June 9** – Awards Banquet and Silent Auction

**July 14** – Dinner Meeting  
 Troubleshooting Plaster

**August 11** – Dinner Meeting

**September 8** – Dinner Meeting

**September 30-October 3**  
 West Region Conference  
 Tenaya Lodge, Yosemite



*Julie Brown, John Raeber, John McCaffrey, and Dwayne Brown*

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- Oakland Chapter, the Sacramento Chapter, the Redwood Empire Chapter, and the Fresno Chapter. The highly interactive conference covered (1) Fiduciary responsibilities of chapter boards, (2) Membership development, and (3) Running a Chapter – the challenges of motivating, mentoring, and delegating. The conference was well received by all who attended and concluded with a push for this type of event to be held annually. I would like to especially thank Dave Ingram, our Chapter Treasurer, for his willingness to single-handedly organize and moderate this event.

In May, we have an outstanding program that will update us on what is going on at the new Transbay Transit Center in downtown San Francisco. Robert Beck, the Senior Program Manager for the project, will detail the \$4 billion project that some have called “The Grand Central Station of the West” and is planned to start this summer with the demolition of local bus ramps.

Then in June we have our traditional Awards Meeting where we thank outgoing Board members for the time and effort they have voluntarily devoted to the Chapter this past year. We also swear in our new President and Board for the upcoming year, 2010 – 2011. I am also pleased to announce that the San Francisco CSI Foundation will be holding a silent auction of art and other good things donated by various CSI members throughout the Bay Area at our Awards Meeting.

After reading the preceding paragraphs, what comes to mind is the value of volunteering. As a CSI friend mentioned to me this weekend, what we learn from the opportunities CSI gives us through networking and volunteering is worth a lifetime of the kind of experiences one might learn in the classroom or in the corporate world. What we learn from getting involved in CSI gives us the skills and experiences that will propel us in our professional lives.

James O’Keefe  
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ProFair welcomers Dave Ingram and Stacey Ver



*Duane Johnson, FCSI*

## WEST REGION CORNER

By Duane M. Johnson  
 West Region President

I want to start this month's column by congratulating the winners of our recent election. For FY11 our leaders are:

- Institute Director, West Region - Stephen Nash, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA
- Region President - Craig Mount, CSI, CDT, AIA
- Region Vice President - Dave Willis, CSI, CDT, CCCM

I also want to offer my sincere thanks to the unsuccessful candidates Gary Tinseth, Brian Cournoyer, Don Lambrecht, and D. Michael Fuller who made the commitment and offered their names into the race.

In addition just prior to this election, our Region had a special election to approve our revised Bylaws in which they were overwhelmingly approved. Before we could "officially" nominate anyone for the offices above, we needed to get these bylaws revisions approved by our membership. This prior election was necessary to bring our bylaws into conformance with the requirements of the Institute's new governance model, such as splitting my current position into two (Institute Director and Region President). The current approved Bylaws are now posted on our new and vastly improved Region Website. Thanks certainly go to our Task Team leader Stephen Nash for his tenacity in following through on the Bylaws revisions. I know that spirit will serve this Region well in the Institute Board room.

About a month ago, we had a very productive Mid-Year Board meeting and Open Speak-up at our new location closer to the Oakland airport. Friday night's session also allowed us to correct an omission from Awards ceremony at the Region Conference in Berkeley. It was a pleasure to see our Membership Co-Chairs, Jennifer Alexander and Craig Mount, present our long term membership guru, Bryan Varner, a Best of the West award for leading the nation in member recruitment in the contest held earlier in 2009. His efforts were a major part in giving us a "Triple Crown" with his personal achievement in addition to helping his home chapter, Redwood Empire, place first which also helped the Region place first. Congratulations Bryan, I know you will keep that critical mentoring alive.

The open-mike speak-up session built on Bryan's recognition. We spent a lot of very productive time discussing how to do Leadership training. We debated how we used to do it, how we can be more inclusive, and at what venues can this very important element of

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our organization's health get the best return on investment. I want to continue to use this and any other forum I can get to reinforce my belief that we need to expand our traditional scope and look beyond the current leaders. This is not to imply that their training does not still need to happen, but there are at least some current attempts by various Institute committees to address it. Most recently, our own Dennis Hall from San Diego, as Institute Membership Chair, put on a very helpful session at the Institute Convention in Indianapolis; and it will be updated and presented again this year in Philly.

I believe we need to reach further out into our ranks to our "Newbie" members also. These are the bright future prospects that most chapters have but that aren't yet ready to even be a committee chair or chapter Board member. Because of this they rarely get funding to attend the Region Conference or the Institute Convention where most of the "Leadership" training currently is being done.

The next day I started the Region Board meeting by building on the previous night's discussion. I suggested a theme for our day's discussions: "To find ways to add value to CSI membership that can be carried over into the workplace." Once this is recognized by our employers, they would then have an incentive to support and encourage CSI membership. To this end we discussed the four main leadership training topics listed on the recent Region Performance Questionnaire created by the Institute R.A.P.P. committee. None are how to be a secretary or how to be a treasurer, but much more general and certainly subjects that have helped me throughout my professional career.

- Parliamentary Procedures
- Running Effective Meetings
- Board Responsibilities
- Fiduciary / Finance

These are skills that any employer will see as having value in the growth of his employee, in helping run his business, and being productive in his or his client's Board Room.

As this is getting very long, I will defer the rest until my next column. I must say, however, that our Board is committed to stepping up our training. Our incoming President, Craig Mount, told the Board he will be naming a Leadership Committee Chair for his term and we adopted funding for a separate Leadership event (more later on this).

Another item that I have received a lot of questions regarding was resolved by the Board. We will be switching our Annual Conference (with its required Members meeting) from the Fall back into a Spring



*Richard Potter and Liesl Morrell*

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*ProFair Booths*

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*Patrick Raney of W.R. Meadows*

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time slot. It was suggested by the Institute to evaluate this as after our May meeting in Philadelphia this year; they will be switching to a “permanent” time slot in late September / early October. Our Board therefore believed that this would create travel issues if both region and institute meetings were in the fall, as well as problems with conference product shows. Therefore our Board adopted the following Region Conference schedule. Thank you to Julie Brown and her Task Team for evaluating the multiple options and presenting a well thought out recommendation.

- FY11 Sept. 2010, Fresno Chapter, Tenaya Lodge Resort at Yosemite
- FY12 Spring 2012, Santa Clara Valley & San Francisco Chapters
- FY13 Spring 2013, Redwood Empire Chapter
- FY14 Spring 2014, Honolulu Chapter
- FY15 Spring 2015, San Diego Chapter



*Phil Brewer of WoodWorks*

Finally, Congratulations to Santa Clara Valley on your 50th Anniversary. It was a pleasure to attend the event and see a room full of mentors & mentees. I’ll close by mentioning one of my mentors whom I thanked that evening, Mel Cole, FCSI, Member Emeritus, CCS, SCIP. He had my job when I was a region “pup” chairing the Education committee. His advice was: If you have a good idea, let’s hear it! I haven’t been shy since.



*John McCaffrey, Lois Day, and Paulette Salisbury at ProFair*





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## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

By Paul Miller, Membership Chair

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Mike and Karsten of LP Building Products with Ron Ronconi



R.E. Edwards booth



*Eric Patricio in Kelly-Moore Paint booth*



*Hager Hardware booth*



*Don Pilz & Aaron Rosin of Cemco*

## GOT WINE?

By Jack Klemeyer, FCSI

If you would enjoy donating artwork, wine, or any other fun items to be bid on for the benefit of the Foundation let us know. Your donation will help some very bright students in local colleges and universities in construction industry-related courses of study further their education. The funds we raised last year provided \$5,000 in scholarships for three different applicants. If you would enjoy contributing your talent for the benefit of the SF CSI Foundation, we would sure enjoy showcasing your abilities at the Chapter Awards Banquet on June 9! Please contact Paulette Salisbury ([psalisbury@sbcglobal.net](mailto:psalisbury@sbcglobal.net)) or Jack Klemeyer ([wvk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wvk@sbcglobal.net)) to discuss this further if it sounds appealing -- many thanks.



*Linda Stansen with her Chinese-style brush painting, a contribution to the silent auction in June 2009.*





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## CSI CONNECTION

Contributed by Vivian Volz, RA, CSI, CCS, LEED

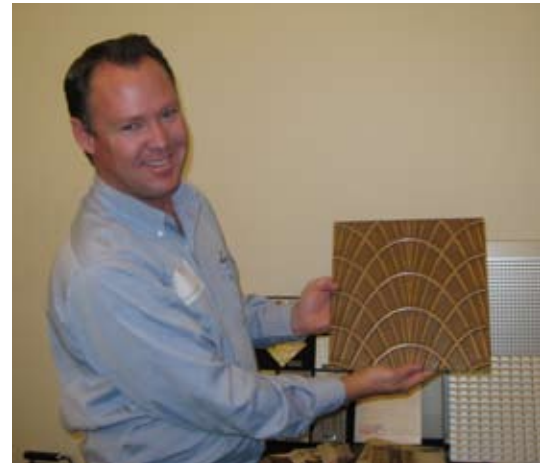
Have you visited [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org) lately? If not, you're in for a welcome surprise. CSI has overhauled its website, and the results are faster, more attractive, and far friendlier to newcomers than the old site. Updates will continue throughout the year, but we're off to a great start. Go exploring!

While you are there, please check your own profile. For over ten percent of our chapter members, we have no working email address! Visit CSInet, click on "My CSI," and choose "Update My Profile." Please update your information with the best way for your chapter and your colleagues to reach you. Our chapter and the West Region use your CSI profile instead of keeping our own rosters, so you can "Say It Once in the Right Place."

The website isn't all that's updated! MasterFormat's first major revision since 2004 is now available on CSInet, at <http://csinet.org/Home-Page-Category/Formats/MasterFormat/MasterFormat-2010-Update-Numbers-Titles.aspx>, and the updates are all rolled into [www.MasterFormat.com](http://www.MasterFormat.com), too. Quite a few products and systems have been recognized with their own numbers and titles, like 03 35 43 Polished Concrete Finishing. Updates are continuously considered and are released on an annual basis, sustaining MasterFormat as an up-to-date standard CSI can be proud of.



Vivian Volz



Mike Schaller of The Gage Corporation shows an architectural metal product.



Eileen & Dave Falk of Spec-Rite Designs



Rose Garrison



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Mike McCarthy of Stego



The CSI Foundation held a wine raffle to benefit scholarships - Ron Ronconi, Jack Klemeyer, and Alan Tokugawa



Richard Blach of Tremco



Our ProFair Chair, Larry Fosnight of Assa Abloy



Oldcastle Glass booth



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*John Raeber, Bill Buchholz, and  
Linda Stansen*



*Joe Quaranta and his son*



*Vivian Volz and  
her daughter Flora*



*Michael Chambers and Bryan Varner*



*John Maillard*



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