

# CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14TH SMARTVIEVS



#### **CSI Knoxville Chapter Meeting**

Tuesday, November 14th **Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST) "Smartviews"** Susan Dakak, AIA 1 LU/HSW

In-Person Meeting Location: Associated General Contractors (AGC) Address: 3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909

RSVP: Click here to RSVP for Lunch Meeting

#### **SCHEDULE**

11:30 am - 12:00 pm Sign-In & Networking 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Presentation

\$10 Per CSI member unless prepaid Guests are free for first visit, then \$20 each meeting.

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The Knoxville Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month, except July & December. Guests are Welcome! ORGANIZED SEPTEMBER 1958 - CHARTERED MAY 1959



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### CALENDAR OF EVENTS NOVEMBER 2023

- 07 <u>CSI Board Meeting</u> Tuesday, November 7th Zoom Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
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#### **DECEMBER 2023**

- 05 <u>CSI Board Meeting</u> Tuesday, December 5th Zoom Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 12 <u>CSI Chapter Christmas Dinner Cruise</u> Tuesday, December 12, 2023 Boarding: 6:00 - 6:30 p.m. Cruising: 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

Join us for our annual Christmas celebration of drinks, dinner, and an unforgettable evening. Head down the greenway ramp to the Volunteer Landing Marina.

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NOVEMBER 2023

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

#### WHAT A LONG, STRANGE TRIP...

Brent Williams, CSI, CDT CSI Knoxville Chapter President <u>brent@archteva.com</u>



What a long, strange trip... Greetings, CSI Knoxvillians. It's good to finally be able to sit down

and write you a brief report on the happenings around the Chapter over the last couple of months.

October was a crazy month for both the Chapter and me personally. The CSI National Conference was held in Minneapolis during the first week of the month and I coupled the conference with a visit to the 3M Laboratory to connect the dots on some things that we are working on with regard to my product lines.

The lab trip was amazing as always, because 3M is one of the predominant material science companies in the world and they are always crafting something new that will continue to put them on the bleeding edge of innovation.

At the National Conference, we had a number of our members in attendance, among them Suzan Jordan, our Treasurer, Gary Bergeron, Kathryn Fuller, Lexi Anderson, Tyler Goza and myself. The events were up to the usual high standards that the Institute is known for, the speakers were outstanding and everyone that I connected with shared the view that our Institute is going in the right direction.

From a personal standpoint, I've been traveling a TON lately, more than my typical (insane) schedule. Looking back, I've been on the road for 6 of the last 7 weeks and my hotel loyalty program pointed out that I've spent over 120 room nights on the road so far this year...and I didn't travel at all during the first quarter because of my cancer treatments. I think that I've earned my Business Travel Masochist Merit Badge this year and I'm hoping that my schedule will back off a ton going forward.

As we look ahead to the holiday season, please make your reservations early for our Annual Holiday Excursion on the Volunteer Princess. We're limited to 50 attendees, so reach out to Suzan Jordan, our amazing, do-it-all Treasurer to secure your spot. RSVP csiknox@gmail.com

We have lots to do in order to continue the growth and industry involvement that CSI Knoxville is known for, so please consider taking on a volunteer position or leading a task team. Reach out to me for more information.

As always, I truly value what each and every one of you brings to our organization and I am excited for the future and humbled to be a small part of it as your President.

Yours in Service, Brent Williams, CSI, CDT Chief Creative Evangelist, Archteva

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## FALL 2023 REGISTRATION & EXAM DATES

#### Registration information for the CDT®, CCCA®, CCS®, and CCPR®

	Member*	Non-Member*	Student - CDT Only	
Early Bird Registration 8/9/23 - 9/5/23	\$425	\$685	\$185	
Standard Registration 9/6/23 - 10/6/23	\$525	\$785	\$185	
Final Registration 10/7/23 - 11/17/23	\$625	\$885	\$185	
Exam Window	11/14/23 - 12/14/23			
Results Notification (via email)	Early 2024			

\*Registration costs do not include study materials. Visit our bookstore to purchase CSI practice guides and study workbooks.

Group Registration: If your organization has 10 or more certification applicants, please contact Themica McBee at <u>tmcbee@csinet.org</u> for group registration and pricing.

## Presentation Summary

#### **SMARTVIEWS**

Susan Dakak, President/Principal-In-Charge <a href="https://smartviewsllc.com/">https://smartviewsllc.com/</a>

Susan has more than 40 years of experience in civil engineering with a degree from Tennessee Technological University in Cookeville, TN. She has served as a technical advisor for sewer rehabilitation projects for municipalities throughout the southeastern United States. She utilizes unique technologies to solve wastewater overflow and stormwater flooding problems and participates in national and regional professional conferences. Mrs. Dakak has also given talks about new methodologies, such as pipe bursting and cured-inplace lining. In January 2003, Mrs. Dakak volunteered to assist her native country, Iraq, with its reconstruction efforts. She spent six months in Iraq investigating the country's wastewater collection system/ helping standardize rehabilitation methods, as well as working on Women's rights during the establishment of the new Iraq's constitution.

Susan's publications include:

Dakak, S. (September/October 2009). A Shout-Out from Iraq to PW Professionals.

Dakak, S. (May 2002). Infrastructure Management Systems and Control Methods. Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Federation.

Dakak, S. (November 2001). Sanitary Sewers Rehabilitation Methodologies and Evaluation. Kentucky-Tennessee Water Environment Federation.

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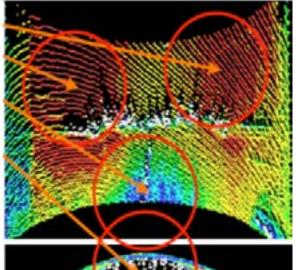
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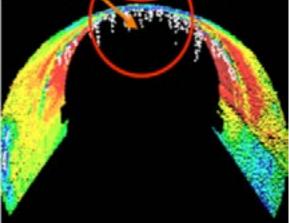
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