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The Construction Specifications Institute

**TUESDAY, MARCH 19TH**  
***EAST TN BUILDING PRODUCTS***  
***SHOW AND ACCESSIBILITY***  
***SEMINAR***



CITY OF KNOXVILLE

**ADA ITEMS  
OFTEN  
OVERLOOKED**



Everyone in the design and construction industry is invited to this free event.



**ACCESSIBILITY SEMINAR: 2:00 - 4:00 PM**

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PRESENTED BY STEPHANIE COOK, CITY OF KNOXVILLE

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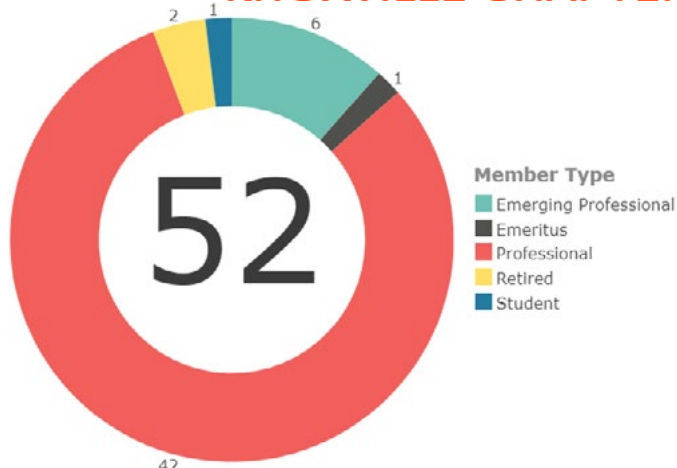


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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### MARCH 2024

- 05 **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, March 5th  
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 12 **No CSI Chapter Meeting for March. Please attend the CSI Knoxville East TN Building Product Show on March 19th.**
- 19 **CSI Knoxville East TN Building Product Show:**  
Tuesday, March 19th, 4:00 pm-7:00 pm, Foundry on the Fair Site  
[747 Worlds Fair Park Dr., Knoxville, TN 37902](https://www.csi-knoxville.org/2024-east-tennessee-building-products-show)  
[Click to Pre-Register for Accessibility Seminar](#)



### APRIL 2024

- 05 **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, April 2nd  
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 09 **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, April 9th  
Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)  
"We Didn't Start The Fire: Fires Throughout History" Presented By Gary Bergeron, Kelso-Regen, 1 AIA HSW/LU  
  
**In-Person Meeting Location:** Associated General Contractors (AGC)  
[3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](https://www.agc-knoxville.org/)  
  
**RSVP: Boxed Lunch Provided**  
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- 18 **Blueprint Reading Course:**  
When: Starts Thursday, April 18th - every Thursday afternoon for 6 weeks  
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Cost: \$75 per person, space is limited to 30 people  
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## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

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We certainly can use some additional members on our Board and Committees, so some additional hands to help us keep moving forward. Please join us for a special Product Show and Accessibility Seminar on Tuesday, March 19th at The Foundry on the Fair site.



## CSI NEWS

### 2024 MEAL PLAN OPTIONS



Starting in January 2023, the CSI dues no longer included the cost of monthly meals. The Knoxville Chapter Board voted on February 6, 2024 to implement a 2024 Meal Plan Option for the CSI Chapter.

Monthly meal costs are \$20 per person for lunch. This can be paid online in advance as you make your reservation at [CSI Meal Ticket](#)

The chapter is offering a discount meal ticket for \$100 which will cover all the rest of the monthly lunches this year. (a \$40 savings) You may purchase this online shortly or contact Suzan Jordan ([suzanwjordan@yahoo.com](mailto:suzanwjordan@yahoo.com)) to receive an invoice for this amount.

A reservation for each meeting is still required in order to provide the caterer with a correct food count.

Students and first time guests are always free.







# 2024

# East Tennessee Building Products Show

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## PRESENTATION SUMMARY

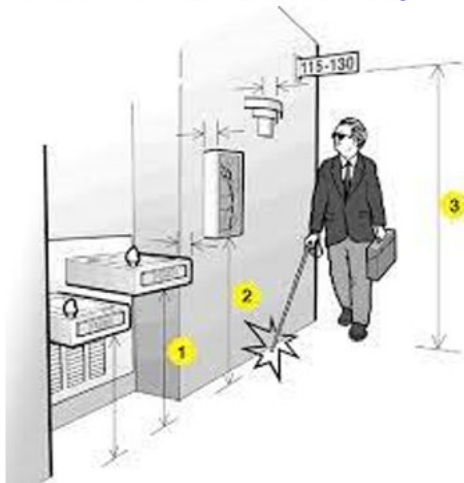


*Diversity is being invited to the party.  
Inclusion is being asked to dance. – Verna Myers*

Stephanie Brewer Cook ADA Coordinator for City of Knoxville says, "Don't wait until a loved one is disabled to think about ADA... 60 million Americans with disabilities, or 1 out of every 6 people in the USA are disabled; PERSPECTIVE: Neyland stadium seats about 100,000 people, so that's 600 Neyland stadiums."

She will discuss terms of accessibility items that are often overlooked at our CSI Knoxville seminar and East Tennessee Building Products Show on March 19th.

### *Drinking Fountain Alcove Accommodates Visually Impaired*



Visually impaired can collide with fountains if they are not located in an alcove. Objects that protrude into the path of travel can be no more than 4" between 27" and 80" above the finished floor—this is the area used by a person who is blind to "sweep" their white cane when detecting obstacles.

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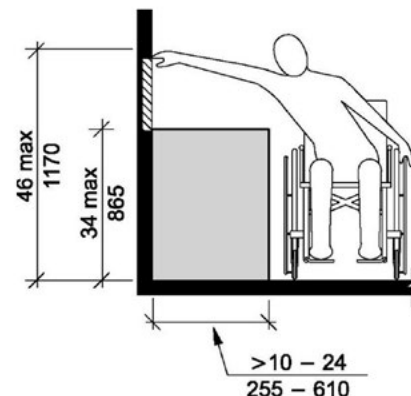
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### WHAT IS THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT?

Celebrating 30 Years of the ADA The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law on July 26, 1990. The ADA is one of America's most comprehensive pieces of civil rights legislation that prohibits discrimination and guarantees that people with disabilities have the same opportunities as everyone else to participate in the mainstream of American life -- to enjoy employment opportunities, to purchase goods and services, and to participate in State and local government programs and services.

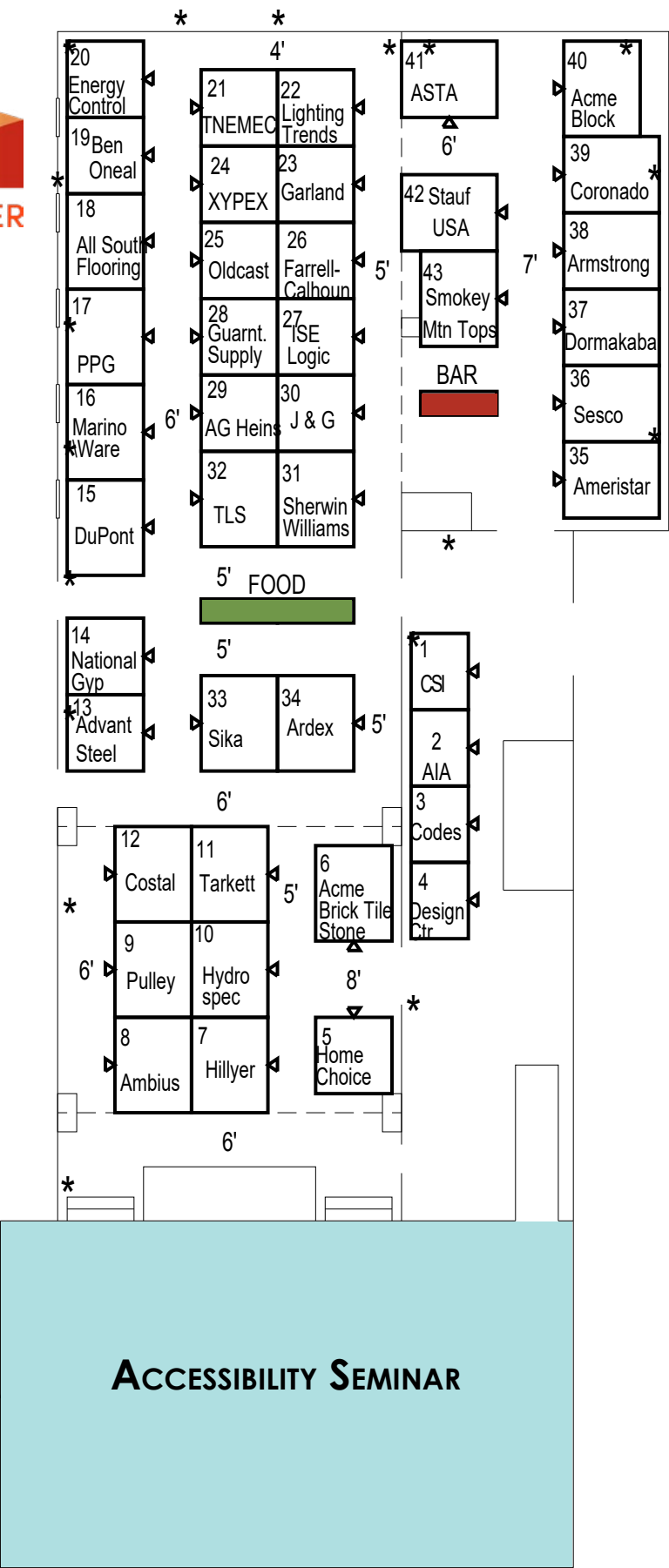
### *Kitchen and Bathroom Receptacle Height*



Receptacles located over cabinet work are to be located maximum of 46" high.

<https://www.iccsafe.org/building-safety-journal/bsj-technical/outlets-in-kitchens-and-bathrooms-plug-into-the-details/>

# 2024 ETN BUILDING PRODUCTS SHOW





## CSI LEARNING

## BLUEPRINT READING CLASS

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## A Five Year (and counting) Collaboration Story

About five years ago, John Ewart with the Associated General Contractors (AGC) in Knoxville, called our office and asked about coordinating a blueprint reading class for new construction industry employees. I explained drawings were now black line copies, no longer the old-fashioned ammonia developed blueprints, but that our CSI Knoxville chapter had several members who could teach most disciplines. There were some areas, however, in which I knew we did not have members - structural and civil.

Beth Crisco-Kestner is the National Association of Women In Construction (NAWIC) chapter president, a good teacher and a structural engineer. She suggested Robert Johnson with her company (CEC) to teach the civil engineering portion of the class.

We also enlisted a local electrical contractor who has taught electrical apprentices. David Rouse is a very good teacher with several years' experience in an electrical classroom environment.

Next, we contacted Suzan Jordan CSI, CDT, CCPR who was able to provide and coordinate access to the



classroom. Our 2024 teaching team consists of Kathy Proctor FCSI, AIA, CDT for architectural, Robert Johnson PE for civil, Beth Crisco-Kestner PE for structural, David Rouse for electrical, Aaron Miller CSI, AIA, CDT and Ben Brewer AIA, LEED AP, CSI, CCCA for specifications, and Gary Bergeron FCSI for HVAC, plumbing, and fire sprinklers.

We have taught this class for several years and have become partners with AGC and NAIWIC. CSI Knoxville has been given complimentary access to the AGC classroom for our CSI meetings.

We are pleased to have several women involved as teachers and role models in this traditionally male dominated profession.

CSI Knoxville chapter received a complimentary copy of the Procore software and several lessons on running the system, tracking the drawings, specifications, addendums, RFI, ASI's and other related items. We can now provide an introduction to Procore tablet-based construction document management software.

The Nashville AGC also contacted us to teach a similar class to their Nashville members. We have enlisted several CSI Nashville members and will begin to teach that class soon.

Working with other professional groups allows everyone to benefit. We have been using the CSI tagline "Building Knowledge, Improving Project Delivery" for several years here in Knoxville and believe we are doing exactly that!



# **Blue Print Reading Course**

**When:** Starts Thursday, April 18th - every Thursday afternoon for 6 weeks

**Time:** 5:30pm to 7:00pm

**Where:** Associated General Contractors (AGC)  
**3306 Ragsdale Ave, Knoxville, TN 37909**

**Cost:** \$75 per person, space is limited to 30 people

**RSVP:** Email John Ewart at AGC [john@knoxtnagc.org](mailto:john@knoxtnagc.org)

## **Schedule:**

- 1. Introduction and Architecture: Thursday, April 18th**
  - **Suzan Jordan CSI, CDT, CCPR, w/ DuPont Tyvek and Kathy Proctor FCSI, AIA, CDT**
- 2. Civil: Thursday, April 25th**
  - **Robert Johnson PE, w/ Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC)**
- 3. Structural: Thursday, May 2nd**
  - **Beth Crisco-Kestner PE, NAWIC; w/ Civil and Environmental Consultants (CEC)**
- 4. HVAC, Plumbing and Fire Sprinklers: Thursday, May 9th**
  - **Gary Bergeron FCSI, w/ Kelso-Regen Associates**
- 5. Electrical: Thursday, May 16th**
  - **David Rouse, Master Electrician w/ Shoffner/Kaltoff MES**
- 6. Specifications: Thursday, May 23rd**
  - **Aaron Miller AIA, CSI CDT and Ben Brewer AIA, LEED AP, CSI, CCCA w/ MHM Architects**





# SPRING 2024 REGISTRATION & EXAM DATES

	Member*	Non-Member*	Student — CDT Only
<b>Early Bird Registration</b> 2/15/24 - 3/19/24	\$425	\$685	\$185
<b>Standard Registration</b> 3/20/24 - 4/25/24	\$525	\$785	\$185
<b>Final Registration</b> 4/26/24 - 5/10/24	\$625	\$885	\$185
<b>Exam Window</b>	5/6/24 - 6/6/24		
<b>Results Notification</b> (via email)	Mid-July 2024		

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

**Have 10 or more certification applicants within your organization?**

For group pricing and registration, please contact Themica McBee, Membership Services Manager at [tmcbee@csinet.org](mailto:tmcbee@csinet.org).



# PROJECT ARCHITECT

Join our dynamic and growing architectural firm, committed to delivering innovative and highly collaborative design solutions. Our projects are diverse, ranging from custom residential to restaurants, hotels, storage facilities and commercial shell buildings.

As a project architect with oysk3 architects you will play a key role in leading and managing multiple projects from conception, through design, navigate permitting and into construction at times. This position requires being fully licensed and five to eight years of project management experience with strong people and communication skills.

## Responsibilities

### Project Leadership

- o Oversee and guide the design process, for a majority of projects within the firm.
- o Communicate effectively within the firm, with various consultants and to all clients.
- o Ensure projects meet, or exceed, expectations set, including design needs, budget and schedule.

### Client Interactions

- o Collaborate with clients to understand and help define their vision, needs and project requirements.
- o Consistently communicate any questions, issues or schedule updates.
- o Respond in a timely manner to all inquiries.

### Team Management

- o Lead and mentor our growing team of interns and production staff.
- o Foster a team approach with a collaborative and creative mindset.
- o Encourage learning, asking questions and continued growth for all.

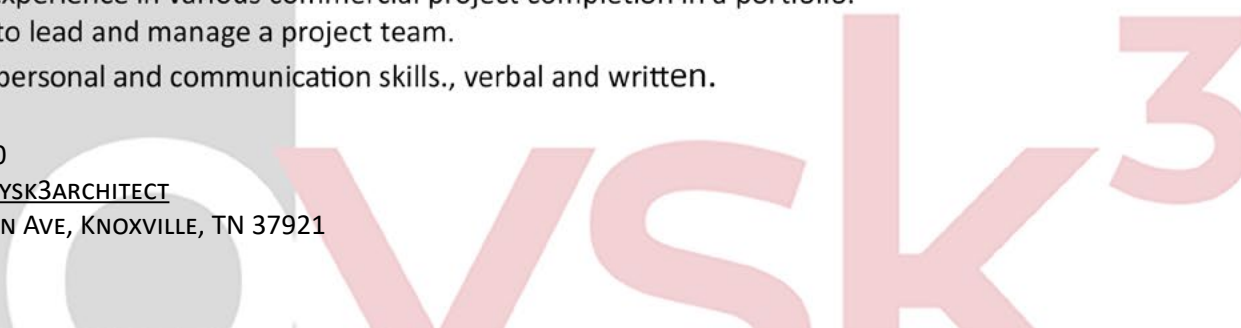
### Quality Assurance

- o Support processes in place to provide a consistent quality in project deliverables.
- o Conduct team and project reviews to maintain a consistent, reliable and responsive environment for staff, consultants and clients.
- o Be open to constructive criticism as well as share it in a supportive manner.

## Qualifications

- o Licensed Architect, held for eight to ten years.
- o Demonstrate experience in various commercial project completion in a portfolio.
- o Proven ability to lead and manage a project team.
- o Excellent interpersonal and communication skills., verbal and written.

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