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CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY, JANUARY 14TH

CSI KNOXVILLE *PAST, PRESENT, & FUTURE*

PRESENTED BY CSI KNOXVILLE PRESIDENT BRENT WILLIAMS



CSI Knoxville Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, January 14th

Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)

CSI Knoxville Past, Present, & Future

Presented By CSI Knoxville President Brent Williams

1 AIA LU/ HSW

In-Person Meeting Location:

Associated General Contractors (AGC)

Address: [3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](https://www.google.com/maps/place/3306+Ragsdale+Ave+NW,+Knoxville,+TN+37909)

SCHEDULE

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

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm Lunch Presentation

\$20 Per CSI member (Pay at the door: Cash, credit cards, or checks are accepted)

Guests are free on first visit, then \$20 each meeting.

RSVP: Lunch Provided [Click here to make Reservation](#)

The Knoxville Chapter meets on the second Tuesday of each month, U.N.O. in Calendar. Guests are Welcome!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY 2025

- 07 **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, January 7th
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
Zoom Meeting
- 14 **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, January 14th
Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)
State of the Chapter, Presented By CSI Knoxville Chapter President, Brent Williams

RSVP: Lunch Provided [Click to Make Reservation](#)

Location: The Associated General Contractors of Tennessee
[3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](#)

FEBRUARY 2024

- 04 **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, February 4th
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 11 **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, February 11th
Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)
Construction Law: Risk Allocation and Insurance Requirements, Presented By Paul Whitt from Lewis Thomason, 1 AIA HSW/LU

RSVP: Lunch Provided [Click to Make Reservation](#)

Location: The Associated General Contractors of Tennessee
[3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](#)

MARCH 2024

- 04 **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, March 4th
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 11 **CSI Knoxville East TN Building Product Show:**
Tuesday, March 11th, 2:00 pm - 7:00 pm, at Jackson Terminal

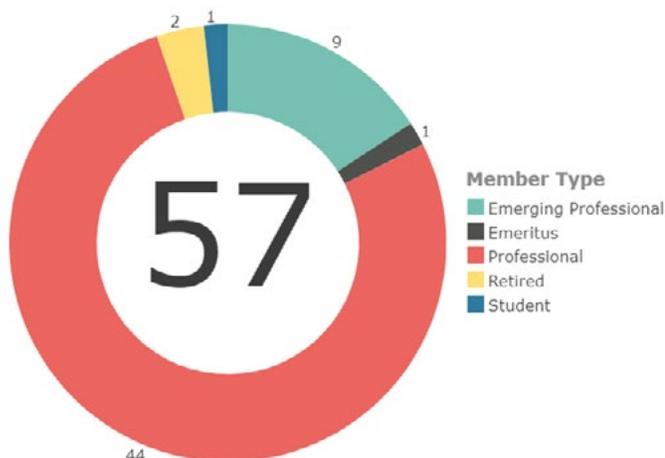
No CSI Chapter Lunch Meeting for March. Please join us for the CSI Knoxville East TN Building Product Show

2:00 pm - 4:00 pm Building Code Panel Discussion 1AIA LU/HSW

4:00 pm - 7:00 pm Products Show
Free heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served

Location: Jackson Terminal
[213 W. Jackson Ave, Knoxville TN 37902](#)

Vendors: [Click here for Exhibit Space Application](#)



THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS, CSI KNOXVILLIANS...

It's the beginning of the 4th quarter of this game we call "CSI vs. The World" and it's time to review our gameplan. When I agreed to take on the role of President of CSIK, early in 2021, we were still dealing with the issues and economic pressures caused by COVID. All of us were dealing with the chaos of altered work environments, schedule delays, materials shortages...you get it...it was a crazy time. Doubly so for your President, having been in a new job for less than a year when Queen Kathy reached out to see if I would be willing to serve another term in that role. Though times were particularly crazy for me at that point, I knew that my Chapter needed me and that there was a lot of work to do.



Since then, it seems like the previous 4 years have evaporated. My work had me traveling an inordinate amount, I had kids growing up and moving out and I was personally dealing with a cancer bout. It certainly wasn't the best time to be taking on a significant volunteer position...but I simply couldn't say no.

Now, I'm "three quarters" into this game, with 6 months left in my term. The first three seem to have evaporated in an instant and I feel like my personal situation has kept me from being the President that you deserve. But things are changing. My health is improving, work has settled down and the amazing team of folks around me at the Chapter have done absolutely incredible work in continuing to build on the Chapter's presence in our construction community.

So it's time for a bit of a recap, a little visioning and a discussion of what the future might hold for CSI Knoxville. In this month's educational offering, we're taking a moment away from our usual more traditional educational content to focus for a moment on our Chapter, its health and our future in both our local market as well as the greater industry.

This isn't going to be a simple "State of the Union Address", instead it's an interactive time of looking at where we've been and how we can leverage our history and mission to grow into the next 25 years of the industry. In particular, we will be looking at how we can reach out to segments of the industry that need better connections, discussing about how we can be more welcoming and inclusive to students, minorities, women and lesser served segments of our industry.

We also need to talk about education and how we can do a better job of growing the next generation of CSI Professionals in this rapidly changing industry. I hope that you'll come out and be a part of the future!

Yours in Service,
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PRESENTATION SUMMARY

CSI KNOXVILLE STATE OF THE CHAPTER ADDRESS

President Brent Williams will speak to the membership and guests about our past successes, our present status and our visions for the future.

We meet at the AGC Building at 3306 Ragsdale Ave. Lunch is served at 11:45 and the program begins at noon. Reservations are required.

Join the Knoxville Chapter of CSI for our January meeting! Hear from President Brent Williams about our accomplishments, current initiatives, and exciting plans for the future!

Lunch is served at 11:45am, providing time for valuable networking before the program commences at noon. Location: AGC Building, 3306 Ragsdale Ave.

Reservations are required.

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JANUARY 2025



2025

East Tennessee Building Products Show

March 11, 2025

Building Code Panel Discussion: 2:00 - 4:00 pm
Upcoming IBC adoptions in East Tennessee
1 AIA LU/HSW

Products Show: 4:00 - 7:00 pm
Free Heavy Hors D'oeuvres will be served

Jackson Terminal

213 W. Jackson Ave.
Knoxville, TN 37902

Everyone in the Design and Construction
Industry is invited to this free event!



CSI LEARNING

Networking Across the USA – Part 2

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People often speak of moments that leave a lasting impact, and this is one of those experiences. This is part two of a remarkable story about the CSI community uniting from opposite corners of the country to uplift a student.

Excitement built in me with every mile as I flew to Denver. Upon my arrival, the majesty of the mountains and the crispness of the air captivated me. It was my first time to the West, and the contrast with Knoxville, TN, was truly mesmerizing. Erica Thompson, the Denver CSI Treasurer and a wonderful coordinator for this trip picked me up from the airport. Passing through downtown Denver, I felt the distance from my familiar town, and a deep sense of gratitude washed over me as I anticipated the days ahead.



KARINA AT ONE RIVER NORTH, DESIGNED BY MAD ARCHITECTS,



POPULUS HOTEL

The following day, I met Liz O'Sullivan, a Denver CSI member and Notre Dame graduate from the class of '95. We started our day with a tasty meal at a cherished local spot, Pete's Diner, before heading to the site of my school project. Liz shared insights about the town's history, culture, and nearby features like parks and schools as we explored. Arriving at the project site, previously only viewed on Google Earth, was surreal. We explored the site, with Liz offering valuable knowledge to enrich my project. Afterward, we strolled around the block, where she enlightened me about the area's diverse architectural styles.

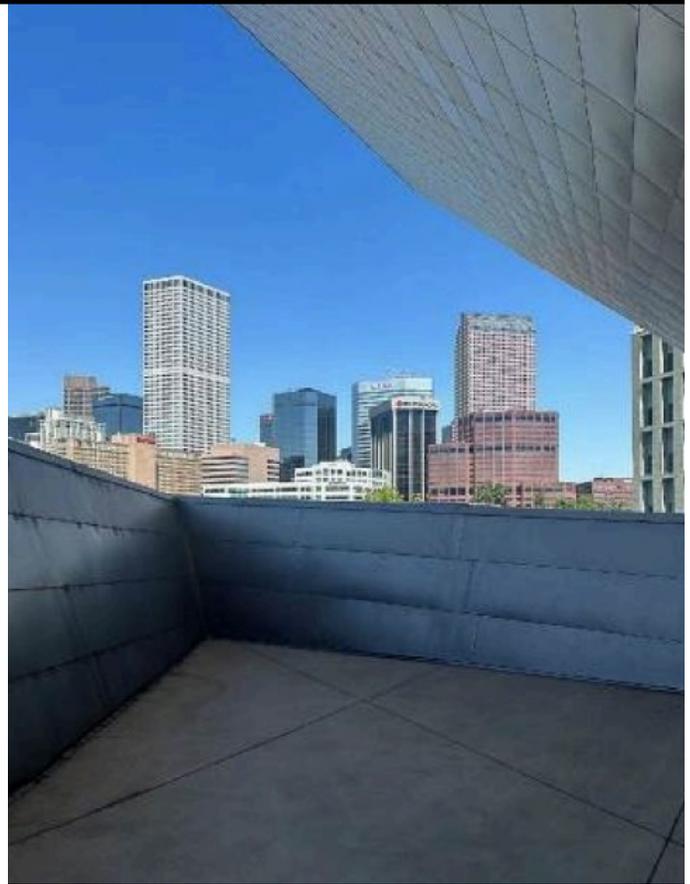
After our site visit, we ventured to two newly constructed buildings in Denver designed by acclaimed architects. We first explored the Populus Hotel, the first carbon-positive building in the U.S. by Studio Gang. I admired unique details, like the walk-up coffee shop window, and learned about the city's focus on walkability. Our next stop was One River North, designed by MAD Architects, located in an emerging part of Denver that draws in young people. Experiencing it firsthand was captivating after only seeing photographs. I extend my heartfelt appreciation to Liz O'Sullivan for being present with me through visiting the site and buildings; the knowledge I gained will significantly aid my project and architectural journey. Thank you, Liz, for your teachings during my time in Denver!

On my final day, Erica and I embarked on an exploration of Denver. Our first destination was Red Rocks, where I beheld the breathtaking amphitheater framed by the landscape. Next, we traveled to Evergreen, a small town nearby, to see Evergreen Lake. Erica shared that in winter, the lake freezes, becoming a playground for skating and hockey—truly one of the most beautiful spots I've encountered. Our last stop was the Denver Art Museum, where the architecture by Daniel Libeskind left a lasting impression, complemented by excellent exhibits. A balcony offered stunning views of downtown, showcasing designs by renowned architects such as ZGF and Michael Graves.

When it was time to return to the airport, I reflected on the incredible journey. This trip became an unforgettable experience rooted in gratitude for everyone associated with the Denver CSI Chapter. Special thanks go to Athena van Waardenburg for connecting with Erica Thompson. Erica was my personal tour guide and a pivotal force in making this trip a reality—thank you. Finally, thank you, Liz O'Sullivan, for joining me at the project site and during our explorations of those iconic buildings; the knowledge you provided me played a significant role in growing my architecture career. This trip will forever resonate with me, reminding me how a simple email blossomed into a life-changing experience.

- Karina Kane

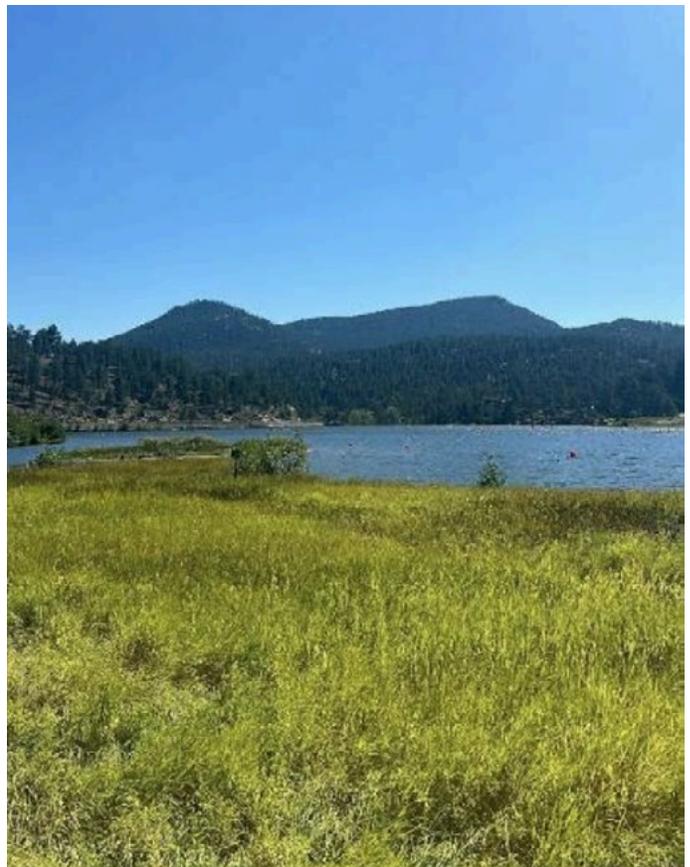
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DENVER ART MUSEUM BALCONY



RED ROCKS



EVERGREEN LAKE

HINDSIGHT

PHOTOS FROM CSI CHRISTMAS PARTY ON DECEMBER 11TH





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