



THE SPECK
The Construction Specifications Institute

CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY, MAY 13TH

INTEGRATED CEILING AND LIGHTING SOLUTIONS

PRESENTED BY GARREN WOLFGANG, ARCHITECTURAL & DESIGN MANAGER – TENNESSEE
ARMSTRONG WORLD INDUSTRIES (AWI)



CSI Knoxville Chapter Meeting

Tuesday, May 13th

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

INTEGRATED CEILING AND LIGHTING SOLUTIONS, PRESENTED BY
GARREN WOLFGANG FROM ARMSTRONG WORLD INDUSTRIES
1 AIA LU/ HSW

In-Person Meeting Location:

Associated General Contractors (AGC)

Address: [3306 Ragsdale Ave NW, Knoxville, TN 37909](#)

SCHEDULE

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

12:00 pm - 1:00 pm 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](#)

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

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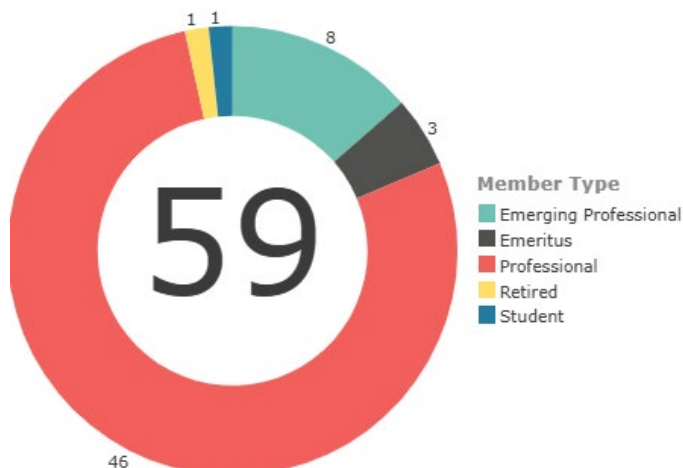


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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 06** **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, May 6th
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 13** **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, May 13th
Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)
"Acoustical Design for Today's Buildings"
Presented by Garren Wolfgang, Armstrong
World Industries, 1 AIA LU/ HSW

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JUNE

- 03** **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, June 3rd
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
- 10** **CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, June 10th
Time: 11:30 AM EST - 1:00 PM (EST)
"Historic Preservation and Adaptive Reuse 101 -
Best Practices" Presented by Hollie Cook, Knox
Heritage, 1 AIA LU/ HSW

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

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

JULY

- 01** **CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, July 1st
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (EST)
Join Zoom Meeting:
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83014858499>
Meeting ID: 830 1485 8499
- 05** **CSI Summer Fun Party and 4th of July Celebration**
Saturday, July 5th 4:00pm - 9:00pm,
at **Suzan Jordan's House**
1000 Fox Road, Knoxville, TN 37922
Cell Phone: 389-9476
RSVP to csiknox@gmail.com
- 26** **CSI Knoxville Chapter Annual Planning Meeting:**
Saturday, July 26th 8:30 am - 12:30 pm, Join the
chapter board and committee chairs to plan the
upcoming year for CSI Knoxville. Breakfast will be
served.
Location: TBD

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

GREETINGS, CSI KNOXVILLIANS...

CSIK April Meeting had a great turnout! A big THANK YOU to Gary Bergeron for stepping in at the last minute with his stellar presentation "REUSE ADAPT AND RECYCLE"! Check out the photos included in this newsletter!



Save the Date! June 12-14: Gulf States region conference in Chattanooga with several speakers that we all know and love, save the date and attend.

William Sundquist on his leadership journey from Knoxville, Chattanooga, GSR and now national leadership. Leadership TRAIN-ing: Be an unstoppable force

Darson Buckner on salesmanship of CSI as a volunteer organization. Do the Loco-Motion with Me: I know you'll get to like it if you give it a chance, now

Kathy Proctor/Lauretta Cocke/Suzan Jordan on Fun CSI events (award ceremonies, Christmas party, 4th of July and others). Pardon me, boys, is that the Chattanooga Choo Choo? - Fun and informative CSI Events

Karina Kane on making CSI relevant to young Emerging Professionals. Give me a train ticket and I'll ride with you: Make CSI relevant to young Emerging Professionals

Gary Bergeron on Renovating Historic Buildings: Everyone say, "RAR!" (Reuse, Adapt, Recycle) Case studies on issues with

renovating historic buildings.

October 16-17: CSI National Convention which is in Cleveland

October 23: CSIK golf tournament @ Three Ridges golf course

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REGION CONFERENCE**

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS
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* TO:
CHATTANOOGA, TN

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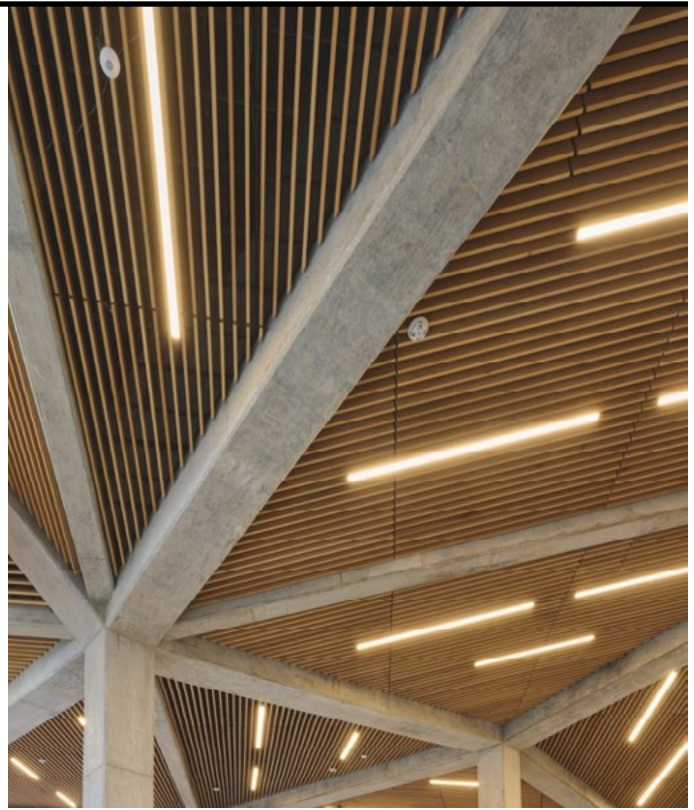
Garren Wolfgang, Armstrong World Industries

Garren Wolfgang is the Architectural and Design Sales Manager for Armstrong World Industries (AWI) in Tennessee, overseeing the company's comprehensive suite of ceiling and wall solutions. His portfolio spans a wide range of products, from mineral fiber ceilings to specialty interior and exterior materials, including wood and metal cladding elements. Garren specializes in interior acoustics and custom ceiling solutions, with a particular focus on boutique and high-performance designs.



Garren began his career with AWI immediately after graduating from Pennsylvania State University. Prior to this, he worked as a flooring installer in his grandfather's family business in Pennsylvania, where he developed hands-on knowledge of the construction industry. Garren is sincerely passionate about contributing to a greener built environment, supporting adaptive reuse, and enhancing exterior placemaking.

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Integrated Ceiling and Lighting Solutions



Participants will explore the many benefits of integrated ceiling and lighting systems, such as increased efficiency and enhanced aesthetics. The course will also delve into the significant impact these integrated solutions have on occupant health and wellness, emphasizing the crucial connection between lighting design and overall well-being. By the end of this course, participants will gain a thorough understanding of the technological, practical, and health-related aspects of integrated ceiling and lighting solutions. This knowledge will enable them to effectively implement these systems in a variety of settings.

Learning Objectives:

1. Explore the progression of lighting integration and energy-efficient LED technology use for ceiling design.
2. Identify lighting integration pitfalls, understand their causes, and learn strategies to avoid them.
3. Evaluate the advantages of implementing integrated ceiling and lighting systems in various conditions, with a focus on improving overall occupant well-being.
4. Examine the significant impact of integrated ceiling and lighting solutions on occupant health and wellness.



Recognized Associations

AIA, IDCEC and 59 licensing boards

AIA Program Number: CE-U64384-1 (1 LU HSW)

IDCEC Program Number: CEU-118532-R1 (1 LU HSW)

For additional continuing education courses, visit the [Armstrong Commercial Ceilings and Walls Continuing Education webpage](#)



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CSI LEARNING

What I Learned from CSI... Toilet Seats... with an EAR??

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What is that one usually white porcelain item that we all use at least two to three times a day? I know everyone thinks I'm obsessed with toilets or water closets, but it's not really true. But did you ever wonder about the number of features for a toilet seat? I stayed in a hotel recently where the public restroom toilet seats had an "ear" on the side of the toilet seat. We often specify these



TOILET SEAT WITH AN EAR IN THE UP POSITION

toilet seats in healthcare and other type buildings. This feature allows someone to lift the toilet seat up with their toe instead of touching it with their bare hands or a piece of toilet paper. One of the other features of toilet seats is an antimicrobial chemical built into the toilet seat to reduce the spread of germs. There is also what's called a self-sustaining check hinge which keeps the toilet seat from slamming down. This check hinge allows the toilet seat to be held upright in almost any position between



TOILET SEAT WITH AN EAR IN THE DOWN POSITION



LOCAL HOME IMPROVEMENT STORE SHOWING SOME ROUND AND ELONGATED SEATS



ELONGATED TOILET SEATS

vertical and horizontal makes the custodians job easier. Commercial toilet seats also feature integral bumpers on the underside of the seat instead of the separate bumper you often see in residential fixtures. The integral bumper is easier to clean since there are virtually no crevices between the bumper and the underside of the seat. Some of us may remember the old black toilet seats that were common in our elementary school. I'm not sure who thought of installing a black toilet seat on top of a white fixture but I'm sure the school custodians hated it. Another common residential toilet seat is one that's fabricated from stained and varnished wood. It is another unsanitary device which is difficult to clean well. Most residential toilet seats include a separate cover which makes it more difficult to drop a towel or other toiletry into the toilet. Many people are used to seeing elongated toilets in commercial buildings which are required by International Plumbing Code. Round front toilets are acceptable in residential use,

but elongated toilets make them much easier to use. Public elongated toilet seats also feature a split ring seat instead of a closed seat. The split ring toilet seat is called a perineal seat that allows females to clean their nether regions easier. A common misconception is that the split ring seat allows men to use the toilet without dripping on the seat which is FALSE. It is the really lazy male who doesn't raise the toilet seat for urinary use. The sheer number of toilet seat manufacturers illustrates the many different options available in the photos below. Some seat manufacturers include an easy clean removable seat, cushioned seats, and slow close seats that prevent sudden closing of the seats and covers. Several manufacturers include a stay-tite nut <https://www.toiletseats.com/toilet-seat-brands-and-features/sta-tite/?srsltid=AfmBOor-zUWh-zYGTzCoJR3-JMSEQDYTYDoZ4QBDmTfvWsq3tRd3qnze> to secure the toilet seat to the bowl to prevent "rocking seats", along with "potty training" inserts to help toddlers with life skills. <https://www.toiletseats.com/p/potty-training-solutions/>

If you want to learn more about the design and construction industry, please attend your local, regional, or national CSI meetings. Please contact Gary Bergeron at Gary@kelso-regen.com for more information.



STAY-TITE NUT



ROUND TOILET SEATS



HINDSIGHT

PHOTOS FROM CSI CHAPTER MEETING ON
TUESDAY, APRIL 8TH



NEW MEMBER NEWS

Ken Buschle, FCSI, (Member Emeritus), LEED-AP

Meet Ken Buschle, FCSI, (Member Emeritus), LEED-AP. I am excited to introduce you to a new member to the Knoxville Chapter who has many decades of experience serving in CSI. Ken Buschle has relocated from Southwest Florida to Loudon, Tennessee the week before Thanksgiving. I saw Ken at our Product Show in March but I first reached out to him when I was serving on the CSI College of Fellows Nominating Committee. I was seeking CSI Fellows who had interest in serving as officers in the College of Fellows. Ken kindly declined, due to his upcoming commitment to serve as Chair of the Jury of Fellows. (you cannot serve on both concurrently) He shared with me that he was in the process of closing life in Florida and relocating to Tennessee to be closer to his children and grandchildren who live in West Knoxville and Maryville. The pull of grandchildren is impossible to resist!

Ken's journey into design and construction started when he obtained degrees in both Architectural Technology and Building Construction Technology from Saint Peterburg College in Clearwater, FL in 1988. He started working at GMA Architects and Planners (then Gora/McGahey Architects) as a Contract Administrator. GMA is a small architectural firm with a sole office located in Fort Myers, FL. They primarily serve commercial projects in several counties in SW Florida.



"I took over the role of Specifier and QA/QC Coordinator two years later, while continuing to oversee the CA Department. I tried to 'retire' but I'm still 'helping out' on an on-call basis, primarily with Specification review and RFQ responses." Ken currently holds CDT and LEEDAP certifications but has previously held his CCCA and CCS certifications. In addition to this he was licensed by the Florida Department of Professional Regulation as an inspector in Building, Plumbing, Mechanical and Commercial Electrical.



When asked about his CSI background he shared this. "I joined the CSI Florida Southwest Chapter in 1997. Like most of us 'old-timers' I have served in just about every capacity at the Chapter level at some point." In addition to chapter service, he has been active at the Region and Institute levels also. He served as President of the Southeast Region for 2 ½ terms (5 years), stepping in when the then existing president abruptly resigned. He has been a two term member of the Institute Board, chaired both the Institute Awards and Nomination Committees and he does peer reviews for the CSI Convention presentations. He was elevated to Fellow in 2016. Currently he chairs the Jury of Fellows. In Ken's spare time, he loves to fish from his kayak. Now he needs a little advice on how to fish Watts Bar Lake. I'm sure Ken would love to hear from any of you fishermen. Please introduce yourself and welcome Ken to East Tennessee



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I am an individual who has less than three years experience in any construction-related field and am a prospective Professional Member.

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CSI Membership

CSI Membership is good for one year, with your membership starting the day that your payment is received and processed.



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