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Have an **IDEA** for the **Specifier?**

We would love to hear from you!

Announcements, upcoming events, or technical articles are welcome and encouraged!

Any submissions for the Specifier can be emailed for review to:

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—2018 YEAR IN REVIEW—

STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

The 2018 CSC Grand Valley Student Design Competition was once again a great success. This year we saw 24 inspiring and noteworthy entries. Some very esteemed judges evaluated the field, and the winning team was announced back in May during Connections Café. It was a great evening at Catayst 137 Congratulations to the winning team with: **"House of Tech & Blues"** – UWaterloo Team: Lauren Kyle, Jeremy Jeong, Justyna Maleszyk, Michelle Piotrowski & Keegan Steeper



Kudos and thanks to Cathie Schneider and Isabelle Champagne for their passion and dedication to making this event a success every year



For more about the Student Design Competition, visit the official website at cscdesignchallenge.ca

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—2017/2018 YEAR IN REVIEW—

STUDENT DESIGN COMPETITION

The Student Design Competition has proven so successful that the CSC Edmonton Chapter have emulated the event



and showcased this very talented winning team at our National Conference. The Edmonton chapter now plans to make the Student Design Competition an annual event for their chapter.

Some more pictures from the

National Conference in Edmonton May 24-26



—2017/2018 YEAR IN REVIEW—



CSC Grand Valley members

Outgoing President

David Boyle

and

Incoming President

Paul Gerber

Message From the President: Let us fix construction

By Paul Gerber, CSC, CSI

This column marks the first of a series I will write during my term as CSC President. It has been an incredible journey to date. I have had the pleasure of serving our association with many great leaders, and learning from each of them. My goal with these messages is to get people thinking about, and discussing, weighty topics.

Talk to anyone who has been a part of the design and construction community for any length of time and it is not long before the conversation turns to the many shortcomings of the industry. These shortcomings could range from inadequate fees or schedules, constantly changing project scopes, to architects, engineers, or specifiers who are impossible to meet with in order to discuss the latest products.

I have heard discussions like this for many years, and I will be the first to admit that on certain days I can be a "Negative Nancy" as well. It is human nature. A couple of years ago, two friends of mine decided they were going to try and change this attitude. Hopefully those who attended the recent CSC Conference in Edmonton took the opportunity to attend the session "Let's Fix Construction," hosted by my friends Cherise Lakeside (a fellow specifier) and Eric Lussier (a product representative).

I met and came to know these two individuals through my attendance at CSI's CONSTRUCT show in 2012 and through my participation on Twitter. Their simple objective was to stop the moaning and groaning about the challenges in our industry and generate some discussion about how we could make it better. To start, they created www.letsfixconstruction.com, a venue for anyone to express their frustration with a particular subject within the AEC community, as long as they offer constructive suggestions on how to fix that challenge as well. About one year into this endeavour, Cherise and Eric also added a podcast component. This initiative has led to the two of them giving presentations across the United States at various CSI Chapter meetings and at industry events.

I have tried to keep up with developments on the Let's Fix Construction website. Cherise even convinced me to write a blog post after I posted a comment on Twitter. And so, in the spirit of Let's Fix Construction, I ask you, are you prepared to live with the status quo and continue bemoaning the challenges you face day after day or will you contribute, even in a small way, to helping make things better? The choice is yours to make, but I hope to see you on the team trying to effect positive change in our industry.

I am CSC!

Co-Chairs' Message

We all know that Spring is the season of new beginnings. For us here at CSC, we celebrate our new beginning, the kick-off to our next program year, in Autumn. Our chance to refresh and reset after a successful 2017-2018 program year, taking with us the momentum from our successes, as well as the lessons from our short-falls.

The 2018-2019 program year for our Chapter brings with it a new beginning as our Past Chair, Cathie Schneider, passes on the torch to two members of the executive, Co-Chairs Stefanie Hargest and Carlos Alegre (that's us). Under Cathie's leadership during her time as Chair, the Grand Valley Chapter underwent a transformation to become a Chapter with vision, purpose, and energy. We as Co-Chairs are excited to be working together to carry out the vision for our Chapter, but we have big shoes to fill, which is why there are now two of us.

Before we get down to business, please allow us to introduce ourselves:

I am Stefanie Hargest and I've been in my current role at Boehmers Block for eleven years. I have been a member of the CSC Grand Valley Chapter since 2015, and it was during a Chapter function a couple of years ago, Paul Gerber (CSC's current President) strongly suggested that I get involved. I have since been part of the Chapter Executive for the last 3 years and we are certainly an interesting collection of people, with representatives from all aspects of construction.

And, I am Carlos Alegre, a self-employed engineer who has been a member of the Chapter Executive for almost the same amount of time that I have been a member of CSC, about 6 years. I was encouraged by my previous employer to get involved with local construction related organizations and when I met the group running the Chapter at that time, it was a natural fit for me and I was excited to do my part to help grow the Chapter.

Together with the amazing collection of Executive members, we plan to bring fresh ideas to our Chapter to keep up with these fast-changing times while honoring the traditions and foundations that have been established over the past several years. Our Past Chair, Cathie, has proudly pointed out that 60% of our executive are under the age of 40. This is exciting news! We're a young-ish, ambitious crew and we're looking forward to a great program year with informative luncheon seminars and tours of innovative facilities in our community. We're working hard to find new ideas and ways to bring valuable content to the members of our Chapter and local construction community. We are sure you will all agree that our upcoming program looks awesome!

We look forward to what this year will bring!

With Gratitude,

Stefanie Hargest Chapter Chair

Carlos Alegre, P.Eng. Vice-Chair

UPCOMING EVENTS (2018/19 PROGRAM)

Sep. 19th-Social at Descendants Beer & Beverage Co.
Oct. 17th-Safe Workplace Practices w/ Marijuana
Nov. 14th-Tour of Evolv1
Dec. 12th-Chapter Xmas Lunch @ TBD
Jan. 16th-Contractor's Eye on Design-Build
Feb. 20th-Changes in Construction Law
Mar. 20th-Accessibility in Design
Mar. 28th-Chapter Pub Night @ Whale & Ale
Apr. 17th-Incombustibles (Specifying Roofing Systems)
May 1st-Annual Chapter Meeting @ GVCA
May 16th-Connections Cafe @ TBD
May 22-26-National Conference in Regina, SK
June 20th-Golf Social @ TBD

CSC GRAND VALLEY CHAPTER SOCIAL CHAPTER TOUR & PUB NIGHT



When: Wed. Sept. 19th, 2018
Time: 5:00PM – 8:00PM
Where: Descendants Beer & Beverage Co.
319 Victoria Street North, Kitchener, ON N2H 5E1

EMAIL us to let us know you're coming!! SPACE IS LIMITED!
(RSVP's are important to help us confirm our appetizer order)

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CSC Grand Valley Chapter Sponsorship Program 2019 Calendar Year

Sponsorship Level	Gold	Platinum	Diamond
Sponsorship Cost (HST Included)	465	1040	1230
Regular Cost (HST Included)	515	1220	1540
Sponsorship Savings	10%	15%	20%
Sponsorship Benefits			
Luncheon Sponsorship (One Meeting)	✓	✓	✓
Luncheon Meeting Tickets	Four	Six	Eight
Golf Tournament Registration	Two	Two	Four
Golf Tournament Hole Sponsorship	-	✓	✓
Connections Café Sponsorship	-	✓	✓
Business Card Ad in Specifier (4 Issues)	✓	✓	✓
1/4 page Ad in Specifier	-	✓	✓
1/2 Page Ad in Specifier (One Issue)	✓	✓	-
Full Page Ad in Specifier (One Issue)	-	-	✓
Logo Recognition in Sponsors Section of Specifier	✓	✓	✓
Logo Recognition on Chapter Sponsors Webpage	✓	✓	✓

Prices include HST. No refunds or rain checks will be provided under any circumstances. Sponsorship packages are available to CSC members only. Sponsorship packages are valid from January 1, 2019 thru December 31, 2019. Registrant or point of contact is responsible for signing up for each activity and providing names of attendee(s). Failure to register will result in entrance being denied or an administrative fee being charged. Registrant or point of contact must forward logo in digital, high resolution jpeg format when signing up. Changing logo once submitted will result in administrative fee being charged. Luncheon meeting sponsorship dates are available strictly on a first come, first serve basis. Luncheon meeting promotion in email blast will only occur in the same month as the luncheon sponsorship. Social media policy: sponsor name and/or logo will be presented on twitter, minimum once throughout the year. Administrative fee for 2019 year is \$20.00 (excl. HST) per occurrence. Questions may be directed to cscgrandvalley@gmail.com.

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