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**CSI Chattanooga Chapter End of Year Party**  
*- and -*  
**Celebration for William Sundquist, FCSI**  
**Incoming FY 2025 Chair of**  
**The Construction Specifications Institute**

*June 20, 2024 5:30 PM*

**Five Wits Brewing Company**  
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The Chattanooga Chapter invites you and your significant other to join us for food, fellowship and fun at our Awards and Year End Celebration including recognition of William Sundquist’s advancement to Chair of The Construction Specifications Institute

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## CSI Fiscal Year 2024

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## CSI Chattanooga President's Message



In looking back at this past year and completing my second year as Chapter President, a sizeable amount of work has been done by your elected board members on behalf of the chapter. I have been truly blessed in working with this incredible team and look forward to continuing to serve with many of them next year in the role of Past President and in whatever other role is needed. Each person has contributed in various ways to make our chapter better and to be about the business of our local CSI. Here is a list of this past year's accomplishments and the members behind their success:

Chapter Website: Improvements and updates continue to be made to the website by Jessica Etheridge and Tom Deines. This website has become the workhorse for our communications, calendar items, email blasts, and financial transactions. However, that does not work without someone at the controls – for us that has been Jessica and Tom. If you have not visited the website in a while, you can sneak a peek at what is happening here: [Chattanooga Chapter of CSI - Home Page \(chattanoogacsi.org\)](http://chattanooga.org)

Update to Chapter Bylaws: This has been more of a challenge than was anticipated as we have been working through updates and changes with our lawyers. A special thanks goes out to Jonnie Cox for hammering out these updates and modernizing our Chapter Bylaws. A final draft has been created that includes added sound legal information that will protect the chapter and allow us to continue to operate in good standing. The next step in the process of approval will be to send this out to our chapter membership for a vote to accept these changes for implementation. Look for an email shortly from the chapter for your chance to review these changes and to cast your vote.

2023-24 Monthly Chapter Programs: This year's selection of programs has been accomplished by committee with input from various non-board and board members including Amy Fletcher, Jessica Etheridge, William Sundquist, Trixie Deines, Leslie Tyler, Tom Deines, and myself. Our monthly meeting programs have continued to feature top notched topics including masonry detailing, acoustic lighting, fire protection, code reviews, fire code history, commercial roofing systems, historic preservation, moisture mitigation in concrete slabs, and celebrations. Did I mention celebrations? We have had some great times of celebrating our membership, our community, our product vendors, and next month, our new CSI Institute Chairman of the Board, William Sundquist. If you are unfamiliar with this position, it is the top elected official in CSI and it is an honor to be celebrating this accomplishment with him in June's Chapter Meeting. Please make plans to attend as this will be a BIG event as we round out our fiscal year.

2024 Gulf States Region (GSR) Participation: This year's GSR Conference will be in Pearl, MS, and will be hosted by the Mississippi CSI Chapter in June of 2024. As in past years we will have several members representing us at this year's conference with an anticipated 6 people making the pilgrimage to the Magnolia State. One of the big awards for Chattanooga CSI will be to bring home the leadership mantle for next year's GSR Conference that will be held here at home in our city. We are actively working on pulling together the details for this event even now and look forward to sharing the excitement of Chattanooga with you and our Gulf States Region family.

2023 Bethany Clariday Scholarship Judges: The Interior Design College of UTC featuring our very own Jessica Etheridge brought in members of our chapter to help judge this design competition. This connection to the newest members of our design community has been a

## President's Message Continued

2024 Chili Cookoff and Scholarship Award: Special thanks to Taylor Smoak and Amy Fleming for organizing this event that provides student scholarships to the design and construction schools in our area. This year's event did not feature snow as in year's past, but it did bring snow melting heat with the tastiest event of the year that included "make your tongue beat your brains out" chili, "sweet treat" desserts, and "mama's best" cornbread. Mmmmm-Mmmmm! Thank you JDH for hosting and making us all feel right at home.

2024 Product Show: We experienced another year with arguably the best program on our calendar headed up by Amy Fleming, with speaker input from William Sundquist, and sponsorship recruiting by Rhonda Bailey. The Chattanooga Whiskey event room provided the backdrop for the "Fire and Whiskey" themed programs where 3 HSW CEUs. Speakers included the Tennessee State Fire Marshal Codes Examiner who filled us in on how drawings are reviewed and provided insight to the next edition of the state enforced codes.

2023-24 Sponsorships: Rhonda Bailey continues to be a mainstay of dependability for our chapter as she has helped to bring in sponsorship support for our programs and services. We are also thankful for our sponsors who support the training program effort of the chapter and help make the chapter go.

2023-24 Outstanding Chapter Commendation - Gold: This commendation comes from our chapter following the prescribed benchmarks set for chapters of excellence with the highest award going to chapters in the Gold category. Cindi Brooks has kept us on track for this award and we look forward to meeting these standards for this year coming up in June. This thanks also goes out to our whole team's efforts in striving to make Chattanooga one of the best chapters in the country.

It is not easy to remember everything that happened this past year and everyone who participated, so I want to thank everyone who has participated in any of our chapter events for their involvement and fellowship along the way. If you are not currently involved in the chapter in a participatory role, I want to encourage you to share your talents and experience with us and join us in serving a vibrant CSI Chattanooga chapter. We have a great year planned for FY24-25 and look forward to making our chapter even better.

Blessings to you in the coming year,

Kenny Tyler  
CSI Chattanooga  
Chapter President



**CSI Chattanooga Chapter**  
**Proposed**  
**Slate of Officers FY 2025**

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Director 1 :	Bill Wilkerson, CSI
Director 2:	Ronny Rahn, AIA, CSI, NCARB
Board Advisor:	Jonnie Cox, RA, FCSI

## Fiscal Year 2023 Chapter Sponsors

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## *“An Evening With An Icon”*

### *Chattanooga Choo Choo Tour*

On April 17, 2024 the Chattanooga Chapter meeting was an evening tour of the Iconic Chattanooga Choo Choo. The tour was led by Todd Morgan, Executive Director of Preserve Chattanooga. There were over 40 attendees consisting of CSI Members, Students from UTC Interior Design Program, along with new faces and familiar faces in the AECO community.

The meeting started with snacks and beverages in Preserve Chattanooga’s office located in the Terminal Station. Todd discussed the history of the Choo Choo and their involvement with it’s preservation. He said the tourist and visitors that come to see this historical property often wander into his office, which is right off the lobby, and he is always pleased to give an overview of the terminal’s history.



Our tour began by climbing the winding stairs up to the balcony on the mezzanine level. From this location you can see the history of the building with a bird’s eye view of the world famous Dome. Todd discussed in the 60’s a drop ceiling was installed in the terminal area that covered up the historic architecture and the dome. It subsequently was removed restoring the beauty of the room. Looking down at the benches you could imagine the hustle and bustle of an era gone by.

Next stop on the tour was a walk through the Glenn Miller gardens where the trains would come in and where the loading platforms were located. The magnificent, manicured gardens were in full spring bloom. At the end of the garden there was a box car that the group was invited to tour.

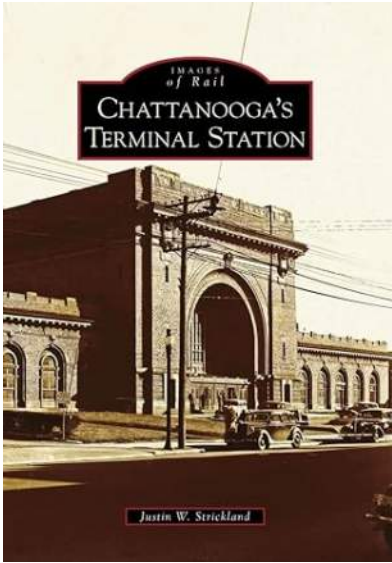


Next up on this historical journey was the recently renovated Hotel Chalet. The renovation kept the historic charm, moldings and antique furnishings while mingling in modern twists. An interesting fact, in the early years the hotel had an indoor pool. The pool was covered up and is now an event space tailor made for corporate events, presentations and beyond.

After the tour was complete several of the attendees went to one of the many restaurants at the complex for dinner. One of the restaurants is Elsie’s Daughter located at the vibrant courtyard. It is a homage to Donn Barber, the architect behind the Terminal Station, and his wife Elsie. The couple named their first daughter Elsie who later named her daughter Elsie, hence Elsie’s Daughter.



## Chattanooga Choo Choo Terminal Station History



In the early 1900's the Choo Choo began it's journey as a predominant railway hub. It quickly gained significance as a vital transportation hub connecting the city to the rest of the nation. The Choo Choo became a bustling center of activity facilitating the movement of passengers and goods during this era of industrial growth.

During WWII, the Choo Choo played a crucial role in supporting the war efforts by facilitating troop movements and transporting essential supplies. And who can forget the Andrew Sisters famous song, "Pardon me boy, is that the Chattanooga Choo Choo right on track 29"

The 1960's and 70's marked a decline in rail travel impacting the Choo Choo's prominence. In 1970 the station closed it's doors; however, this period paved the way for community leaders and preservationist to repurpose the Terminal Station into a unique destination while preserving its historic charm. In 1973 the terminal was reopened as a renowned hotel and entertainment complex becoming one of Chattanooga's many exciting attractions. Today it has continued to thrive as a symbol of Chattanooga's ability to preserve its heritage while embracing modernity.



A promotional banner for the CSI National Conference 2024. The top half features a city skyline at sunset with the text "OVERCOME. ADAPT. SUCCEED." in white. The bottom right corner has a red diagonal background with the CSI logo and the text "NATIONAL CONFERENCE 2024 Houston, Texas October 16 - 18".

## What I Learned from CSI– A Pizza Oven

By: Gary Bergeron, BS, FCSI, ASHRAE, ASPE, USGBC

What is one food that most of us will always eat, even if we are on a diet? If you answered pizza, that is one food that can be



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prepared in several different types of ovens. Some of us might remember the soggy pizza served in your elementary school cafeteria. The frozen pizza from your school cafeteria was probably baked in a convection oven on several cookie sheets full of pizza to keep up with the serving line demand. Whether you purchase your pizza from the frozen food section of your grocery store, a single slice at a convenience store, or a

pizza restaurant, there are several different methods to bake a pizza. According to pizza aficionado's, pizza is best baked at **800** degrees F because the hotter the oven, the better the final product. The convection oven used in school cafeterias produces a less than ideal product, but grade school students are less likely to complain to management. The school convection ovens are often installed with other cooking equipment under the grease capture type II hood. There is the old-fashioned pizza deck oven (400-600 degrees) where the pizza is inserted with a pizza peel tool. We have all probably noticed Pizza Hut, Domino's, or a Little Caesars conveyor type pizza oven (400-600 degrees). A recent development is a brick dome wood fired pizza oven that bakes pizza in a very fast manner because it bakes at about 800 degrees.

Almost all pizza ovens are available in electric, gas fired or even wood/coal fired models. Most pizza ovens require a different type of range hood. The old-fashioned pizza deck oven can be furnished with a type 2 heat capture hood which does not require a fire extinguishing system. The conveyor oven sometimes requires a type 1 range hood with an integral fire suppression system because the open inlet and outlet can allow a pizza to overcook and flare up out of control. The brick dome ovens often require a type 1 Hood with fire suppression because of the extreme temperatures. The 2018 International Mechanical Code section 507.2 details the type of hoods for different pizza ovens. Many of the pizza restaurant franchises have specific types of ovens and hoods which they require as part of their design criteria.

We recently had a convenience store owner who wanted to

include pizza in their food menu. The owner visualized a small pizza oven on one of the Back Of House (BOH) counters. The owner was not aware that different franchises have certain requirements. Hunt Brothers Pizza, who specializes in the convenience store market, requires the use of a conveyor oven that they approve. Obviously a 12" personal size pizza oven requires less space than an 18" or 24" pizza oven. The owner ultimately decided on the personal pizza size conveyor oven in the BOH because of the space limitations.

If you want to learn more about the design and construction process, join us at the CSI Chattanooga chapter meetings . Meeting details are on our website at [chattanoogaacci.org](http://chattanoogaacci.org).



**Deck Pizza Oven with Type I Hood /w Pizza Peel Tool**

<https://www.forzapizza.com/blog/pizzamaster-faq>



**Brick/Iron Dome Pizza Oven**

<https://pizzaovens.com/new-equipment/commercial-ovens/earthstone->



## CSI Region Conference Held June 6th through June 8th in Jackson MS



The Chattanooga Chapter had six members attend the FY 2024 GSR Conference on June 6th.

The activities began Wednesday evening with a Registration Hospitality Room featuring Charlene's Famous Gumbo Ya Ya which has been a tradition for many years and enjoyed by all that have had the opportunity to taste this delicious gumbo.

Thursday was a Professional CEU day with 7 sessions based on different aspects of the Building Envelope.

Friday was a full day of CSI training. After the GSR Board Meeting the Opening Session was held with an Institute update presented by William Sundquist. The morning consisted of "Out of the Box Meeting" presentation by Suzan Jordan and "Membership Book Summary" presentation by Randall Lewis.



After lunch Liz Icenogle, Director, Component Relations from CSI Institute spoke on Cultivating Connections in the Desert of Networking and how to Harness the Power of your Chapter Promotions. Liz engaged the room with an ice breaker and a couple of break out sessions. You could see the comradery of the Gulf States Region members, the conversations were fun and engaging. Liz commented on how close we all seemed to be with our involvement and the "witty" comments that came from the room.



The day ended with the Annual GSR Awards Banquet. We were all proud that Suzan Jordan, from the Knoxville Chapter, received the Bishop Award which is the highest award given from the Gulf States Region. **Well deserved Suzan!!** The Chattanooga Chapter received an award for "An Evening with an Icon" Chapter Program (see page 6). Amy Fleming received a "Service to the Chapter Chairing Product Show Award".

Saturday was a half day with more CSI training and the closing session. Kenny Tyler spoke to the attendees promoting next year's GSR Conference that will be held in **Chattanooga!**

# Bethany Clariday Scholarship Winners

Each year the University of Tennessee Chattanooga Interior Design department has a scholarship competition in honor of Bethany Clariday, a CSI Student Member that was tragically killed in a car accident.

Each year the chapter brings in members to help judge the student projects. This year it was an honor for Tom and Trixie Deines to participate in the judging. Trixie was a former classmate and friend of the scholarship's namesake Bethany Clariday.

The CSI Chattanooga Chapter proudly funds a portion of the scholarship.

## LOOKOUT KITCHEN

Designed by Courtney Blake



L-R Trixie Deines, Courtney Blake (1st Place), Zacori Ollis (2nd Place), Rylee Reynolds (3rd Place) Jessica Etheridge (IARC Associate Professor-Program Coordinator, UTC), Clair Calbaugh (Honorable Mention) Hannah Turner (Honorable Mention), Tom Deines, FCSI

## GSR Conference Fun Photos



Liz Icenogle



Showing off Chattanooga Awards



Cindi and Jonnie

## March Anniversaries

**Joshua Dial, CSI**  
*Member Since 2012*

**Will Tutton, BA, CSI**  
*Member Since 2012*

**Bill Wilkerson, CSI**  
*Member Since 2017*

## May Anniversaries

**Cindi Brooks, CSI**  
*Member Since 2002*

**Jenna DuBray, CSI-S**  
*Member Since 2023*



**Courtney Blake, CSI-S**

**Claire Calbaugh, CSI-S**

**Jaunita Fetty, CSI**

**Anna Polk, CSI-S**

**Rylee Reynolds, CSI-S**

**Hannah Turner, CSI-S**

*“Greatness is not achieved alone,  
it’s the work of a united team”*

## April Anniversaries

**Royce Cornelison, CSI,  
Assoc. AIA**  
*Member Since 2001*

**Tom Deines, FCSI, CCA**  
*Member Since 2022*

**David Delcamp, CSI**  
*Member Since 2016*

**Jeff Garner, CSI**  
*Member Since 2017*

**Bruce Martin, CSI, Member  
Emeritus**  
*Member Since 1985*

**James Moncrief, CSI**  
*Member Since 1991*

**Barry Payne, CSI**  
*Member Since 2017*

**Houston Spencer, CSI, Member  
Emeritus, CDT**  
*Member Since 1987*

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**May Chapter Board Meeting**  
**Monday, May 6, 2024 5:30 PM**  
**DH&W Office**



**Call to Order:** Kenny Tyler

**Members Present:** Bill Wilkerson, Tom Deines, Amy Fleming, Kenny Tyler

## Meeting Agenda & Minutes

### I. Review and Acceptance of Previous Meeting Minutes for April

Tom made a motion to approve both March meeting amendments and April meeting minutes. Bill seconded.  
 Motion passed.

### II. Review and Acceptance of Treasurers Report for April

Tom made a motion to accept the April Treasurer's report with the caveat of the treasurer providing a bank statement at the June meeting for a year end wrap up. Amy seconded.  
 Motion passed.

### III. Old Business:

#### Chapter By-Laws Update

Jonnie has marked-up updates from the Chamblis Law Firm review for us to review and approve markups before advancing to the next steps below

Next steps:

Send out to chapter for review and input  
 Board to vote on for approval

Bill noted that the TN Non-Profit rules require one officer to be the Secretary. Change requirement for Treasurer to Secretary.

Bill noted concern with allowing the President to spend up to \$5000 without board approval (Article 14). Tom and Kenny agreed. Recommended change to \$1000.

Kenny noted that Section 8.5 was all "lawyer-ese" with little understood content. Bill, Amy, and Tom agreed to strike this change from the draft.

Tom made a motion that said bylaws be accepted with aforementioned changes listed above to present to the chapter membership to be voted on via email blast. Bill seconded.

Motion passed.

#### 2025 GSR Conference Planning Update

Format 1: Thursday welcome, Friday full day, Saturday half day.  
 Recommendation was not to pursue this format.

Format 2: Wednesday welcome, Thursday CEU + golf, Friday full day, Saturday half day.  
 Recommendation was to pursue this format.

Hotel TBD later after further negotiations.

Cost breakdowns for the three hotels in consideration were reviewed including the Chattanooga Choo Choo Chalet, the Doubletree, and Holiday Inn.

While the Choo Choo Chalet was the most expensive, the board determined it was the most desirable location. The board recommended that further negotiations be held with them to determine how to further reduce their overall cost.

#### 2023-24 Outstanding Chapter Commendation

Tom to complete the roster for next year's officers and have it voted on by the chapter before May 31, 2024.

Jonnie confirmed via email that we have conducted an annual review of the Bylaws.

Shelbye confirmed via email that we have filed the appropriate forms and are in good standing with the IRS.

Jessica provided 2 forms of communication as required for the submittal.

Cindi noted that the 2024 form requires one of the communications to be a chapter newsletter. She will draft one for the chapter prior to the May 31<sup>st</sup> deadline to include in with the 2024 OCC submittal.

#### IV. New Business:

##### Calendar Events

May Chapter Meeting - SINAK – How to Eliminate Flooring Failures

Location: AGC Training Center

June Chapter Meeting – Year End Celebration / William Sundquist CSI Institute Chairman of the Board Celebration

Location: Five Whits Brewing Company

##### June 2024 GSR Conference

Chapter Awards Cindi update

Presentation of 2025 GSR Conference in Chattanooga

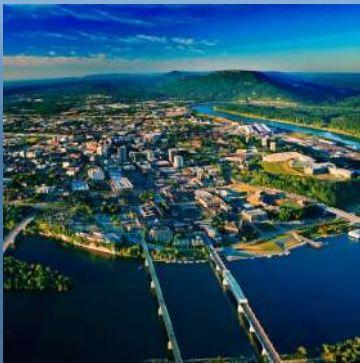
Need to build a slide show!

Goodie packages to pass out with Moon Pie, Coke, Choo Choo and Chattanooga Things to Do brochure.

Attendees from Chatt include Jonnie, Amy, Cindi, William, Bill, and Kenny

Chapter to pay for partial registration and hotel costs for chapter members attending out of the allotted amount in the Chapter Statement of Activity.

Meeting Adjourned



*Gulf States Region Conference to be  
Held in Chattanooga, TN*

*Summer 2025*

*Details Coming Soon*

The Construction Specifications Institute is a nationwide non-profit technical organization dedicated to the improvement of specifications and building practices in the construction industry through service, education and research. Founded in 1948, CSI provides a forum for architects, engineers, specification writers, contractors, suppliers and others in our industry. Membership is open to all who are involved in the built environment. Please contact Chapter Membership Chairman or any chapter officer listed in the newsletter.

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