

Hello Valued CSC Members!

In this [e-Specifier](#) you will hear from a select few members of the [Executive Committee](#), get a glimpse of our [upcoming events](#), register for the [May Dinner Meeting](#)

Chapter Director's Message Steve Gusterson

Why volunteer?

In my January article I talked about membership in organizations or associations and I challenged the entire Toronto Chapter membership to sponsor just one new member this year concluding with a veiled promise to follow up with a message on volunteering.



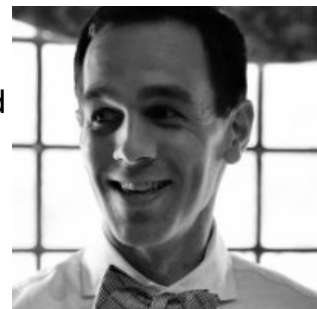
Quite a number of our membership, including me, sign off of our communications with the now familiar "I am CSC" but what does that mean to us? Think about this; Construction Specifications Canada was started in 1954 as the Specifications Writers Association of Canada by...yep, volunteers and, with the exception of a very small number of paid employees, is still managed by volunteers. But what is it that motivates people to volunteer? No doubt millions of dollars have been invested by corporations and associations in understanding why people volunteer and I've been mildly curious myself.

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Chapter Chair's Message Iain Stuart

Risk-free return and mediocrity

Starting in September, with the beginning of our season and our Chapter's new Executive Committee, we run dinner meetings with technical presentations 7 times per year with our last one in the month of May. These dinner topics are carefully thought out and mapped for current and hot topics relevant to Ontario building codes or relevant to design and construction. I am proud of our Program Committee and this year's dinner topics and hope that you all enjoyed them as much as I have. Further to this, previous Program Committees have committed equally good topics and presenters and I



want to thank you past Program Committee Officers as well.

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Vice-Chair Michelle Wood

As the days start getting longer, nights shorter and the warmer weather soon upon us, are all signs of good things to come! And no, it is not just Summer but the CSC National Conference!

Unfortunately, this year I will be unable to attend. However, I know the Toronto Chapter will be well represented by those able to attend. If this is your first time attending, you are surely in for a treat. Conference is a superior event where one can mingle with new found friends, industry professionals and partake in some very informative seminars. It really is one big family, that I am proud to be a part of. The host Chapters do put a lot of effort in making sure everyone feels welcomed and I know the Regina Chapter will not disappoint in any way.

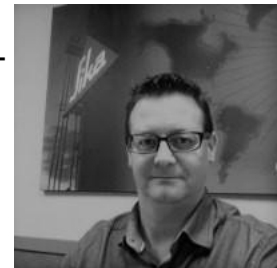


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Program Committee Officer's Report Bruce Hudson & Russell Ibbotson

I'll start this article with a couple of recognitions. First, our Vice-Chair, Michelle Wood did a stand-up job when our February speaker cancelled last minute and there was a short period of time we didn't know if a replacement would be coming. Thank you, Michelle!

Now the big one. A special thanks to Bruce Hudson for his decades of CSC volunteering. Bruce will be leaving the executive at the end of his current term. His contributions, time, and effort are priceless, and it is volunteers like Bruce who help make our Chapter great. Thank you, Bruce!



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Professional Development Officer Brittany Mazzocchi

It's finally spring... although, as I write this, it's still snowing! Hopefully we get into some warm spring weather soon.



Here's a quick update on our courses:

The Construction Contract Administration and Specifier courses are set to be completed in May. We had 26 students in the CCA course and 5 in Specifier. A big thank you to Ted Katsoris and Timothy Lee for dedicating their time once again to these courses!

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Architectural Officer Brian Abbey

It might sound a bit like an old broken record but I really do enjoy visiting the Colleges and Universities to interact with Faculty and Students, as well as sitting in on their Program Advisory Committees and attending their Award Ceremonies and Convocations. Handing out the Awards and Certificates of Excellence is a very gratifying experience.



Another pleasing part of my portfolio is where I get to invite Faculty, where the professor, with four of the worthiest students are invited to our monthly dinner meetings to mingle and network with members and other guests. I have only received positive feedback from the colleges as to how grateful the students are and how much they enjoyed the experience.

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CSC Building Expo Chair's Message Bob Hartogsveld

This year's CSC Building Expo focused on Construction, Connectivity and Wellness that included a lineup of speakers in support of this theme.



To create awareness and drive traffic to this year's show, we incorporated a number of marketing initiatives. We targeted show attendees through various tactics that included: distributing invitations poly-bagged with industry trade magazines such as, Construction Canada, sending targeted e-blasts to industry associations, distributing posters to over 200 architectural practices in the GTA, and releasing posts on select social media platforms.

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May 14, 2019
Dinner Meeting and ACM

Student Design Competition Exhibition
Winners will announced.

Click [HERE](#) for all the information on this year's competition.

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OTTAWA CHAPTER EVENT
MAY 8, 2019



Connections Café

You've undoubtedly heard about Building Information Modeling (BIM) and the digitation of the architectural, engineering and construction professions and industry.

But what does it mean to bring this process to the forefront in a real, immediate and tangible way - at the core of Canadian government's real property and construction procurement processes?

In this next edition of CSC Ottawa

Chapter Connections Café, we will endeavour to find out!

[See: GC Real Property Digitization Starts NOW!](#)

In this presentation, you'll learn a lot about the digitization process, and do not worry: will be relevant no matter where you are on the learning curve! Megan Beange, our presenter, will provide a starting point or roadmap if you are just getting started; and provide more advanced insights if you are already engaged with BIM and digital technologies.

In addition to her presentation, the CSC Connections Cafe provides solid networking opportunities and a great dinner. Sponsors promote their businesses and services through table top promotions.

[**See this link for more information and to register.**](#)

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