

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 [December Dinner meeting](#), and find all the information you need on the [CSC Building Expo 2019!](#)

Chapter Director's Message Steve Gusterson

Last month I had the opportunity to attend my very first CSC Executive and Board of Director's meeting held over a weekend in Toronto. Over those two information packed days, the Chapter Directors and Executive Council met to exchange ideas, develop new initiatives, review current ones and much more; all in the interest of the future of CSC and its members. As the "newbie" Director, I must say I was amazed at the incredible amount of work that is done not only by the various volunteers, committees and sub-committees but also by the association staff.

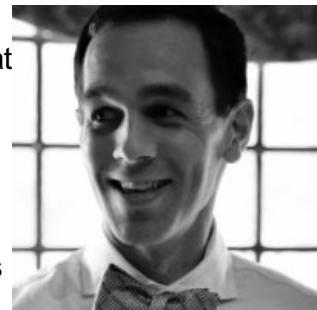
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Chapter Chair's Message Iain Stuart

As a manufacturer's Technical Representative, I frequently take only one point of view to the design and construction process, that of the manufacturer. I believe this to be true for many of us within this industry. We are working with the employer in mind so why would we not? They compensate us for our time to promote their products or services. However, when I take a step back, as we should do on occasion, I see that I, representing the product or service, am only a cog in the wheel of a very large machine. This step back is always an interesting experience. It allows us to better understand exactly what our role is and where we fit. This applies to not only the Technical Representatives but to all the players; Specification Writers, Designers, Engineers, Consultants, etc.

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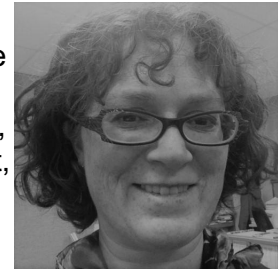
Treasurer Report Paraic Lally

It is said that brevity is the soul of wit. So, in that respect the Chapter has established expenditures for the year and we are in process establishing a budget template for all major events which we will carry forward with year over year. We are in the fortunate position of being in strong financial shape with Micah, our Chapter Administrator doing an excellent job of handling the day to day activities.



Specification Officer's Message **Ashley McKay**

On November 5th, 2018 I hosted the first Peer Discussion Group (PDG) event for the 2018-2019 season. Our topic was The Fine Line of Submittals vs Re-design. It was a good turn-out and even though the discussion this time was 90% off-topic, it was great - and that is the nature of this casual conversation event, attendees' control where the conversation goes. A summary of the discussion can be found [HERE](#).



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Program Committee Officer's Report **Bruce Hudson & Russell Ibbotson**

What a great start for our dinner speakers for the 2018/19 season. Mike Williams and Michelle Xuereb covered how weather changes are changing how we should be designing buildings. Then we had Paul Gianguialano in October speaking about polished concrete floors. In November we had the Toyota Plant tour, we'll hear more about the success of that one in the next e-Specifier. Such a great start. We have a very important topic coming on December 4th, more below on this. We need your help finding one more speaker for the New Year. Please let Bruce or Russell know if you have someone to introduce us to or have seen a great speaker that our CSC audience would appreciate.



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Architectural Officer's Message **Brian Abbey**

As well as my duties as Architectural Officer in reporting on breaking news and upcoming events of the Ontario Association of Architects (OAA), the Association of Architectural Technologists of Ontario (AATO), the Ontario Association of Applied Architectural Sciences (OAAAS) and Global Architecture, I am proud of my role as your Student Liaison Officer and continue to attend the Community Colleges Program Advisory Committees (PAC), Award Ceremonies where I present the Fred Clarke Memorial Scholarships and also their Convocations. In addition, I organize for a Professor and four of their Students to attend our Dinner Meetings to Network with other attendees.

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Interior Design Officer's Message Meghan McBride

It was Summer 2017, and it happened again. After the last time I swore there would never be a next time. Yet here I was staring down at the notification telling me that I had a renewal due in 90 days, which included 30 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEUs). At this point I had zero CEUs completed and would now be scrambling to find 30 free, online articles/ webinars that provided the super specific rating points that I needed. The best laid plan is to do 1-2 a month within the two-year points cycle but of course that never happens. And let's face it, even with 90 days, the achievement of these 30 points- 1 hour equals 1 point, would get crammed into a two-week period because who has that much free time? I don't know about you, but I certainly don't. With multiple designations, systems and points requirements it all gets to be too much. It makes you start to ask tough questions. Am I really bettering my profession when my focus is on getting as many points as possible in the shortest period?



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CSC Building Expo Chair's Message Bob Hartogsveld

The Ontario College of Trades (OCOT) is to disappear, to be replaced by an organization that will promote the skilled trades. The Provincial Government plans to Overhaul Bill 148 and dissolve OCOT. Ten trades were in the queue to make the case to expand the list of mandatory trades to include many of the common trades, including carpenters. The new government plans include:

- Set all journeyperson to apprentice ratios at one-to-one
- Implement a moratorium on trade classifications and reclassifications
- Initiate the winding down of the Ontario College of Trades

The government intends to develop a replacement model early in the New Year.



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December 4th, 2018

Dinner Meeting
Register [HERE](#)

Annual Chapter Celebration

January 8th, 2019

Dinner Meeting
Register [HERE](#)

February 27, 2019

[CSC Building Expo 2019](#)

DECEMBER DINNER MEETING

December 4th, 2018

Travis Gerrits

Olympian and Mental Wellness Warrior



[Travis Gerrits](#), 2013 World Championships Silver medalist, 2014 Beijing FIS World Cup Gold Medalist, was given the special honour of being a forerunner at the 2010 Olympics in Vancouver and he is an Olympian who competed in the Sochi Winter Games in 2014, finishing 7th overall. Travis Gerrits is a self-proclaimed adrenaline seeker, fuelling off an addiction of the feeling of weightlessness - for the last dozen years has been flying off a 50 feet kicker, on his skis. Gerrits recently opened up about his mental illness diagnosis and is working hard to change the way people think, removing the stigma and educating others

Location:

Toronto Skating, Curling and Cricket Club
141 Wilson Ave., Toronto
(1 block east of Avenue Rd.)

Time:

17:15 - Cocktails
18:00 - Dinner
19:00 - Presentation

Cost:

\$48.67 + HST = \$55.00 - Member
\$53.10 + HST = \$60.00 - Non Member
\$57.52 + HST = \$65.00 - Cash at the Door
\$234.51 + HST = \$265.00 - Booklet of 6 Dinner Tickets

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THIS YEAR'S THEME:

**Construction,
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& Wellness**

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February 27, 2019

11:00am - 6:00pm

Metro Toronto Convention Centre
South Building,
222 Bremner Boulevard,
Toronto, Ontario M5V 3L9

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