



# SOUTHWEST BREEZES

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### CSI SOUTHWEST REGION



### DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Robert H. Mallory, CSI, CCS, CCPR, CCCA, LEED AP  
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On the way back from Construct 2008 at Las Vegas, I stopped at Hoover Dam and took the Dam Tour, which I had never done before. What an amazing construction project it is! As I looked from the balcony of the Turbine/Generator Room on the Nevada side, I saw this great image of our Region.

In the vision, each Turbine/Generator Unit (TGU) represented a Chapter in the Southwest Region. All TGU's were up and running, none being "Down for Repair" just like our Region. Some units were not generating power up to capacity, but they all were working hard. There was also a great hum of activity in the room, just like our Chapters.



Chapters are the generators of power for CSI and our Mission to Advance the process of creating and sustaining the built environment. CSI is a very powerful organization as we are the one group focused on construction communication methods and practices. We are the ones who provide the guidelines for communicating the Designer's Vision to the Contractor's Hammer, and that is powerful for our economy. A good set of Construction Documents can save millions of dollars in wasted time and effort.

Our Region is powerful. We have produced many Institute presidents and leaders throughout the years, and are continuing as a high output Region for the Institute. To support our Country's beginning to shift to wind power, we have revived the *Southwest Breezes* this year, in an effort to unify our Region and help promote the importance of CSI. Please join us as we embark on an electrifying year of improvements to our Region and set the standard for Construction Communication throughout the Southwest.

On the side bar you will see a complete list of Chapter Presidents and Region Chairs. If you have any questions comments or want to help, please contact one of us. We are all here to help. Also a huge special thanks to Dan Mireles, CSI, CCCA (El Paso) and David Bishton, RA, CSI, CCS, MAI (Denver) for their hard work on the new *Southwest Breezes*. As we turn up the power in the Region, it is time to spread the word about CSI--who we are, and what we do for the Construction Industry and the Economy. The CSI torch is burning brightly in the Southwest and each Chapter of the Region!



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### IMPORTANT DATES

- **September 22-27, 2008**  
Fall CDT exams
- **January 15, 2009**  
Institute deadline to submit  
for Chapter Awards and  
Member Recognition at  
June convention
- **January 30, 2009**  
Early registration for spring  
2009 CDT exam
- **February 28, 2009**  
Final registration for spring  
2009 CDT exam
- **March 30-April 4, 2009**  
Spring CDT exams -  
nationwide testing dates
- **April 23-25, 2009**  
SW Region Conference,  
Las Vegas
- **June 16-19, 2009**  
Construct2009 & CSI  
Convention, Indianapolis

### WELCOME TO THE NEW SOUTHWEST BREEZES (actually welcome back)

Dave Bishton, RA, CCS, MAI, Editor

To all Southwest Region Chapter leaders:

This publication, having been off the scene for many years (before my CSI "awakening", anyway), is now back in circulation as a tool to further motivate and inform our Southwest Region chapters toward their pursuit of excellence in all things CSI, and in their important roles in the construction industry.

We have high hopes for making a contribution to the success of each of our Southwest Region chapters; to that end we will include in each brief monthly (if all goes well) issue articles and information helpful to your leadership. It is our hope that you include this newsletter in its PDF format directly in your own monthly newsletters, or at least cut and paste from it where it is valuable to your members. We plan to publish at mid-month to give you plenty of time before your end-of-month deadlines.

Each month will include an article from one of our 2 Directors to keep us updated on Institute affairs, plus an article from one of our Region Committee Chairs to assist Chapter Chairs in such areas as Awards, Certification, Membership, Programs, and the like. We'd also like, on a rotating basis, to publish a recent President's Message directly from one of your monthly newsletters. Important dates will be posted, as will leader contact information in hopes that Chapter leaders will exchange their knowledge throughout the year rather than just at our annual Region Conferences.

**We'd also like to give you an opportunity to have your Chapter's photos and PR published for special annual activities like product shows, fund raisers, and other significant membership events. Each Chapter has successes that could be valuable to others, if they only knew.**

So here we go! Thanks to all contributors to this effort (a schedule of needed articles from region chairs and Chapter Presidents will be distributed). Chapters wanting to send information about their upcoming or recently held annual events - please send material to me at [dbishton@mooreandbishton.com](mailto:dbishton@mooreandbishton.com).



Lighten up everyone!  
*Southwest Breezes* will put  
the wind at your back! ...ed.



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### REGION CONFERENCE RECAP

Dave Bishton, RA, CCS, MAI, Editor

Phoenix and the Desert Palms Hotel in Tempe were a wonderful setting for the Southwest Region Conference on April 24-26. This editor attended the Chapter President's training session on Thursday, and it was great to be joined by many current and future Chapter leaders from across the Region at this educational event. High quality seminars, a Product Show, and CSI committee leader training filled the days of Friday and Saturday. A guided tour of the Tempe Arts Center highlighted our Friday evening.

If you haven't been to one of these conferences before, definitely give some consideration for next year's event in Las Vegas. You get many of the same high quality education credits in a much more personal setting (and lower cost) than the national convention. There are great opportunities to get acquainted with fellow CSI leaders in our region, share experiences, and also share with Institute level staff, officers, and directors such as Joy Davis, CDT of the Albuquerque Chapter and (now former) CSI President Eugene Valentine, FCSI, CCS, AIA.

Check out some of the activities below, and consider attending a future Region Conference event for your professional enhancement!



Tempe civic building- above  
Walking in water? - top center  
Tempe Art Center tour - top right  
Region Conference Product Show - center  
Dinner with CSI colleagues - bottom right -  
Denver, Las Vegas, and Phoenix chapters



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### YOUR CHAPTER'S SPECIAL EVENT

To correspond with each Chapter's calendar, we'd like to feature here some of our Region's annual events such as Product Shows, Symposiums, Educational Seminars, and Fund Raisers. Brochures, photos, and advertising flyers are welcome. How do these events strengthen your chapter? And how have they grown and improved over the years? Every chapter will benefit from knowing what's worked for you, so let's share the wealth!

### CONSTRUCT2008 and CSI ANNUAL CONVENTION



The ever upbeat Ann Baker (above) as outgoing Director. Region Caucus (above right).



Incoming Director Neil Davison (at left) with Ron Geren of the Phoenix Chapter - pay no attention to that drink in hand! Director Robert Mallory (above at right) and Chapter President David Vaughan (above center) of Albuquerque.

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Our new Region website  
[www.csiwse.org](http://www.csiwse.org) is under  
construction - stay tuned  
for further developments!

[www.csialbuquerque.org](http://www.csialbuquerque.org)  
[www.denvercsi.com](http://www.denvercsi.com)  
[www.csiepaso.org](http://www.csiepaso.org)  
[www.csilv.org](http://www.csilv.org)  
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