



CSI Phoenix members,

I am honored to be your incoming President and would like to welcome the 2024-2025 Board Members who will help continue to improve and grow our Phoenix Chapter.

First and foremost, I want to recognize the 2023-2024 Board Members who left a legacy with new strategies, goals, and new website platform that has paved our way going forward. Thank you, Minnie Robles, for your leadership along with the 2023-2024 Board Members and Directors.

As CSI embraces this new era of change and growth, the success of our chapter will only come to fruition through the engagement of our members. Each member has a valuable and significant role as we balance the need for experience and new ideals – a chapter built for everyone.

My intention and priority for all members is to instill ongoing communication and engagement so that our chapter continues to grow and further establishes itself as a resource to the Arizona architectural and construction community.

We will accomplish that by:

- enhancing our programs
- collaborating with other industry organizations and individuals
- supporting and encouraging CDT certification
- strengthening our membership by recruitment
- increase our finances through various new fundraising events
- improving our student scholarship efforts
- communicating with members on a consistent basis

Our September meeting was the catapult to this initiative with our collaboration with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) and the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA). Maurita Harris, AIA, NOMA presented yesterday, “What is Your Superpower? A Path to Self-Empowerment,” which was an inspiring start to the year.

We have another special event on 9/18 with AIA Phoenix Metro and our very own Ron Geren, Neil Davison, and Greg Markling! The presentation is, “Construction Specs: Everything you need to know.” This will be a free event for CSI Members. Please check out our CSI Website to RSVP.

If you have any ideas, suggestions, comments, etc., please contact me directly or any of our Board Members to express your thoughts. If you want to make a difference and volunteer, please reach out to me and let me know you want to get more involved.

I’m looking forward to a successful 2024-2025 CSI year and I am grateful for your dedication/membership to our chapter that makes it possible!

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President of CSI Phoenix Chapter