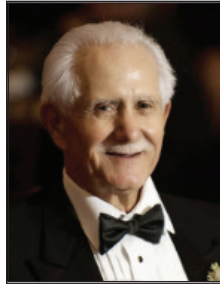


THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Sayeg, CSI



My Fellow OCCCSI Members... Can You feel "IT"?

"IT's" in the air... "IT's" everywhere!!! "IT" began for me at the Anaheim White House in early December when (as a Group) we shared the Spirit at our Annual Christmas Party. Attendees were in the Christmas Spirit then, and it showed... in their festive clothes, their festive spirit and their generosity to Caterina's Club... to help Sir Bruno and his Team feed and house less fortunate children in Orange County. As always, it is a Wonderful and Very Special Event that the Chapter shared together. My Thanks to ALL, who helped make the evening possible — especially Annette, Dana, David, William and My Right Arm...the Kid!

This is also my opportunity to wish A Very Happy New Year to all my Fellow Orange County Chapter Members, and all who read these words. May 2026 be a Blessing and the Best Year yet for our families, our businesses and our Nation. By extension, the OCCCSI Board of Directors join me in wishing everyone and their family a Safe and Prosperous New Year.

Looking to the future...February 4th, 2026, we will have a plant tour at OC Metals in Santa Ana, CA. Please consult the OCCCSI Newsletter herein for additional content on this upcoming and exciting event.

Our April Trade Show will be at our normal meeting location, the Elks Club in Santa Ana with 2 prominent Orange County Architects as the Keynote Speakers, presenting on something very special! More information to come that will "fill in the blanks" as we get closer to this event. Mark your Calendars...I for one am excited to hear this presentation... You should be too.

Our April Trade Show is quickly filling up with both old and new exhibitors. Space is limited so please contact Annette Wren to secure one of the remaining spaces. This is OCCCSI's Premier Event and you won't want to miss it.

Until we meet again... All Best Wishes!!!

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WALL & CEILING TECHNICAL CORNER

By Bryan Stanley, CSI

Direct-Exterior Finish Systems (DEFS) can be an alternative system to traditional lath and plaster ceilings due to the materials and the configuration that are used in these systems, the cure times, installation times and the schedule times are usually shortened. DEFS are lightweight compared to traditional plaster ceilings, this can save in structural costs and may absorb more transferable stress which could be looked upon as being crack resistant.

DEFS can maintain the appearance of a traditional plaster ceiling, simple barrel or vault ceilings are achievable, however, complex curved or dome type ceilings are somewhat limited. DEFS ceilings have proven successful for use in high humidity climates but are not generally recommended for use on exterior walls exposed to direct weather conditions.

DEFS abuse resistance is created by embedding two materials together. A nominal 4 ounce fiberglass mesh is troweled into polymer-modified cement, known as the base coat, once embedded, the entire surface of the fiberglass mesh shall be covered. These combined materials are known as the lamina. This lamina is applied across the entire surface of glass mat sheathing substrate that has been attached to the structure of a contact, furred, or suspended ceiling. Once cured, a 100% acrylic finish coat is applied over the (lamina) base coat.

The acrylic finish coat is available in a variety of colors and can be applied in different textures from medium sand to a troweled smooth appearance.

Note: The fiberglass mesh, base coat and finish should be provided by one manufacturer to ensure product compatibility.

Supporting framing should be designed and spaced to create a deflection of a minimum of $L/360$. However, a specific system manufacturer may have different requirements. The designer shall also specify and design a separation where the soffit/ceiling abuts dissimilar materials or substrates.

The finish coat and the lamina are also suitable for properly prepared concrete ceilings.

DEFS abuse resistance is suitable for average impact protection for a ceiling/soffit condition. The designer may increase the system's abuse resistance by specifying:

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ORANGE COUNTY CHAPTER CSI TRADE SHOW & BANQUET
April 1, 2026 - Keynote Presentation:
Exploring the History of Architectural Gems in Orange County
BY INVITATION ONLY

Our Keynote Speakers for our April 1, 2026 Orange County Chapter of CSI Trade Show & Banquet are: Alan Hess, Architect and Historian; and Jim Wirick, AIA, Principal, LPA Design Studios. This dynamic duo will present "Exploring the History of Architectural Gems in Orange County".

Alan Hess is an architect and author of twenty-two books on Modern architectural history, preservation, and urban planning subjects, including Frank Lloyd Wright, Oscar Niemeyer, John Lautner, Palm Springs, and Las Vegas. A graduate of the UCLA School of Architecture, Hess lectures nationally and has appeared in numerous architectural documentaries. He has been the architecture critic of the San Jose Mercury News, a contributor to The Architects Newspaper, grant recipient from the Graham Foundation for Advanced Studies in the Fine Arts and the Clarence Stein Foundation, and a National Arts Journalism Fellow.

Alan Hess currently serves on the California State Historical Resources Commission, and on the boards of Preserve Orange County and Palm Springs Modernism Week. He is nationally recognized for his work and has received the Honor Award from the National Trust for Historic Preservation, the Docomomo/US's Award of Excellence, and the President's Award from the Los Angeles Conservancy.

Among the buildings Alan Hess has helped to landmark are CBS Television City, Bullock's Pasadena, Norm's La Cienega Coffee Shop, and the oldest remaining McDonald's, in Downey.

Jim Wirick, AIA, LEED® AP BD+C, Principal, LPA Design Studios joined LPA in 1981. Jim has been responsible for directing many significant projects including city halls, libraries, public safety and recreation facilities, as well as ecclesiastical structures. LPA Design Studios is one of the largest integrated design firms in California and was recently awarded the AIA National Firm of the Year.

A highlight in Jim's career was the engagement in the Rehabilitation of Richard Neutra's Arboretum and Tower of Hope at the Christ Cathedral campus in Garden Grove, California. He has served on the American Institute Architects at both the Orange County Chapter and the California Council, and is a member of the U.S. Green Building Council. Jim has been married to his wife Sue for 45 years and enjoys their growing family with their new grandson.