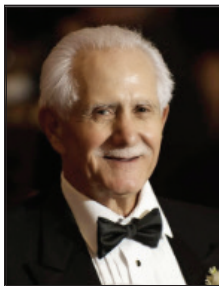


THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

George Sayeg, CSI



Dearest Fellow OC CSI Members:

I certainly hope that you are making good use of our Southern California Beaches (and the pool) this summer as we Roast and Toast through another hot and humid summer. As I bake and perspire, I keep thinking back to that wonderful Spring we had and hoping against hope for its return...NOT!!! Keep looking for ways to keep cool and we will all make it through together. Remember... El Nino is building up for its return this Winter. BE PREPARED!!

I am looking forward to September 9th as our Membership Meeting is literally just around the corner. It will be a presentation by GENSLER on the remodeling and modernization of the Historic Coca-Cola Bottling Plant in Downtown Los Angeles. I ask that you turn to page 14 of this Newsletter for all the rich details of this grand presentation.

It is hard to believe, but we are now in our 60th Year as a Chapter of the Institute. I fondly remember our 50th Anniversary Gala at the Nixon Museum where we (in our finest finery) enjoyed wonderful dining and dancing in the East Room of the White House.

This Year to celebrate our 60th Anniversary, we are combining it with our Holiday Party at the Anaheim White House. Details will be forthcoming as we prepare for the Event. Look at page 15 of this Orange Peel for information on the date. As always, we will be collecting money for Caterina's Club at our Annual Holiday Event to help feed and house homeless children in Orange County, CA. Your generous contributions are always appreciated and tax deductible for 2026.

Be sure to check out page 8 of this Newsletter for more information on OC CONSTRUCTFEST which is scheduled for April 7th, 2027. We are one of the Best Trade Shows in Orange County every year and are always well attended. BOOK THE DATE!! We look forward to seeing you there.

I want to take this opportunity to offer a Special Thank You to Tim Meek, CSI. He is one of our Newest Members that has Stepped Up to The Plate to help the Chapter in so many ways. I thank you for your efforts to date and just want to say "...pace yourself, my friend!!"... We want to keep you around for a long time.

Until Next Time... Stay Safe and Take Care,

George Sayeg, CSI



Schluter®-Shower System

Complete waterproofing system for tiled showers



When it's Orange,
it's Waterproof.

Mary E. Yocum

Architectural Manager, Southern CA
714-329-0355 | myocum@schluter.com
www.schluter.com



PROTECTING AMERICA FOR OVER 60 YEARS



TRAFFIC



FLOORING



ROOFING

- Easy Maintenance
 - Competitive Pricing
 - Nationwide Applicators
- neogard.com





ECS CONSULTANTS

phone 310-637-2363 email ecs@tnemec.com
website tnemec.com/ecs



As Business Development Manager, Racquel McGee brings expertise and insight to help you navigate complex building challenges.

Backed by CENTRIA, she supports projects that demand both high performance and design flexibility. Racquel specializes in several industries including higher education, pharmaceuticals, and aviation. Whether you're planning a new build or enhancing an existing structure, Racquel is ready to help you bring your vision to life with innovative building envelope solutions.

Racquel McGee
Business Development Manager
✉ Racquel.McGee@nucor.com
☎ 213-728-5834

Locations Covered: Southern California, Nevada, and Hawaii



WREN'S WESTERN OUTPUT

By Annette Wren, FCSI

This was the highlight of my summer vacation!

My sports fan life has been overturned! College football has always been my favorite. Never, ever did I know that another "football" would almost overtake that favorite. Yes! The other football, which we in the USA call soccer, is now a new fav. I am addicted!

Here is what I learned through the experience of watching the World Cup, reading and listening to comments by tourists, and actually meeting some international visitors.

The main stream media lies about the USA to the world, and they also lie about the world to the USA.

Fans from all over the world sang John Denver's song Take Me Home Country Roads. The Scots were probably the first to make it a standard at their events. The song blasted out in stadiums all over the country including at the Netherlands-Morocco game in Monterrey, Mexico. Listening to the singing was fantastic!

Fans were fascinated that our yellow school buses were real and not just in movies!

Free refills and ice for beverages were a surprise and hit!

And, finally, the lessons learned from the Scotland Tartan Army:

- Traffic cones are decorations for statues.
 - Mass transit is more fun with bagpipes.
 - No one can out drink the Scots.
 - They cheered, danced, sang, and laughed with people from all countries and ethnicities.
 - They cleaned up after themselves and others.
 - The Scots did what the British could not - they took Boston!
 - They donated \$30,000.00 to local charities!
- No Scotland, No Party!

© 2026 Annette Wren, FCSI

TECHNICAL CORNER

By Bryan Stanley, CSI

WWCCA Celebrates 125 Years

The Western Wall & Ceiling Contractors Association (WWCCA) is proud to celebrate an extraordinary milestone with its **125th Anniversary Gala on Saturday, September 12, 2026, at the Long Beach Convention & Entertainment Center.**

For 125 years, WWCCA has supported contractors, strengthened labor relations, and fostered a community built on partnership, leadership, and shared success. This historic event will bring together more than **500 contractors, affiliate members, labor leaders, manufacturers, industry partners, and guests** for what is expected to be one of the largest gatherings in the association's history.

The evening will honor the people and organizations that have helped build our industry while celebrating the relationships that continue to shape its future. Guests will enjoy a black-tie experience featuring a curated WWCCA history exhibit, a two-hour outdoor reception with live music and entertainment, a chef-curated dinner, and an unforgettable evening of celebration and connection.

Companies are encouraged to bring their leadership teams, employees, spouses, clients, and guests to recognize the individuals who contribute to our industry every day. Whether you're celebrating great moments from the past or creating new memories with colleagues and friends, this is truly a once-in-a-generation event.

Registration is now open at www.wwcca.org/125-gala. Discounted hotel accommodations are available at **The Westin Long Beach**, conveniently located across from the venue.

Join us as we celebrate 125 years of WWCCA and the people, partnerships, and community that made it all possible.



ROOF RESOURCES INC
ROOFING AND WATERPROOFING SOLUTIONS

ROB STOECKINGER
MANUFACTURE REPRESENTATIVE
310-883-4952
ROB.S@RRIUS.COM

AARON DAHAN
MANUFACTURE REPRESENTATIVE
818-447-3818
AARON.D@RRIUS.COM



SIKA ROOFING & WATERPROOFING
Sarnaflex | SikaGel | HYDROTECH | SikaSeal | SikaShield



DensDeck
Fast Deck



KLEAR



ACFoam
Rigid Foam Insulation



Western
COLLOID



HICKMAN
EDGE SYSTEMS

Lisa Fyke
CSI, AIAOC - Allied Member
Architectural Representative
lfyke@mapei.com
Cell: (909) 247-5324



MAPEI Corporation
5415 North Industrial Parkway
San Bernardino, CA 92407
Website: www.mapei.com

**OC ConstructFest
By Invitation Only**



**April 7, 2027
Elks Club
1751 S. Elk Lane
Santa Ana, California**

Wayfarers Chapel Relocation & Restoration

Our Keynote Speaker will be Katie E. Horak, Principal of Architectural Resources Group's (ARG) Los Angeles office. Her presentation will be about the relocation of Wayfarers Chapel which is a National Historic Landmark, designed by renowned architect Frank Lloyd Wright, Jr. (Lloyd Wright). ARG worked with Wayfarers Chapel leadership, the City of Rancho Palos Verdes and the National Park Service to protect its historic status. ARG led the disassembly and relocation of the chapel to safe land in the midst of an unprecedented landslide event in 2024.

For almost a decade, ARG assisted the Chapel leadership in its careful and ongoing stewardship of the Wayfarers Chapel complex. This began with the preparation of a Historic Structures Report in 2015, which was intended to help guide the preservation and appropriate maintenance of the complex. In 2018, ARG began the process of nominating Wayfarers Chapel for designation as a National Historic Landmark (NHL), a multi-year effort that culminated in 2023 with the official NHL listing of the site.

The Wayfarers Chapel was professionally dismantled in May of 2024 due to a cataclysmic ancient landslide, and most of all the materials were meticulously salvaged, numbered, catalogued and are in safe storage. Wayfarers Chapel and the City of Rancho Palos Verdes found an ideal new future location for rebuilding Wayfarers Chapel, only one mile West of the old location. The team reconstructing the Chapel will honor Lloyd Wright's legacy by ensuring that the Chapel remains a place of peace, reflection and connection for generations to come.