

CSI HONOLULU CHAPTER



Why are you a member? 2011 Retreat/Charrette

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In July the board of directors held a retreat/charrette to establish the goals and objectives for the year. "Why are you a member?" was asked of each member present. Their answers are the basis for the four key "Themes of Values" upon which the supporting themes of the goals and objectives were built. The Themes of Values will assist in guiding what we do and why and how we do it.

This is a living document that will transform over time to meet the needs and growth of CSI Honolulu. Listed below are the Themes of Values. We'd love to hear your answer to "Why are you a member of CSI?", so please email us at csihnl@gmail.com.

Themes of Values

1. Networking
2. Education/Certification
3. Belonging/Dinners
4. Value Proposition

One of the supporting themes for all of the Values is **Volunteering**. The success of CSI Honolulu depends upon its volunteers, who make up the board, its directors and committee members. We have launched a 3-month volunteer program for the various committees that need your assistance. The hope is that volunteers will find their experience rewarding and that they will want to continue beyond the 3-month period and also volunteer in other committees. Our goal is to engage members in the process of actualizing CSI's mission to advance the process of creating and sustaining the built environment for the benefit of the construction community by using the diversity of its members to exchange knowledge.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



The following is a list of committees that need assistance. If you would like more information about volunteering, please email us at csihnl@gmail.com:

1. Academic / Scholarships
2. Certification
3. Editor (Trade Winds Newsletter)
4. Education
5. Hawaii Building Products Directory
6. House & Hospitality
7. Membership
8. Product Displays (Tabletop)
9. Programs
10. Technical (Articles)

We're excited about the growth of our chapter and we look forward to your participation at dinner meetings, site tours and the exchange of knowledge. If you have a topic of interest that you would like to write about, please email it to us and we'll include it in our Trade Winds newsletter. If you have a topic of interest to be presented at a dinner meeting or a site tour that you think would be beneficial to the members, please send us an email.

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This section of our Trade Winds

newsletter shares what is happening in members' lives outside of work.

Andy Boyd is training for the 2011 Cycle to the Sun bike race that will be held on August 20th. It starts in Pa'ia, a little beachside town on Maui, and climbs 36 miles and over 10,000 feet to the summit of Haleakala Volcano, Hawai'i's sacred House of the Sun.

Go Andy!

Send us your news and photos of what you're up to. You can also find us on FaceBook and follow us on Twitter – just click on the links above.

He Mea Hoihoi (A Point of Interest)

For many centuries, neuroscientists believed the brain was hardwired at birth. Each of the body's functions was localized to specific sites in the brain, and if any of the sites were damaged, that was it! However, with the discovery of neuroplasticity it is now known that the brain is in fact plastic and capable of great adaptation and change.

The mission of the Academy of Neuroscience for Architecture is to promote and advance knowledge that links neuroscience research to a growing understanding of human responses to the built environment.

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