

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Code Summit 2017.

I am all excited about our plans to create a 'Code Summit' here in California. The idea is to bring together experts from the national level (ADA-specific) and experts from California (CBC-specific) for a two-day event to teach codes and standards to an expert-level audience. This is designed to specifically serve our expert-level CASp audience as well as building officials, architects and inspectors. There would be no 'ADA Coordinator' focus.



National Experts:

We are planning on bringing in several nationally-known experts from 'back east' to provide the best minds in our industry. It is our intention to provide expert-level training, with an emphasis on difficult compliance topics.

California Experts:

As you all know, our CBC has significant differences from the ADA Standards, and it is our intent to provide California-specific training that focuses on understanding California-specific code requirements.



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Building Officials:

The forgotten team-member, building officials. It is our intent to provide expert-level input from carefully selected California building officials. 'At the end of the day', they have the legal authority to interpret the CBC.

Panel Discussions:

In my perfect world, I'd love to have a panel discussion or two, where our expert-level audience has an opportunity to ask some of those tough questions to an expert panel, and develop a little dialog among the experts. This could turn out to be carefully orchestrated chaos, but we'll see if we can get some healthy dialog.

Vendor Fair:

The 'Code Summit' would have a vendor fair as often goes with these types of events. Probably somewhere between 8 and 15 vendors. It helps defray the costs, and adds another value to those attending.

Networking:

Of course, one of the many benefits of this type of event is the off-track networking that happens out in the hallways and over a cup of coffee...or your favorite adult beverage. We will build in some opportunities for a little bit of productive off-track dialog.

Focus on the Disabled Needs

Let's not lose sight of the point: All of these rules and decisions are supposed to make the world, our country, and our state better for all people. That is supposed to be the point of it all.

Happy Holidays!

Finally, I want to take a moment to say 'Thank-you' to Hien and Marcel at the PESC office who do all the work behind the scenes, and 'Thank-you' to the many volunteers and presenters who have helped CASI throughout the past year.

From all of us on the CASI Board; we wish you all a happy and safe holiday season, and a prosperous new year!