

2018 CALL FOR SESSIONS

We invite creative proposals on all subjects of interest to the commercial building team, below is a partial list of possible topics.

Topics:

- Accessibility/ADA
- BIM (future of BIM/specs integration, etc.)
- Building Envelope Issues
- Building Science and Performance
- Business (Leadership, Organizational Skills, etc.)
- Codes and Standards
- Constructability and Design Decisions
- Communications/collaboration (collaborative partnering, keeping all stakeholders on the same page throughout the construction process, etc.)
- Construction Documents/Contracts
- Continuous insulation and NFPA 285
- Contractor Led Sessions (presentations from the contractor's point of view, installation challenges etc.)
- Environmental impact (building life cycle assessment, etc.)
- Estimating and costing
- Ethics
- Extreme Conditions and Disasters (What went wrong and why it went wrong, Earthquake topics, etc.)
- Failure and Remediation
- Fire Suppression (Case Study of the Grenfell Tower Fire, NFPA 285, etc.)
- Forecast/future of the industry (future of specifications, economic and legislative forecast for construction, industry forecasts, future of the industry, etc.)
- Installation (How construction systems and products are applied and installed, where typical problems occur in an installation, etc.)
- IPD (Case studies of IPD projects, struggles and trials, current trends and new approaches to documentation, etc.)
- LEAN Architecture (trends and approaches to documentation; how to incorporate into specs, etc.)
- Legal/Liability (Risk Management, Fiduciary Duty, delegated design, standard of care, etc.)
- Lifecycle and Evaluation (commissioning; cradle to grave issues, etc.)
- Masonry (field quality control requirements in masonry specs, etc.)
- Building Materials/Products (Material selection, distinctive building materials, use of new or unorthodox materials)
- Materials Transparency
- Owner's and Owner's Reps (presentations from the owner's point of view, working with owner's, what they want, etc.)
- Product Rep Focused Sessions (how product reps can become more valuable to specifiers, etc.)
- Project Management (fast track schedule, etc.)
- Project Manual (Version tracking of specifications and project manuals, Technical solutions to project manual delivery, etc.)
- Project Planning/Delivery/Management
- Quality Control/Quality Assurance (field testing, quality assurance programs, etc.)
- Repair and Restoration (case studies, etc.)
- Resilience (Hurricane and Storm Design, flooding and metal corrosion concerns, etc.)
- Roofing
- Safety and Security
- Specifications (Future of Specifications, business of spec writing, value of specifications/documentation in realizing design intent)
- Sustainability (Green building applications/Case Studies, maintenance, LEED, etc.)
- Technology (breakthroughs, future of VR/AR, drones, automated construction process, fabrication, IoT, 3D printing, BIM, VIM, etc.)
- Thermal/moisture protection (commissioning, specifying air/vapor/moisture barriers and installation issues, etc.)
- Other (interesting, relevant topics of interest to our attendee base)