COLD-FORMED STEEL ENGINEERS INSTITUTE
LONG BEACH, CALIFORNIA

MONDAY, MAY 18, 2026

1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	5:00 pm. – 6:00 p.m.	6:00 pm. - 7:00 pm.
Registration Before Tool Time	**CFS - Tool Time Hand-On Demo** Top Floor of a Connected Garage	**Welcome Reception - Ocean Terrace** **Sponsored by ClarkDietrich and SSMA**	**Young Engineer Group Mixer** Ocean Terrace West

TUESDAY, MAY 19, 2026

Room	6:45 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	4:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Salon C/ Centennial C	Registration	Salon A&B Breakfast	Salon A&B **Hindsight on Training Gaps and Improvements** **Alyssa Pease, P.E., raSmith,** **Kamryn Miller, Simpson Strong-Tie Co., Inc.,** **Elizabeth (Ellie) Viox, McClure,** **Daniel Church, Excel Engineering, Inc.,** **Lia Zhu, MTE Consultants Inc.**	Break with Sponsors	**A Sticky Subject: Adhesives for Steel-to-Steel Connection** Kara Peterman, Ph.D., University of Massachussetts-Amherst	Salon A&B Lunch: Annual Meeting & Awards	**Design Firm Risk Management Landscape** Robert Graham, Shipley & Associates Inc.	Breakfast	**Playing Nice with CLT** Clifton Melcher, P.E., S.E., Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc. Hien Nguyen, M.S., P.E., Simpson Strong-Tie Company, Inc.	Break with Sponsors	**Salon A&B** **Keynote** **Advancing Cold-Formed Steel in Mid-Rise Building Systems in High Seismic Zones: Accomplishments of the CFS-NHERI and CFS10 Capstone Programs** **Tara Hutchinson, Ph.D., P.E., University of California, San Diego** **Benjamin Schafer, Ph.D., P.E., F. SEI Johns Hopkins University** **Lynn Padgett, ClarkDietrich Engineering Services LLC**	**Dinner and Social Event** **Aquarium of the Pacific**
Salon D/ Centennial D		Ocean Terrace West Stipend Winners/Young Member Breakfast			**Gable End Framing** Jacob Thompson, P.E., S.E., TrusSteel		**Design Loads on Cold-Formed Steel Structures During Construction** Jesse Barnes, McClure		**Improving Thermal Transmittance Estimation Accuracy in CFS Residential Envelopes using Response Surface Methodology: A Numerical-Based Approach** Nader Elhajj, FRAMECAD America			

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WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026

Room	6:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m.	7:00 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.	8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.	9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.	10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.	1:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.	2:00 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.	2:15 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.	3:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.	5:30 p.m.
Salon C/ Centennial C	Registration	Salon A&B Breakfast	Salon A&B **Navigating Ethics, Liability, and Contracts in Cold-Formed Steel Delegated Design** **Michael Castleman, McClure**	Break with Sponsors	**A Step-by-Step Methodology for Designing Mid-Rise Cold-Formed Steel Structures in North America** Sarah Majlesi, Canadian Institute of Steel Construction	Salon A&B Lunch: Award Winners Presentations	**Cold-Formed Steel Framing and Building Seismic Drift - What Happens to Our Framing When Buildings Move?** Kirsten Zeydel, S.E., Nevell Group, Inc.	Break with Sponsors	Salon A&B **What is Hot on the Hotline?** **Patrick M. Hainault, P.E., R.A. Smith, Inc.** **Andrew Newland, P.E., ADTEK Engineers, Inc.**	Break	**Emerging Technologies** **Enabling Seismic Performance-Based Design Pathways for Cold-Formed Steel Framed Buildings** Benjamin Schafer, Ph.D., P.E., F. SEI, Johns Hopkins University Kevin Aswegan, P.E., S.E., Magnusson Klemencic Associates Tara Hutchinson, Ph.D., P.E., University of California, San Diego From Artificial Hearts to Steel Skeletons: Algorithmic Assurance in Cold-Formed Steel Housing Rodger Ford, FrameUpNow A Web-Based App for Cold-Formed Steel Member Structural Calculations Built with Open-Source Software Cristopher Moen, Ph.D., P.E., F.SEI, RunToSolve LLC	Expo Closes
Salon D/ Centennial D		Salon A&B Breakfast			**Building for the 21st century: Noncombustible Construction with Cold-Formed Steel** Carl Welty, Carl Welty Architects and W. Donald Wheeler, Wheeler Steel Framing Supply		**Designing for Cold-Formed Steel Manufacturing and Assembly** Grant Doherty, Martin/Martin Inc.					

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