

**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 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.	6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Registration Before Tool Time	CFS - Tool Time Hand-On Demo	Welcome Reception Sponsored by ClarkDietrich and SSMA	Young Engineer Group Mixer

**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.
Room 1	Registration	Breakfast	Hindsight on Training Gaps and Improvements Alyssa Pease, P.E., raSmith, Kamryn Miller, Simpson Strong-Tie Co., Inc., Elizabeth (Elie) 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 Massachusetts-Amherst	Lunch: Annual Meeting & Awards	Design Firm Risk Management Landscape Robert Graham, Shipley & Associates Inc.	Break	Improving Thermal Transmittance Estimation Accuracy in CFS Residential Envelopes using Response Surface Methodology: A Numerical-Based Approach Nader Elhajj, FRAEMCAD America	Break with Sponsors	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	Dinner and Social Event
Room 2					Gable End Framing Jacob Thompson, P.E., S.E., TrusSteel		Design Loads on Cold-Formed Steel Structures During Construction Jesse Barnes, McClure		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.			

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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.	
Room 1	Registration	Breakfast	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	Lunch: Award Winners Presentations	Designing for Cold-Formed Steel Manufacturing and Assembly Grant Doherty, Martin/Martin Inc.	Break with Sponsors	What's Hot on the Hotline? Roger LaBoube, Ph.D., P.E., Cold-Formed Steel Engineers Institute 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	Expo Closes
Room 2					Building for the 21st century: Noncombustible Construction with Cold-Formed Steel Carl Welty, The Banning Land Trust and W. Donald Wheeler, Wheeler Steel Framing Supply		Technical Session Kirsten Zeydel, S.E., Nevell Group, Inc.						

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