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**All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
At the RADISSON HOTEL ON November 14, 2006**

All material MUST be in editor's hands no later than November 20, 2006 for publication in the December 2006 issue of Choice. Send to: Jeffery Lynch, 1475 Clover Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011, e-mail address: jl@murrayassoc.com.

The Construction Specifications Institute is a nation-wide nonprofit technical organization dedicated to the advancement of construction technology through communications, education, research and service. Founded in 1948, CSI provides a forum for architects, engineers, specification writers, contractors, suppliers and others in the industry.

Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership. Contact Jake Burkholder, Ph: 717-564-6860.

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter Meets the Second Tuesday, Monthly except NO Meetings are held in July or August.

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President's Message



A group of 28 CSI members and guests toured the new Television, Publishing, and Radio home of WITF, the Harrisburg PBS and NPR affiliate. This tour took the group

through the nearly-finished studios, multilevel offices, and board room; an impressive and much needed facility for this highly revered local media. I have never seen so much wiring and raised floor construction! This light filled and airy facility, with a wide "Main Street" style corridor, has its own back up generator, youth group studio, and special entrance door for the governor! Local celebrity, Mike Greenwald, of WITF, greeted our group, and Jim Novinger, acted as liaison for CSI. (Thanks, Jim!). While on the tour, I was disappointed not to be able to locate Big Bird, Click and Clack the Tappet Brothers, or Brit Com favorites Hyacinth and Richard!

The \$39 Million dollar facility, perched on a prominent hill side on Lindle Road, will be the regions state of the art media building when completed in November. The 180 member staff moves in Thanksgiving weekend! After the tour, a social hour, and dinner was enjoyed by our group at the new Sheraton Hotel.

Later in this issue of *Choice*, see my report on the Middle Atlantic Region Conference, held in Arlington, Virginia.

Our November meeting will be held at the Radisson in Camp Hill. Plan on attending and bring a guest!

Jeff Turicik
President

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OCTOBER 2006 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute met in the Sheraton Hotel in Swatara Township, PA on October 10, 2006. President Turicik called the meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Turicik, Groff, Atwood, Cannon, Scruggs, Cluck, S. Myers, J. Myers, Kingsboro, Burkholder, Saylor, Herre, and Dropik.

Opening Comments: President Turicik noted that seven Chapter members attended the Regional Conference in Arlington, VA last month; and that although the accommodations were a bit pricey, the overall conference was better than average. A report will be included in *Choice*.

President Turicik noted that a quorum was present at this meeting, but was not present at the August and September meetings.

Approval of Minutes: Due to the lack of a quorum at both the July and August board meetings, there are no official minutes. President Turicik suggested that the notes taken for those meetings be filed for information.

A correction to the September minutes states that the certification testing will be at Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC) again this year as in the past, not at Sylvan Learning Centers as reported in the minutes. The September minutes were approved as corrected as moved and seconded by Kingsborough and Dropik respectively.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

President-Elect, Vice President, Corresponding Secretary and Past President/Advisor: No reports.

Treasurer: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit. Royalties from the new website were received last month. The tax return for the current fiscal year was prepared for signature by the President last month. The annual audit was completed in August.

Directors: No reports.

Editor: The November 2006 edition of *Choice* will be posted on the new web site at www.cpc-csi.org.

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Academic Affairs: \$500 has been invested in the CSI Foundation, which is a scholarship fund used to set up a local designated scholarship account. Future 50/50 drawings may be used to add to this worthy fund.

Archives and Advertising: No reports.

Awards: Four Chapter nominations were submitted for Regional Awards, and our Chapter won the award for the Newsletter Editor.

Bylaws, Budget/Finance, Certification and Education: No reports.

Electronics: All Board Members and committee chairs were requested to submit short biographies to be posted in on the website and in *Choice*.

Exhibit Show: In response to comments that the Sheraton may be a nice alternative to the Radison, it was reported that we are committed to have the show at the Radison for a 5-year period.

Hospitality: Due to the Chapter not meeting the \$200 minimum for the bar bill at Chapter dinner meetings, a discussion of bar options for meetings was entertained to control bar expenses. Further information on having beer, wine, and soda in lieu of an open bar will be solicited.

Membership: It was reported that the national membership is 15,600 members.

Planning: The chairman of this committee is working on a calendar to insert in *Choice* and post on the website.

Publicity: This committee has neither chairman nor members at this time, and nominations for filling the vacancies would be welcome.

Program: No report.

Roster: An electronic file and hard copy of last year's draft roster has been received from Institute,

and the chairman of this committee is working on making it usable.

Technical: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

Foundation: See Academic Affairs Committee Report.

Dinner meeting venue: No action taken.

Region Awards Program: See Awards Committee Report.

National Convention: No action taken.

NEW BUSINESS

Outstanding Chapter Award: Heere moved, and Groff seconded nominating the Chapter for the Institutes Outstanding Chapter Award. The motion was passed.

Bar Bill: See Hospitality Committee Report.

Respectfully submitted,
John H. Groff, PE, CSI, CCS
Recording Secretary



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Location: HACC Campus, Harrisburg, PA
Cost: \$87.50 for sponsoring districts (Subject to change)
Registration: Refer to www.hacc.edu for registration requirements.
Textbook: CSI Project Resource Manual
Registration for spring semester begins in November.

CERTIFICATION EXAMS:

Date: Saturday March 31, 2006.
Locations: Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC)
Registration: Begins September 1, 2004.
Registration can be completed on line at www.csinet.org

If you have any questions, please call.

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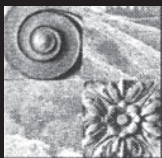
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MIDDLE ATLANTIC REGION CONFERENCE REPORT

The Middle Atlantic Region Conference was held on September 28th through October 1st, 2006 at the Hilton Hotel, Arlington, Virginia. Over 120 members and guests were entertained and educated by the Washington DC chapter, and it was a quality event.

Our chapter, was well represented with 9 members attending: John Morgan, Larry Saylor, Jake Burkholder, Charlie Beauduy, Paul Brunski, Jeff Snyder, Chris Atwood, Jan Myers, and myself were all there as the Central Pennsylvania Chapter. It was nice to see our chapter and our area so well represented.

On Thursday morning, Phil Kabza, "The Spec Guy" conducted a CSI crash test study course, for all members taking the certification tests. The evening brought on a welcome Cocktail Party, complete with Caribbean ensemble and table top trade show.

Friday began with tours of the WW II monument, A Green Office building, and US Government State Rooms. Friday lunch featured a keynote address about building for the government overseas. The State department has been building or rebuilding an embassy every 30 days for the past 3 years! Friday evening's trip was a major league baseball game with the Washington Nationals and the New York Mets. The weather was perfect!

Saturday morning started early with a Region Board meeting. The highlights of the board meeting are as follows:

- a) Since this years conference was a Bi-Region Conference, held with the Southeast region, next years conference will be held in Charlotte, NC, and the Middle Atlantic Region will co – host. The 2008 Region conference will be held in Allentown, at a Wilderness resort. (It looks good). The 2009 Conference will be in Charlottesville, VA.
- b) The CSI National Conference will be in Baltimore in 2007 on June 20-23rd, and the 2008 conference will be in Portland, Oregon.
- c) CSI is receiving royalties from Master spec.
- d) There is a nationwide search for a new CSI Executive Director.
- e) The CSI tool box, as well as the website is finally all working well.
- f) Exams nationwide are being held March 31, 2007.
- g) LOS will be held in Gettysburg in April 20-21, 2007, at the Wyndham, a new property.

Saturday seminars included seminars on the WW II memorial, the Toyota Government and Industry Relations Green office building rehabilitation, the State Rooms, and a seminar on how to be diplomatic in your profession.

The Region Banquet featured International cuisine, with Asian, Caribbean, and Indian food stations, as well as a dessert bar. Our fabulous editor, Jeffery Lynch, was awarded the Region Communications Award for his dedicated service to the CSI Choice newsletter. This award will be presented at the November Chapter meeting. All in all, the DC region is a great place to visit.

Jeff Turicik
Chapter President

ROSTER UPDATES

Please check your personal information in the new roster published in November. If you discover that your information is not correct, please notify Chris Atwood, Roster Committee Chair at 233-4556 or catwood@eiassoc.com.

Also, if your e-mail information has recently changed or you are currently not receiving chapter e-mail notifications, please notify the Chapter Electronics Committee, c/o Roger Herre at 938-3644 or rpherre@epix.net.

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November

- 8 Quarterly Dinner Meeting (location TBD)
- 14-15 AIA Pennsylvania Leadership Conference & PA Board Meeting
- 17 Design Awards Gala - ABC, Harrisburg
- 23-24 Office Closed - Thanksgiving Holidays

December

- 2 Board Meeting
- 25-26 Office Closed - Christmas Holidays

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November

- 14 Mechanics Lien & The New H.B. 1637 Law

December

- 14 Holiday Social

January

- 9 Time Management for Construction

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