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DINNER MEETING

Tuesday, September 12, 2006

THE PENNSYLVANIA MECHANICS LIEN LAW: THEN AND NOW

*Presented by: Dean F. Piermattei, ESQ, CSI
Attorney-at-Law, Rhoads & Sinon*

In this presentation Dean will discuss the origins of the state's mechanics lien law... when and why they were initiated; the rights provided to the various under the current mechanics lien laws on both private and public projects; and a summary of the changes to the mechanics lien laws that were legislated and enacted this past summer. Join us for this informative program session that affects every segment and layer of the construction industry. A question and answer period will follow the session.

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See inside article FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE for further details*

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All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
At the RADISSON HOTEL ON September 12, 2006

All material MUST be in editor's hands no later than September 18, 2006 for publication in the October 2006 issue of Choice. Send to: Jeffery Lynch, 1475 Clover Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011, e-mail address: jl@murrayassoc.com.

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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



Hello and greetings to all of the Central Pennsylvania CSI members! I am looking forward to being your chapter president this year. Many thanks to Stu Cluck, and all

board and committee members for all the fine work and efforts during the past 12 months. Stu will be my advisor this year, and he is a wealth of knowledge. Our board of directors this year has three new members, Richard Dropik, Jim Kingsboro, and Roger Herre, and three returning members, Larry Saylor, Jake Burkholder, and Ed Metzger. I am looking forward to working with these fine people each month to better the chapter. Many things have happened during the summer board meetings: one that I am excited about is our new chapter web site that is being constructed. Watch these pages for more information. It promises to be a quality site when it gets up and running. The Middle Atlantic Region Conference this year will be in Washington DC, on Thursday September 28th thru Sunday October 1. For those who have attended in the past, these conferences really bring forth the true CSI. This conference has a quality lineup of programs, like tours of embassies, a golf tournament, a Major League Baseball game, a Department of State Diplomatic Room tour, as well as Certification competency testing. Check it out at www.csi-building-diplomacy2006.com. See you in Washington on the 28th!

Jeff Turicik
President

FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE

The entree choices include Oriental Beef w/ Broccoli or Herbed Chicken w/ Rosemary Demiglaze. Members should make an entrée selection when reservations are placed. (PLEASE NOTE THAT THE FIRST ENTRÉE LISTED WILL BE THE DEFAULT SELECTION IF NO CHOICE IS MADE) In addition, we will try to accommodate special requests such as low fat or low sodium selections. A fresh fruit plate, instead of the Chef's Dessert Selection, is always available by request. Special request menu reservations should be made no later than the Friday prior to the Tuesday meeting. Please feel free to forward either your comments regarding your meal, or any suggestions that you feel could improve the CSICPC Dinner, to: maria_weber@mcgraw-hill.com

Maria Weber
Hospitality Chair

JUNE 2006 BOARD MEETING MINUTES

The Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute met at the Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, PA on June 13, 2006. President-Elect Turicik called the meeting to order at 5:12 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Turicik, Atwood, S. Myers, Brightbill, Metzger, Scruggs, Herre, Beauduy, Lynch and Brunski. Absent were: Cluck, Cannon, Saylor, J. Myers, J. Smith, Morgan, Snyder, Weber, Burkholder and Forsberg. Visiting were: Albright and Groff.

President-Elect's Remarks: President-Elect Turicik asked for a review of the May minutes. They were approved on a motion by Brightbill and second by Scruggs.

BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS

President, President-Elect, Vice President and Secretary: No reports.

Treasurer: Treasurer Brightbill presented the May Treasurer's report for review and acceptance. Hearing no reaction to the report, it was accepted and filed for audit.

Advisor, Directors and Editor: No reports.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs, Advertising, Archives, Awards, Budget/Finance and Bylaws: No reports.

Certification: Chair Brunski reported eight persons took the test. Four passed – three CDT and one CCCA.

Education, Electronics, Exhibit Show, Hospitality, Long Range Planning and Membership: No reports.

Program: Chair Atwood reported the June Meeting topic was on Air Barriers and is to be presented by David Altenhofen, AIA, CSI. December's meeting is to be a program on dining etiquette.

Publicity, Roster and Technical: No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

The Budget for FY2007 as presented by Budget/Finance Chair Beauduy was approved on a motion by Brightbill and second by Herre.

The method of paying for the dinner meeting meals by including the cost of the meals in with the

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dues payment is to be continued as an item of business.

New Business

None

The meeting was adjourned by 5:57 p.m.

The next Board meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, 2006 at 5:30 p.m. at Bink Architectural Partnership office in Camp Hill, PA

Respectfully submitted,
Sidney J. Myers, PE, RA, CSI, CDT
Recording Secretary

MINUTES OF DIRECTORS MEETING JULY 11, 2006

The Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute met in Conference Room W250 at the GanFlec Architects Office in Camp Hill, PA on July 11, 2006. President Turicik called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Turicik, Groff, Brightbill, Atwood, Cannon, Scruggs, Beauduy, Herre, S. Myers, Metzger, Dropik, and Brunski.

Opening Comments

President Turicik reminded everyone that the Bi-regional Conference was being held on September 28th, 29th and 30th in Arlington, VA. Early conference registration is available, certification testing will be held on Thursday, and a professional baseball game and a tour of foreign embassies will be available for fun.

Approval of Minutes

President Turicik asked for a review of the June minutes handed out at the meeting since *Choice* is

not published in June. The minutes were approved as amended. Reference to "September's" meeting being a program on "business etiquette" was amended to read, "December's meeting is to be a program on business dining etiquette."

Treasurer's Report: The Treasurer's Report was reviewed and filed for audit.

Officer's Reports

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

Editor's Report: A lengthy discussion regarding the future of *Choice* as largely a paper publication versus being web-based ensued. Proposals from Triangle, Hinkle Stuff, and Computer Evolutions to provide *Choice* as an online publication were considered. Posting fees, advertising income, notifying members of posting dates for a web-based version, continuing a limited production of paper versions for members lacking computer access, and other advantages and disadvantages were discussed.

A motion to go to the electronic format next year was moved by Gruff, seconded by Scruggs, and passed by the Board.

There will be no *Choice* in August.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget/Finance: No report.

Electronics: See the Editor's Report above.

Awards: A call for nominations was made.

Bylaws: No report.

Program: The Program Committee has had a meeting to plan programs for the upcoming year. An effort to arrange several tours and panel discussions is being made.

Technical, Education, Exhibit/Show, Hospitality, Membership and Publicity: No reports.

Roster: The committee's chairmanship is open. This committee may be combined with the Membership Committee.

Planning, Academic Affairs, Certification, Advertising and Archives: No reports.

Directors: Rick Dropik of Reese, Lauer, Patrick & Scott is a new Director.

Old Business

Foundation – A motion to set up a local designated scholarship account through the CSI

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Directors Meeting Minutes

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Foundation was moved by Cannon, seconded by Herre, and approved by the Board.

Foundation: A second motion to deposit \$500 in the CSI Foundation account was moved by Cannon, seconded by Herre, and approved by the Board.

Committee articles for *Choice*: There was no discussion on this initiative by Jeff Snyder.

Dinner meeting venue: Paying for dinners monthly versus paying ahead in dues cannot be implemented until the next fiscal year at the earliest, so action was deferred until March or April. Jan Myers is gathering information the experiences of other Chapters. Sit down versus buffet dining will be discussed with the Radisson Hotel.

New Business

Region Awards Program – A committee consisting of Snyder, Kluck, Beauduy, Atwood, and Brunski will look at Chapter activities to identify candidates for the awards before the August 14th deadline.

National Convention Ideas: The Baltimore Chapter, the host Chapter for the next National Convention is soliciting input for other Chapters. Under consideration by the Baltimore Chapter are a golf outing on Tuesday, a crab and beef feast on a boat cruise around Inner Harbor, and a block of tickets to an Orioles baseball game.

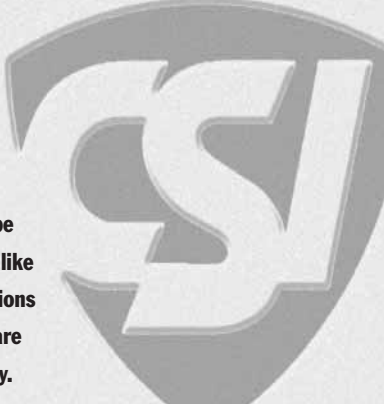
Respectively submitted,
John H. Groff, PS, CSI, CCS
Recording Secretary

AUGUST 2006 BOARD MEETING

The Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute met at the offices of GanFlec on August 13, 2006. Due to the lack of a quorum no official business was transacted.

FROM THE ELECTRONICS COMMITTEE

Please notify the Chapter Electronics Committee if your e-mail address has changed, if you have found your e-mail listing in the Chapter Roster to be incorrect, or if you would like to receive e-mail notifications throughout the year and are currently not receiving any.



SPEAKERS' BIO

DEAN PIERMATTEI is a partner at the law firm of Rhoads & Sinon LLP and has been with the firm since 1993. He is a partner in the litigation department and has handled various commercial litigation with an emphasis on construction disputes. He has represented owners, contractors and design professionals in various commercial projects both private and public. He is admitted to practice before the Pennsylvania Supreme Court, the United States District Court of the Middle District of Pennsylvania and the Eastern District of Pennsylvania as well as the Third Circuit Court of Appeals. He is a member of the Pennsylvania and New Jersey Bar Associations as well as the local County Bar Associations for Dauphin, Lancaster and Northumberland. He is a member of the Construction Specifications Institute and is involved with the Keystone Contractor's Association. He graduated from Temple University School of Law with a juris doctor degree (cum laude) in 1988, and from Pennsylvania State University with a B.S. in 1983. He can be contacted at (717) 231-6635, dpiermattei@rhoads-sinon.com.

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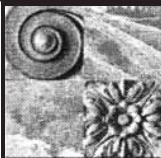
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Between the educational programs, dinner will be served from 4:30 to 5:30. The various product manufacturers will have representatives available for more specific discussion of the methods and products used in these demonstrations.

Don't miss this opportunity to earn certification credits, stay on the cutting edge of technology and enjoy a great meal all in one place. There is no charge but registration is required. Please contact Tina Wood to register and for questions and more details on the day's events, Jake Burkholder, both at 717-564-6860.

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 jeffturicik@ykk-api.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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2006 AIA CENTRAL PA CALENDAR

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August

19 Board Meeting

September

4 Office Closed - Labor Day

21 Quarterly Dinner Meeting
Wyndham Harrisburg-Hershey

October

9 Office Closed - Columbus Day

17 Board Meeting

20 Design Awards Banquet (location TBD)

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

ACADEMIES ON LATEST INNOVATIONS IN PROJECT DELIVERY TO BE HELD BY THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) will hold The CSI Academies for professionals in the construction industry, in Snowbird, UT, October 16-18, 2006, at the world-renowned Snowbird Ski and Summer Resort.

Key sessions on Construction Specifications focus on emerging electronic technology. Topics include: **"Get into the 21st Century: Electronic Specifications Production,"** and **"The Specifications Super-Highway: BIM and the Newest Trends in Electronic Specifications."**

Sessions for Construction Administrators focus on the challenges they face when attempting to reduce risk. Topics include: **"Construction Administration in the Owner's Shoes,"** **"When It's Not Working: Construction Phase Modifications,"** and **"Got Problems? Resolving Claims and Disputes."**

Product Representatives can benefit from sessions on developing advanced customer management skills. Topics include: **"Effective Box Lunch Programs"** and **"The Challenging Customer."**

For a complete schedule of events, session descriptions, or to register for The CSI Academies, visit www.csinet.org/academies (or go to www.csinet.org and click Professional Development), or call CSI Member Services at 800-689-2900.



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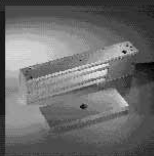
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