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FIRE SAFE CONSTRUCTION NECESSARY AND AFFORDABLE

*A J Sassaman, Board President
PA Fire Safe Construction Advisory Council*

Tuesday, January 9, 2007

Fire – especially in dormitories, townhouses and assisted living facilities is of concern for residents of these occupancy classifications. A study, the first of its kind in the USA, was recently conducted to address initial cost of construction for multi-residential structures using wall systems in wood, steel, concrete masonry, precast and ICF systems. The amazing results of this study for Harrisburg, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh and other regional cities will be shared. The popularity of this study has been so extensive that 24 additional cities throughout the country have been added to the study data.

The ultimate goal of design professionals and contractors is the timely delivery of innovative, safe, cost efficient and quality driven facilities. This program is tailored to provide useful information to the construction industry to achieve that goal. A. J. Sassaman will expertly present this program with an effective PowerPoint display and will provide each participant with a useful brochure handout.

Join us for this informative program, spouses and guests are welcome to attend.

RADISSON HOTEL

Camp Hill, PA

Attitude Adjustment - 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Program - 6:30 p.m.

Cost - \$22.00 per person (\$25.00 for reservations after 1/05/07) Students - \$11.00

Menu

Pecan-encrusted Chicken or Tilapia Florentine, Caesar Salad, Chef's Side Dish and Choice of Dessert. Coffee, Tea, Warm Rolls, Butter.

Low fat or special dietary menus are available upon request.
See inside article FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE for further details.

Reservations must be made to Maria Weber by calling (717) 651-2890 or by e-mail at maria_weber@mcgraw-hill.com. Guests are welcome. YOU MUST CALL IN RESERVATIONS OR CANCEL STANDING RESERVATIONS by **FRIDAY, NOON, January 5, 2007**. ALL NO-SHOWS WILL BE BILLED.

All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting – 5:00 p.m.
At the RADISSON HOTEL on January 9, 2007

All material MUST be in the editor's hands no later than January 15, 2007 for publication in the February 2007 issue of "Choice". Send to Jeffery Lynch, 1475 Clover Road, Camp Hill, PA 17011, email to 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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Chapter Website: <http://www.cpc-csi.org/sponsors.shtml>

President's Message

Our December program was a hit with over 35 members attending a Professional Business Dining Etiquette Dinner program taught to us by Lynn Briel of "The Professional Edge". The program was entertaining as well as educational, and I would like to thank Lynn and our program committee for having the program.

As you read this, the New Year is here, Calendars are changed, optimism for new work and goals are out of the gate, and the work year has begun. I would like to challenge you all to reach out to potential new members or someone who hasn't been to a meeting in a while and bring them on January 9th to our next meeting. Our dinner program meeting will be on Masonry and its cost and how it affects other products on a building envelope. This sounds like a good one for you designers and specification writers!

Mark your calendars for the 32nd annual exhibitors show at the Radisson on March 21st, 2007. See Larry Saylor at the Bink Partnership (read free promotion) for booth payment. He always welcomes personal payment delivery. There is even a very nice assortment of chocolate candy at the counter when you walk in. Don Scruggs is also developing some very topical education seminars for the show.

I hope that you all received this message via our new electronic format and like the way it has been set up by Roger Herre. Choice is electronic!

*Jeff Turicik
Chapter President*

FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE

The entree choices are Pecan-encrusted Chicken or Tilapia Florentine. 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 CPC CSI Dinner, to maria_weber@mcgraw-hill.com.

*Maria Weber
Hospitality Chair*

DECEMBER 2006 Board of Directors Meeting Minutes

The Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute met in the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, PA on December 12, 2006. President Turicik called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Turicik, Groff, Atwood, S. Myers, Kingsboro, Brightbill, Cluck, Saylor, Scruggs, Mullins, Brunski, and Herre.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES The November minutes were approved with corrections as moved and seconded by Herre and S. Myers respectively. One correction noted was that the deadline for nominations for the CSI Outstanding Chapter Award was not December 12, 2006 as reported, but was December 15, 2006. December 12, 2006 was the deadline to get the nomination to Jeff Snyder, the Chapter Awards Committee Chairman. The other correction noted was that the new web site at www.cpc-csi.org is not yet functioning.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

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

Treasurer: Because the treasurer was not in attendance at the October and November meetings, the Treasurer's Reports for those months and the report for December were reviewed.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs: No report.

Advertising: Advertisements should be sent to Roger Herre, but the fees should be sent to Jan Myers.

Archives: The archives will be assembled, and decisions on what to be kept will be made soon.

Awards: Three nominations for awards have been received.

Budget/Finance and Bylaws: No reports.

Certification: The Construction Documents for Technicians course staffed by the Chapter will begin January 10, 2007 at Harrisburg Area Community College. Stu Cluck has been added to the staff for this year. Suggestions to send course information to Brad Mullins so that it can be advertised in the media Brad has contacted, and that the course be advertised on the new Chapter website were made.

Directors: No reports.

Education: The committee is working on programs to be presented during the Chapters Exhibitor/Show.

Electronics: All Board Members and committee chairs were requested to submit short biographies to be posted in on the website and in Choice. To date, Roger Herre has received 3 biographies. The new web site at www.cpc-csi.org will be fully functioning soon. Two paid advertisers from the old defunct website must be carried on the new site until their paid time expires.

Exhibit/Show: 11 booths have been sold to date, 10 are already paid for.

Hospitality: A discussion of the rate for the December meeting meal ensued; the \$25 rate was not approved by the Board, but was charged because a special menu was ordered for the etiquette program.

Membership and Planning: No reports.

Program: The program for the January meeting will be The Economic Impact of Multiple Materials on Multi-Story Buildings.

Publicity: Newspapers in several local cities including Harrisburg, Lancaster, York, and Reading were contacted. It was suggested that Carlisle and Chambersburg be added to the list. It was requested that the program be sent to Brad Mullins for consideration by Chapter publicity.

Roster and Technical: No reports.

OLD BUSINESS

Education CEUs The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of CSI has not registered our Chapter programs to make them eligible to grant CEUs to the attendees. An effort to register many of our programs was discussed. Reports describing each program must be submitted before the program is presented if it is to be approved (reports to AIA must be submitted a couple of weeks prior to the presentation).

NEW BUSINESS

Memorials It was noted that Dave Kyper passed away, and it was moved, seconded, and approved to send \$25 on behalf of the chapter to Dave's church. It was suggested that in the future, deceased members should be included in Choice. It was also moved, seconded, and approved that such memorials to honor other members under similar circumstances in the future become the policy of the Chapter.

Number of Delegates It was noted that Institute has authorized 14 voting delegates from the CPC to attend the Annual Meeting in Baltimore next year.

*Respectively submitted,
John H. Groff, PE, CSI, CCS
Recording Secretary*

STRAIGHT FROM CSI NEWS BRIEF

Eco-friendly recommendations for New Orleans lost amid indecision Better cooperation and resources are going to be needed to use eco-friendly considerations in rebuilding New Orleans, experts say. A plan from D.C.-based Urban Land Institute that included more green space was flatly rejected by city officials and the rally cry for green building continues to be lost amid the army of planners, housing groups and government officials.

Building Design and Construction (free registration) (1/2) View the entire article at <http://www.bdcnetwork.com/articleXml/LN552588502.html>

Report: Louisiana coast slowly sliding into Gulf of Mexico Louisiana's coast is sliding slowly into the Gulf of Mexico, according to a new report by scientists. Engineers may need to take the shift into consideration as they build new levees and identify parts of the state that should be protected. One researcher described the slide as "a kind of avalanche of material, except that it is happening very slowly. It moved about the width of two credit cards this year."

Houston Chronicle/Associated Press (1/2) View the entire article at <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/science/4438145.html>

Proper door installation critical to withstand wind-loads Proper installation of doors is crucial for doors to stand up to wind-load ratings. Some of the most important considerations in installation include making sure the jambs meet manufacturers' requirements; using only manufacturer-provided anchors; and maintaining the "slip" mentioned in engineering drawings.

Professional Door Dealer (1/2007) View the entire article at <http://www.professionaldoordealer.com/articles/commercial/71h210161230012.html>

THIS WEEK IN CSI's FORUMS

Electronic Submittals (Construction Practices Discussion): "Our firm developed its own web collaboration suite, which we use extensively. We have written specific Front End documents describing the use of electronic submittals, formats, and contract modifications specific to use of electronic documents."

Change of Contract Price (Construction Practices Discussion): "If you have a bid item listing that includes the work that the Owner wants to delete, the Owner is entitled to delete the bid item. However, in the case of deleted work, the contractor is usually entitled to retain his profit..."

Read the rest of these forums and see all the forums at www.csinet.org.

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Calendar of Events

ASA of Central PA Calendar

January 9 - Time Management for Construction

For additional information about this program, contact the ASACP Chapter Office at 717-541-8614 or visit www.asacentralpa.com

ECONOMIC OUTLOOK PROGRAM

The Society for Marketing Professional Services, SMPS, will be hosting Dr. Ken Slaysman, Associate Professor of Business and Executive Director of the Institute for Regional Affairs at York College of Pennsylvania. Dr. Slaysman will be discussing the state of the economy in central-PA and its effects on the built environment. The breakfast meeting will be at the Harrisburg Hilton on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. Registration and buffet breakfast will be from 8:00 - 8:30 a.m., with the program from 8:30 to 10:00 a.m.

For more information, check out the SMPS Central PA website at <http://www.smpscentralpa.org>

Honors and Awards Program

The Institute Honors & Awards Program has a long-standing tradition of recognizing talent, achievements, and notable contributions to the construction industry that support the mission of CSI. We are proud to recognize those who have supported the Institute's mission and goals by furthering the advancement of the process of creating and sustaining the built environment for the benefit of the construction community!

Nominations for 2007 CSI Awards are due:

Honorary Membership - January 2

Fellowship - January 15 *

Institute Awards - January 15 *

Dale C. Moll Student Activity Fund - January 15 *

The Michelangelo Award - January 15 *

2008 Michelangelo Award Panel of Judges - January 15 *

For more information on CSI's Honors and Awards visit the web at www.csinet.org/honorsandawards or contact CSI's Awards & Exhibits coordinator, Josh Spiler, at jspiler@csinet.org or 800-689-2900 ext. 4771.

*CSI's offices will be closed on Monday, January 15, 2007 in observance of the Martin Luther King holiday. Submissions will therefore be accepted until 5:00pm EST on Tuesday, January 16, 2007. No exceptions will be granted after this time/date.