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## WHAT BUILDERS EXCHANGES CAN DO FOR YOU

Presented by R. Pete Gum, CIT, & Kimberly Grogg, CIT  
of the Mid Atlantic BX (formerly Harrisburg Builders Exchange)

Tuesday, September 11, 2007 at 6:00 PM

Our presenters will explain who the Mid Atlantic BX is and the role of builders exchanges in the commercial construction industry by looking at the breadth of services and activities they provide, including construction project reporting, multiple means of disseminating the design professional's project documentation, enabling contractors, subcontractors and suppliers to gain the specific project information they need quickly and easily, and various construction safety courses. As a not-for-profit construction trade association, all services are intended to benefit the industry as a whole and not just those that choose to be a member and support the association.

A brief demonstration of the COOL (Construction Opportunities On Line) website will be given. This system lists over 13,000 construction projects per year and is available to many organizations that wish to list projects. The service enables the bidding process to be more efficient. The COOL Private Planroom will also be demonstrated, which permits any plan issuer to solicit bidders regardless of their membership or non-membership status with the Mid Atlantic BX.

*Please join us for this informative program.  
Spouses, guests and visitors 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 9-7-07)

Students - \$11.00

### Menu

Choice of Sliced Top Sirloin of Beef or

Pecan-Encrusted Chicken

Tomato Florentine Soup, Chef's side dish and

Chef's choice of dessert

Coffee, Tea, Warm Rolls, Butter

Low Fat or Special Dietary menus are

available upon request.

See FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE

inside for further details.

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to Chris Atwood

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**YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS OR  
CANCEL STANDING RESERVATIONS  
by FRIDAY, NOON, SEPT. 7, 2007.  
ALL NO-SHOWS WILL BE BILLED.**

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All members are welcome to attend the  
Board Meeting – 5:00 p.m.  
at the Radisson on September 11, 2007

**All material MUST be in the editor's hands no later than September 19, 2007 for publication in the October 2007 issue of "Choice". Send to Paul Brunski, Noelker & Hull Associates, Inc., 30 West King St., Chambersburg, PA, 17201 or email to [pbrunski@noelkerhull.com](mailto:pbrunski@noelkerhull.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 or email [jakeburkholder@cctd.com](mailto:jakeburkholder@cctd.com).

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

Our August 9 Board and Planning Meeting was very productive. Please take a few minutes to scan the minutes of the Board session elsewhere in this month's CHOICE. We discussed the year's activities and compiled a list of potential dinner meeting programs that we are now moving toward solidifying. Many suggestions for various types of educational seminars and tours were made that will also be considered as we move from summer into fall. A calendar of events for the coming year has been posted on the chapter website and may be viewed by clicking on the "Calendar" button. It also lists selective events of other organizations that may be of interest to you. Check it out!

Hopefully everyone in our membership has received notice by now of the CSI Middle Atlantic and Southeast Bi-Region Conference, "Racing Toward the Future," in Charlotte, North Carolina from September 27-30. For conference information including registration and sponsorships, go to the "Event Info" button on our website or go directly to the conference website, [www.csicharlotte2007.org](http://www.csicharlotte2007.org).

Our chapter dinner meeting on September 11 will feature a presentation by representatives of the Mid Atlantic BX on the services, programs and other benefits of builders' exchanges. Each of us probably has some familiarity with these organizations, but not likely the big picture, so join us for this meeting and get educated about how they facilitate the exchange of information in the construction industry! Reminder to Board Members and Committee Chairs: You have standing reservations which must be canceled if you cannot attend, otherwise you will be billed and expected to honor the cost of your reservation.

Gary Betts, FCSI, CCS, AIA, Chairman of the CSI Governance Task Team has just announced that a revised governance proposal is expected to be released to the CSI membership in early September. This will be followed by a review period through October 20, including discussion and feedback, via CSINet's on-line forums, a special e-mail address to the Governance Task Team ([governance@csinet.org](mailto:governance@csinet.org)), and by communicating directly with our Institute Directors. A final proposal will be forwarded by the Task Team to the Institute Board after the review period with a recommendation for action at the November 10-11, 2007 Institute Board meeting. The goal is to have a revised question(s) on the 2008 CSI ballot.

Next year's CSI convention, "CONSTRUCT 2008 – The Art and Science of Building," organized by Hanley Wood Exhibitions, will be held in Las Vegas, Nevada from June 3 to 7. In case you missed it, Hanley Wood and CSI announced this past April that they were entering into a long-term partnership designed to grow both organizations and the construction industry they serve. Hanley Wood will now produce CONSTRUCT, formerly the CSI Show, with CSI as the official sponsor. Under the terms of the agreement, CSI will continue to designate the Chairman for each CSI Show, appoint delegates to serve on the CSI Show Advisory Board and sponsor the CSI Conference and Show. Hanley Wood will be responsible for event planning, promotion, sales, logistics and management.

That's it for now. See you in September -

*Christopher R. Atwood  
Chapter President*

## From the Editor

Been to a street fair lately? In spite of tying up traffic they can be a wonderful experience. Having attended the Corvette Parade in Carlisle, Capona Festival in Harrisburg, and Jubilee Day in Mechanicsburg, I can attest to one of the best ways to appreciate our local communities is to walk down the middle of the street. Where else can you see and feel the full context of the environment and appreciate the architecture to its fullest (typically without the cars). Sidewalk tours and bus tours all have their limitations, and cruising around at 40 mph plus, doesn't lend itself well to taking in the full experience. If you haven't done one lately, take the family out soon before summer is over.

Did you know that PA is the largest producer of oak in the nation? Also, did you know that due to designer trends leaning toward lighter woods like maple for casework and furniture, local wood producers have been significantly affected. Spec oak when you can. Its good for our local economy.

Finally, how many doing CA check the wood door edges to confirmed the finish was applied? Manufacturer's warranties require this happen typically right after field fitting. Check your submittal closely, and carry a small cosmetic mirror on your next final inspection.

*Paul*

## PROGRAM SPEAKERS' BIOS

**R. Pete Gum, CIT** has been CEO of Mid Atlantic BX since 1995. Pete has served on the Board of Directors of the Builders Exchange Network from 1997-2007 and served as President of this International organization in 2003-04. He recently received the prestigious Dan Patrick Award for outstanding service and leadership to the BX Network in addition to the Mid Atlantic BX. Gum currently serves on the Board of Directors of BXNet Online News LLC, a for-profit corporate entity established to combine construction reports from nearly 100 Builders Exchange's nationwide to provide information regionally and nationally. Gum is a graduate of Bloomsburg University with a Bachelors of Science in Education and obtained his MBA from Mount St. Mary's University in Maryland.

**Kimberly I. Grogg, CIT** has been the Mid Atlantic BX Membership Directory since 2005. Kimberly has nearly 10 years experience in B2B sales & marketing and is a former business owner. She has been instrumental in assisting the BX to increase Membership 70% in the last two years. Grogg obtained her Bachelors Degree from Lock Haven University and is a certified Construction Industry Technician, recognized by Clemson University.

**AUGUST 2007**  
**Board of Directors Meeting Minutes**

The Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute met at El Associates in Harrisburg, PA on August 9, 2007. President Atwood called the meeting to order at 6:05 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Groff, Atwood, Brightbill, Scruggs, Burkholder, Turicik, Shaw, J. Myers, Forsberg, Weber, and Herre.

**OPENING COMMENTS:** President Atwood told the Board that Jake Burkholder is Coordinator for the Program Committee. The Chairs of the Hospitality and Membership Committees may be switched. A Bi-Regional Product Show to be held at the Bi-Regional Conference in Charlotte, NC this September is in need of sponsors; however, the Conference website has not been updated yet. The Central Pennsylvania Chapter Calendar needs to be completed; the skeleton appears on the website.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** The July minutes were approved with correction, after a motion to do so was moved by Shaw and seconded by Turicik. The word "policy" should be substituted for the word "bylaws" in the Treasurer's Report, and reimbursement was to be per the adjusted table prepared by Treasurer Brightbill.

**OFFICER'S REPORTS**

**President Elect, Vice President and Corresponding Secretary:** No reports.

**Treasurer:** Treasurer Brightbill indicated that reimbursement for the expenses of members who attended the National Convention in Baltimore in June has not yet been made; and the last fiscal years records cannot be filed until this matter is resolved. The Treasurer requested that the Board provide an "affirmation" of a new reimbursement table, which adjusted the reimbursements to be more equitable based on the members participation at the Convention. A vote to rescind the motion regarding reimbursement that was passed at the last Board meeting and to reimburse based on the adjusted table provided by the Treasurer was moved by Shaw, seconded by Turicik, and passed unanimously.

**Past President/Advisor:** No report.

**Editor:** A motion to submit Jeff Lynch/Choice for a Regional Award for the best Communication Periodical was moved by Turicik, seconded by Groff, and passed.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Academic Affairs, Advertising, Archives, Awards:** No reports.

**Budget/Finance:** The proposed budget for the new fiscal year submitted by Chairman Beauduy at the last meeting was approved. A motion to approve the budget was moved by Shaw and seconded by Herre. The motion passed unanimously. The contact for the annual product show at the Radison is Collen, and arrangements to provide closer supervision of the amount of food provided needs to be made.

**Bylaws:** The bylaws were reviewed and are in need of updating.

**Certification:** The Mid-Atlantic Builders Exchange is interested in our certification classes for its members.

**Directors:** No report.

**Education:** Chair Forsberg needs information from the previous Chair.

**Electronics:** No report.

**Exhibit/Show:** Three sample brochures for the Exhibitor's Show were presented for review and comment. A motion to accept one of the choices was moved by Herre, seconded by Weber, and passed.

**Hospitality:** Jeff Turicik volunteered to help with the Hospitality Committee.

**Membership:** The CSI CPC has 139 members, including 9 new members since January. It was suggested that an introduction be placed on the website. Help to update the membership benefits brochure was solicited.

**Planning:** The Pennsylvania State Association of second Class Township Supervisors is interested in teaming with us to sponsor classes for code enforcement official certification.

**Program:** A meeting of the Program Committee will be held following the Board meeting.

**Publicity:** No Report.

**Roster:** The roster is available to members only on the website.

**Technical:** No report.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Reimbursement Policy: See the discussion under the Treasurer's Report.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None.

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

**FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE**

The entrée choices include Sliced Top Sirloin of Beef or Pecan-Encrusted Chicken. Attendees 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 vegetarian, 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: catwood@eiassoc.com.



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current email address.



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### UPCOMING EVENTS

**Sept. 10** - Philadelphia Chapter CSI Golf Outing - Linfield National Golf Course, Limerick, PA. Shotgun start at 11:45. Limited Tee Times Available. For more information go to [www.cpc-csi.org](http://www.cpc-csi.org).

**Sept. 11** - **CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program** at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA, 6:00-8:30 p.m.: "What Builders Exchanges Can Do For You" presented by R. Pete Gum & Kimberly Grogg of the Mid Atlantic BX.

**Sept. 13** - Green Building Association of Central PA - Hard Hat Tour of Dickinson College Science Building, Carlisle, PA, 4:30-6:00. For more information go to [www.gbacpa.org](http://www.gbacpa.org).

**Sept. 25** - AIA Central Pa. Chapter - Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Eden Resort Inn, Lancaster, PA

**Sept. 27-30** - CSI Bi-Region Conference of the Middle Atlantic and Southeast Regions, Charlotte, North Carolina. For event information go to [www.cpc-csi.org](http://www.cpc-csi.org).

**Sept. 27-28** - Pennsylvania Green Growth Forum, Hershey Lodge, Hershey, PA. For event information go to [www.paggp.org](http://www.paggp.org) or call (215) 428-9655.

**Oct. 4** - AIA Central Pa. Chapter - Fall Lecture, "Latent Context" by John Enright, AIA at the Armstrong World Industries Corporate Campus, Lancaster, PA, 7:00 p.m. Pre-registration required by October 2. For more information go to [www.aiacentralpa.org](http://www.aiacentralpa.org).

### FEATURED EVENT



### 2007 CSI Bi-Region Conference of the Middle Atlantic and Southeast Regions

**September 27 - 30, 2007  
Charlotte, North Carolina**

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