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TOUR OF HOLLYWOOD CASINO AT PENN NATIONAL RACECOURSE

Grantville, PA

5:00 PM - Tuesday, October 9, 2007

Our October meeting will start at 5:00 PM sharp with an on-site tour of the Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse, a \$150 million, 18-month construction project being built by Penn National Gaming. It is currently about 75% complete, manned with 500 construction workers a day, and anticipates opening this coming winter. The on-site project manager and representatives of Penn National Gaming and Urban Design Group (architect) will lead the tour.

Directions to Hollywood Casino & Penn National Racecourse: Interstate 81, Exit 80 (Grantville-Hershey-to Rt. 743); at end of off-ramp turn north (towards the mountain) onto Bow Creek Road; go about 1/2 mile and take the first right into the south construction entrance; go another 1/2 mile following the construction signs and turn left into the paved parking area; park in the open in front of the new parking garage. We will be met there by our tour leaders.

Dress casually. If you have a hardhat, bring it, though it probably will not be required. A signed release will be required from each attendee before entering the construction site.

After the tour, we will adjourn for dinner at the Holiday Inn, followed by our Board Meeting.

Please join us for this construction tour opportunity and dinner.

HOLIDAY INN

HARRISBURG-HERSHEY HOTEL

604 Station Road, Grantville, PA (I-81 Exit 80)
Royale I Meeting Room

Attitude Adjustment – 6:00 p.m.

Dinner – 7:00 p.m.

Board Meeting - 7:50 p.m.

Cost - \$22.00 per person Students - \$11.00
(\$25.00 for reservations after 10-5-07)

Menu

Tossed Garden Salad, Soup du Jour, Assorted Breads and Rolls, Five Cheese Lasagna with Meat Sauce, Roast Pork Loin with Orange Bourbon Sauce, Chef's Choice of Potato and Vegetable Assorted Pies and Cakes for Dessert

Reservations

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CANCEL STANDING RESERVATIONS
by **FRIDAY, NOON, OCTOBER 5, 2007.**
ALL NO-SHOWS WILL BE BILLED.

All members are welcome to attend the
Board Meeting - 7:50 p.m.
after dinner at the Holiday Inn
on October 9, 2007

All material **MUST** be in the editor's hands no later than **October 17, 2007** for publication in the **November 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

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 Jeffrey Turicik, Ph: 717-763-6818 or email JeffTuricik@ykk-api.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

The CSI Governance Task Team has posted a revised governance proposal. To view it, go to www.csinet.org, select "Membership", click on the "Governance" heading, and then log in. This will take you to a page from which you can download the proposal in PDF format. We are now in a review and comment 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), and by communicating directly with our Institute Directors. Please get familiar with the proposal and participate in the comments. At the close of the comment period, the task team will compose a final proposal for consideration and action by the Institute's Board at the November 10-11, 2007 Institute Board meeting.

For our September meeting, we kicked off the fall season with a program that delved into the mysteries and workings of builders' exchanges, courtesy of Pete Gum and Kimberly Grogg from the Mid-Atlantic BX (formerly Harrisburg Builders Exchange). In addition to briefing us on the myriad ways that exchanges support the construction industry, including seminars and training on various topics, they gave us a quick "tour" of the Mid-Atlantic BX website and the extensive features of its "Construction Opportunities On Line" (COOL) system. Also at this meeting, John Morgan, our Archives Chairman and a past chapter president, was awarded a certificate of appreciation received from the Baltimore Chapter CSI for his time and assistance given in support of their activities at the 51st Annual CSI Show & Convention this past June.

By the time you read this, I and several other chapter members will have just returned from the CSI Middle Atlantic and Southeast Bi Region Conference, "Racing Toward the Future," in Charlotte, North Carolina. These events are great ways to meet and share with members from many other chapters in a smaller scale venue than the national convention. Hopefully we'll have come away with some fresh ideas to carry us forward and share with the rest of you.

Our chapter meeting on October 9 is going to start with a tour of the soon-to-be-completed Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse. Don't miss this opportunity to experience this large project in its unfinished condition. Invite a co-worker or another guest along to this event. It promises to be memorable. Please be aware that the sequence of events for the evening is different from our norm - we are starting with the tour at 5:00 p.m., followed by social time and dinner at the Holiday Inn in Grantville, and ending with our Board Meeting. One discussion topic at the meeting will be suggestions and improvements that we'd like to see incorporated in our chapter website; please bring your ideas along to share; if you can't make it, e-mail them to Roger Herre, Paul Brunski or me; if you don't have one of our e-mail addresses, give us a call.

Until next time,

Christopher R. Atwood
Chapter President

From the Editor

A tour of the new Dickinson College Science building addition in Carlisle, was conducted by the Green Building Association of Central Pennsylvania on September 13. It's a wonderful example of how good green can look. The exterior stainless steel metal wall panels have an iridescent finish that goes from aqua to purple. The building was also moved to save two existing mature trees. In addition to this Silver LEED (goal) building, the college has several other significant endeavors underway in an effort to be more sustainable and include:

- Increasing from 12% to 50% use of wind generated energy.
- Adding solar panels to one dorm (installation complete, and soon to be operative).
- Currently producing 100 gal/month of biodiesel gas for use in their vehicles.
- Attempting to save 1 mil. gal of water/ yr. by installing front-loading clothes washers.
- Having their own 50 acre organic farm with the produce used on campus.

The following is a web cam site at Dickinson that shows the progress of the building. <http://cfserv.dickinson.edu/about/webcam/science.cfml> believe our chapter may be planning a tour of this project when it is complete. Stay tuned for more information.

Windmills are gaining a foothold in PA. With the 6 ton/ 135 ft. long blades now being manufactured in Ebensburg, PA, (by Gamesa) the potential for more wind farms in PA is increasing. PA, once the leader in LEED buildings, can also be on the cutting edge for wind power. On another sustainable note, the Solar Decathlon is October 12 -20 on the mall in D.C. Twenty colleges will put forth their best effort in a solar designed house that is actually built on the mall. Penn State and Carnegie Mellon are both represented along with the best from Germany and Spain. This event occurs every other year, so the next one is in 2009. Visit <http://www.solardecathlon.org> for more info.

HACC has opened its new midtown campus. This is where the certification program will be taught starting in January '08. Looking forward to the change of venue. Congratulations to HACC for continuing to expand their much needed services.

Did any one notice the USPS has changed the requirements for gang mailboxes and the 4B design is no longer acceptable after Oct. 6 2006. The 4C design is the acceptable standard. Evidently security and identity theft are at the root of the change. But what about the millions of 4B designs already in place?

Finally, page 129 of the latest Arcat Alert magazine has one the most unique ads I've seen in a construction related publication since female models were phased out. The first person to e-mail me the name of the featured recipe will win a CSI lapel pin. One one pin will be awarded.

Paul

SEPTEMBER 2007 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 September 11, 2007. President Atwood called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Groff, Atwood, Brightbill, Cannon, Burkholder, Kingsborough, Weber, S. Myers, L. Myers, Mullins, J. Myers, Forsberg, and Herre.

OPENING COMMENTS: President Atwood told the Board that all committee chairmanships were now filled. He announced that a new Governance Proposal for the Institute has been posted on the web for review. He also announced that a Report form for the Bi-Regional Conference to be held in Charlotte, NC this month was received.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The August minutes were approved with correction, after a motion to do so was moved by Weber and seconded by Herre. The attendees should have included S. Myers instead of J. Myers.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Elect: No report.

Vice President: No report.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Treasurer Brightbill indicated that there has been no activity for fiscal year 2007-2008; however, \$6000 has been moved from the Chapter Money Market account to the Checking account to cover a short term deficit.

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: Chairman Cannon suggested that we may want to contact the HACC Architecture Club to inform them of the benefits of attending CSI function; it was suggested that we contact York Technical Institute for the same purpose. The CSI Foundation scholarship money has been forwarded to HACC, the school attended by last year's local recipient.

Advertising: All but one check from advertisers has been received. One advertiser actually sent two checks; we will return the excess funds. One new account was added, one old account was lost, and two accounts cancelled.

Archives: No report.

Awards: No report.

Budget/Finance: No report.

Bylaws: The bylaws are on the Chapter website. Herre will provide an electronic editable version to S. Myers for updating.

Certification: No report.

Directors: No report.

Education: Chair Forsberg is pursuing AIA credit for the evenings program.

Electronics: No report.

Exhibit/Show: No report.

Hospitality: No report.

Membership: No report.

Planning: No report.

Program: The meeting was a presentation by the "Harrisburg Builders Exchange", newly renamed the Mid-Atlantic Builders Exchange. It is now the second largest Builders Exchange in the nation. Future meetings will include a tour of the new Penn National Casino, a program on construction waste, and AIA contracts.

Publicity: It was decided to email a copy of Choice to advertisers.

Roster: No report.

Technical: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Reimbursement Policy: A special Board meeting to discuss revision to the Chapter's reimbursement policy will be scheduled shortly. Five Chapter members plan on attending the Bi-Regional Conference in Charlotte this month.

NEW BUSINESS:

Table Top Presentations: A brief discussion was held to explain and ask questions about the benefits of having Table Top Presentations at Chapter meetings. More discussion will be provided at future meetings.

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



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UPCOMING EVENTS

October 9 - CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Tour Program & Dinner Meeting. 5:00 PM Tour of Hollywood Casino at Penn National Racecourse, Grantville, PA, followed by 6:30 PM Social, Dinner and Board Meeting at the Holiday Inn Harrisburg-Hershey Hotel (Grantville).

October 17 - ASA (American Subcontractor Association) Central PA Chapter - Regional Construction Education Summit, 7:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m., at the Holiday Inn-Hershey in Grantville, PA. Three training tracks (Improving Construction Practices, Business Management & More, and Safety in the Workplace) and 12 topics. Advance registration is required. Information is available by telephone at (717) 541 8614 or on the web at www.asacentralpa.com.

October 19 - AIA Central Pa. Chapter - Design Awards Banquet, York, PA

November 7 - AIA Central Pa. Chapter - Quarterly Dinner Meeting, Sheraton Harrisburg-Hershey, Harrisburg, PA

November 7 - 9 - USGBC GreenBuild 2007, Chicago, IL. For event information go to www.greenbuildexpo.org.

November 13 - CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program: at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA, 6:00-8:30 p.m.: "Construction Waste Management" presented by Richard Frescatore, CSI, of Frescatore Consulting LLC.

November 13 - 14 - AIA Pennsylvania - Architect's Day & Annual Conference, Harrisburg, PA.