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SYMBIOSIS IN THE BUILDING PROCESS

Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, December 11, 2007

Hear how members of the design community, construction trades and product manufacturers and distributors view their responsibilities and relationships as they move through design, construction and completion in creating the built environment. Find out the real feelings of representatives from each profession as only the master communicator, Kris Kringle, is able to extract. In a variation of a panel discussion, Kris will interview several chapter members to determine whether or not the building process is a mutually beneficial relationship of sometimes seemingly dissimilar organizations.

*This program will be informative and fun for all. Don't miss it!
Spouses and guests are welcome to attend.*

RADISSON HOTEL

Camp Hill, PA

Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m. Attitude Adjustment - 6:00 p.m. Dinner & Program - 6:30 p.m.
Cost - \$22.00 per person (\$25.00 for reservations after 12/7/07) Students \$11.00

Menu

Choice of Roast Turkey or Roast Pork Tomato Florentine Soup,
Chef's side dishes and Chef's 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

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by **FRIDAY, NOON, December 7, 2007**. ALL NO-SHOWS WILL BE BILLED.

All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m.

All material **MUST** be in the editor's hands no later than **December 19, 2007** for publication in the **January 2008** 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

On November 13, chapter member Rick Frescatore presented a program at our dinner meeting on the topic of waste management in the construction industry. Rick has years of experience and many practical contacts in waste management and now provides his services as a consultant to the construction industry, facilitating waste management programs for many projects in our region. This was a solid, practical session that gave us a better understanding of the current state of recyclable materials, waste stream economics, and the pros and cons of source separated versus commingled methodologies. Rick provided several suggestions (e.g. "more project-specific waste management specifications") and named several resources for additional information.

The Institute Board voted at its November 10-11, 2007 meeting in Chicago to authorize issuing four separate ballots for proposed governance revisions to the bylaws. It is my understanding that the proposal made by the Governance Task Team was largely unchanged by the Board. Keep an eye out for the final wording that will be included on the ballots.

Our December dinner meeting program, moderated by Kris Kringle, promises to be an entertaining, festive and informative discussion on the relationships – good, bad or otherwise – on which the building process depends. Ho, ho, ho!

The CSI Construction Academies will be in Orlando, FL from February 7-9, 2008. These events are designed to provide enhanced training for intermediate to advanced construction industry professionals, particularly product representatives, specifiers, contract administrators and architects. Click on http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/sec.asp?TRACKID=&CID=1685&DID=12708 to learn more. Quite a few of the sessions will be oriented around the 'greening' of our projects.

CSI is offering a webinar by Gerald Katz, Esquire, on December 18, from 2-3:30 PM, on the topic of "How the Courts Interpret Specifications" that should be of considerable interest to most of us. Click on http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/sec.asp?TRACKID=&CID=1330&DID=14783#Courts for more information.

The American Institute of Architects has revised and issued about 40 of its contract documents, including the A201 General Conditions, Owner-Architect Agreements and Owner-Contractor Agreements. Some documents have been re-numbered and a few are altogether new. We are hoping to have a program on at least the updates to the A201 General Conditions in early 2008. Meanwhile, the AIA website (www.aia.org) has started posting various papers under its Contract Documents page that explain many of the revisions. I am, however, disappointed that the Construction Management family of documents has not been issued as part of this update. The A201-CMa family has not been revised since it was originally issued in 1992, and now it's one and a half generations behind the non-CM version. AIA informs me that it intends to update and re-issue the CM family in 2008.

I'm looking forward to Mr. Kringle's visit and hope to see you there. In any case, have healthy, safe and joyful holidays.

*Christopher R. Atwood, CSI, AIA
Chapter President*

NOVEMBER 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 November 13, 2007. President Atwood called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Groff, Atwood, Brightbill, Brunski, Burkholder, Cannon, Cluck, Forsberg, Herre, Morgan, L. Myers, S. Myers, Saylor, J. Snyder, Shaw, Turicik, and Weber.

OPENING COMMENTS: President Atwood asked if everyone was receiving CSI Weekly from Institute via email, and everyone present said they were.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The October minutes were approved with correction, after a motion to do so was moved by Cannon and seconded by Shaw. The word "September" should be substituted for the word "August" under the Approval of Minutes, and Brightbill moved the motion under Awards, not Jeff Snyder.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Elect: President Elect Cannon noted that the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of CSI was named in the Central Pennsylvania Business Journal as number 20 in the list of the most influential organizations in the area.

Vice President: No report.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

Treasurer: Treasurer Brightbill report presented the report which was filed for audit.

Past President/Advisor: No report

Editor: Bob and Tina Hinkle, the webmasters of the Chapter's website, were in attendance at the board Meeting to discuss any suggestions for improving the Chapter's website or any other issues the membership may have with the website. Editor Brunski will be working with the Hinkles to incorporate the various suggestions to improve the site and redesign the format of Choice. It was noted that the web version and the printer friendly versions of Choice were not the same, however this issue was resolved, and it was decided in any event that the printer friendly version would henceforth be the Official version of Choice. Several websites from other chapters were reviewed for comparison, and a suggestion to move the Chapter officers' information to a location similar to some other web pages was made.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs: Chairman Cannon requested clarification of the budget for the CSI Foundation. Treasurer Brightbill explained that \$200 has been budgeted but not sent to Institute yet, and that other Chapter activities may provide additional funds for this worth scholarship fund.

Advertising: No report.

Archives: No report.

Awards: Jeff Snyder reiterated that the information from the

various committees required to nominate the Central Penn Chapter of CSI for the Outstanding Chapter Award must be submitted by November 30. The deadline for nominations for distinguished members is January 2 and for nominations for other awards is January 15.

Budget/Finance: No report.

Bylaws: No report.

Certification: The certification class will again be held at the Wildwood Campus of HACC beginning January 9, and not at the new downtown location. It was noted that early registration for the certification exams 28 days earlier than last year. 5 students have signed up for the review course so far.

Directors: Director Shaw noted that Charlie Beauduy of our Chapter and the Institute Board indicated that the new governance proposal was approved by the Institute's Board of Directors, and will provide for 2 at-large members and remove the Institute's Vice President from the Board. News from Hanley-Wood is that the Institute's next National Convention after Las Vegas will be somewhere in the Midwest other than Chicago.

Education: Chairman Forsberg has obtained AIA accreditation for the evening's program.

Electronics: See the Editor's report.

Exhibit/Show: Larry Saylor reported that the Exhibitors' brochure for the show is in the mail; and copies were available at the meeting for further distribution. An effort to obtain more mechanical and electrical exhibitors is being made.

Hospitality: At least 25 people attended the dinner meeting.

Membership: J Turicik wants to send out a series of letters to members and prospective members, and he distributed a draft letter to be sent to new members extolling the virtues of membership in the CSI CPC. Several constructive comments concerning the draft were received. Applications for membership were distributed with the inducement of 25 CSI Dollars being provided to members who get a new member to join.

Planning: No report.

Program: The December meeting will be a light-hearted panel discussion with a surprise panel of guests. Some discussion occurred about rescheduling the January meeting, which was to be about the new AIA documents, to better accommodate the schedule of student members. We are awaiting final confirmation from the speaker about his availability for our January meeting.

Publicity: No report.

Roster: Chairman Atwood reported that he has been unable to obtain updates from Institute since September, which may be attributed to the new system.

Technical: Chairman Shaw made a call for topics.

OLD BUSINESS

7.01 Reimbursement Policy: A special Board meeting to

From The Chef's Table

The entrée choices include Roast Turkey or Roast Pork. 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: loganmyers@hotmail.com.

*Logan Myers
Hospitality Chair*

discuss revision to the Chapter's reimbursement policy will be scheduled.

9.01 Table Top Presentations: Maria Weber made a brief Table Top Presentation during dinner explaining her role at McGraw Hill Construction, and the products and benefits available from her employer.

NEW BUSINESS

10.01 Scanning Archives: No report.

10.02 LOS: LOS will again be held in Gettysburg, but on April 18 and 19, 2008. Mark your calendars.

10.03 Institute National Convention: The CSI National Convention will be held in Las Vegas on June 4, 5, and 6, 2008. Mark your calendars.

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

Chapter Certification Study Course

Dates: January 16 thru March 26, 2008
(Wednesday evenings for 10 weeks).

Time: 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.

Location: HACC Campus, Harrisburg, PA

Cost: \$140.00 (subject to change)

Registration: Refer to www.hacc.edu for registration requirements.

Textbook: CSI Project Resource Manual

If you have any questions about the class or the certification program feel free to contact me at 717-263-8464 or pbrunski@noelkerhull.com.

Invest in yourself! Get certified!

*Paul Brunski CCS CSI
Chapter Certification Chairman*



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FROM THE EDITOR

Just sat through my first webinar that happen to deal with the new changes to the AIA A201 and 40 other documents. Looks like they caught the bug from CSI to renumber. For example the B141 and 151 are now the B101 thru B104. Evidently AIA couldn't find reasons to substantiate the current numbering system and the change seemed appropriate. They also address Digital Practice with the E201, and added provisions for implying the Architect is environmentally responsible, and should consider material choices and building orientation in the design. (Should be doing this already!) Can't wait till the first law suite for building orientation comes to fruition. By the way, AIA is allowing use of the 1997 Edition of the A201 (and other documents) until May 31, 2009 so changing to the 2007 version of documents isn't imminent, but close.

On a different note, heard today the using artificial Christmas trees is not the environmentally friendly thing to do anymore. The PVC used for the artificial trees is not recyclable and just ends up in the land fill. What's going to happen to all the vinyl siding in 30 years?

On that note, hope you have a Merry Christmas and best wishes for the New Year. I believe this is now politically correct again, but if not, have one anyway.

Paul Brunski
Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 11, 2007 CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA, 6:00-8:30 p.m.: A Holiday Gathering & Panel Discussion, "Symbiosis in the Building Process," moderated by Kris Kringle, MSP

Dec. 12, 2007 American Subcontractors Association of Central Pennsylvania, Wine and Chocolate Tasting Event at Hershey Chocolate World, Hershey, PA, 6:00-9:00 p.m. For event information go to www.asacentralpa.com or call (717) 541-8614.

Dec. 18, 2007 CSI Webinar: "How the Courts Interpret Specifications" by Gerald Katz, Esquire.

Jan. 8, 2008 CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program

Feb. 7-9, 2008 CSI Construction Academies (Contract Administration, Construction Specifications & Product Representative), Orlando, FL.

Feb. 12, 2008 CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program

Mar. 18, 2008 CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Board Meeting

Mar. 19, 2008 CSI Central Pa. Chapter - 33rd Annual Exhibitors' Show at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA