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CONSTRUCTION PROCUREMENT AT THE PA. STATE SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Presented by Robert Unger, CSI, Director of Construction Management
and James Barbush, Facilities Contracts Manager for PSSHE

Dinner Meeting on Tuesday, January 8, 2008

Bob Unger and Jim Barbush will be joining us in January to explain the procurement process for design and construction services at the fourteen Pennsylvania public universities (e.g. Shippensburg, Millersburg, Bloomsburg, Lock Haven, etc.) administered by the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education (PSSHE) – which does not include Penn State, Pitt or Temple. Attend this program to gain insight into the mysteries of construction funding sources, what controls whether a project is subject to Pa. DGS or Pa. SSHE procedures, the review process, highlights of the PSSHE front-end (Division 00 and 01) documents, and other matters pertaining to understanding how construction projects become built realities at these universities. Selected examples will be used to illustrate the varying types and scale of projects performed through the PSSHE process.

Bob Unger is Director of Construction Management and Jim Barbush is Facilities Contracts Manager for the Construction Support Office of the PSSHE Facilities Management Office, located at the Dixon University Center in Harrisburg.

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 1-4-08) Students \$11.00

Menu

Choice of Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Shells Marinara, Tossed Salad,
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 article FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE in CHOICE for further details.

Reservations

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or use our on-line registration form at www.cpc-csi.org

**YOU MUST MAKE RESERVATIONS OR CANCEL STANDING RESERVATIONS
by FRIDAY, NOON, JANUARY 4, 2008. 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 January 16, 2008 for publication in the February 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

Welcome to 2008! A new year has arrived and with it new hopes for many things. May your resolutions be fueled by new determination, and may you find that CSI serves as an increasing source of information and guidance in your endeavors. I, for one, want to make sure I look through each month's issue of the Construction Specifier, even if only for a few minutes. Too many issues have been stacked unexamined, yet those that I have glanced at have never failed to provide useful information on a variety of topics.

We were blessed with an appearance by Kris Kringle at our December meeting. While giving individual attention to each person there with humor and entertainment, Mr. Kringle helped remind us to consider our accomplishments of the past year, our goals for the coming year, and the blessings of our relationships, both personal and business. Many thanks are due Bill Brightbill for employing his connections to enable Mr. Kringle's presence and to Modernfold of Central Pennsylvania for its sponsorship of our attitude adjustment hour.

Our January 8 meeting will feature a presentation by representatives of the construction office of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. If you have any involvement with construction projects at our smaller state universities, you will want to attend this program to learn about some of the inner workings of PSSHE. Even if you have never dealt with PSSHE, you may find that this presentation provides insights into the administrative processes used to implement projects with your tax dollars.

We are required to submit to Institute by February 1 the amount to be charged our members for chapter dues for the coming Fiscal Year 2009 (July '08 to June '09). We have often discussed whether or not to include dinner expenses in the chapter dues, and this will again be discussed at our January 8 Board Meeting. Any changes to the current dues level will be voted on at this meeting. If you have any opinion on this matter, please let a Board member know before the meeting or plan to attend the Board meeting yourself.

A nominating committee will be appointed at the January meeting to develop a slate of officers and board members for the coming year. If you have interest in serving on this committee, please let me know by phone (233-4556) or e-mail (catwood@eiassoc.com).

Looking ahead to February, we will be having a panel discussion on the contrasting practical expectations in the relationships between our industry and professional members. CSI is the one association that strives to bring together all individuals involved in creating and sustaining the built environment,

providing a variety of forums and venues for networking and improving communications on which our work depends, not to mention the fun and growth of personal relationships that we also experience in the process. Our monthly chapter dinner meetings are one such venue, and I would strongly encourage you to attend the February meeting if you can, to hear this panel discussion and to share some of your own insights on this topic. Jeff Turicik is working toward inviting people from related organizations to this meeting to build greater interest in CSI and make known the benefits of CSI.

As mentioned in last month's CHOICE, we want to have a program on the 2007 AIA Contract Documents updates. We are striving to schedule this at least two months in advance to enable promotion of the event within allied organizations. So far, the timing has not worked out, but we will continue to try to retain a speaker with first-hand knowledge of the updates and issues considered during the update process. Since use of the older versions of these documents will not be phased out by the AIA until May 2009, the timing of this program may not be as critical as originally conceived, and if the Construction Management family of documents is updated in 2008, we may want to include a review of those updates as well. Meanwhile, the AIA had an excellent webinar on December 4, mentioned in Paul Brunski's editor's notes last month, covering the primary changes made in the 2007 updates. I don't know if the AIA plans to make the December 4 webinar available as a podcast or to conduct additional webinars on this topic, but it would be a great benefit to users of AIA Contract Documents. Given that the AIA has a number of papers explaining the recent updates now posted on its website (www.aia.org) under the Contract Documents page, it may be of greater benefit and interest within CSI to have a program or programs on specific documents, such as the A201 & A201/CMA General Conditions, the various forms of Agreement, or the Digital Protocol Agreements, covering more than just the updates themselves.

Are there technical topics of interest to you? Consider writing and submitting a brief article on one or more topics, or at a minimum send suggested topics, to Dave Shaw, our Technical Committee Chair (email: dshaw@gfnet.com). Generally, these are intended for publication in CHOICE, but special publications are possible as well as submittal to the Construction Specifier.

May your 2008 be a rewarding and growing year.

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

DECEMBER 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 December 11, 2007. President Atwood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Groff, Atwood, Brightbill, Brunski, Scruggs, Burkholder, Cluck, Herre, Kingsborough, Mullins, L. Myers, S. Myers, J. Snyder, and Turicik.

OPENING COMMENTS: President Atwood stated that the Chapter Dues Report was due to Institute on February 1, 2008. He also told the Board that according to the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee for the '08 - '09 year must be established by February 1, 2008. He mentioned that he had received an email stating that hotel reservations were already being taken for Construct 2008, the Institute's National Convention to be held in Las Vegas next June.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: The November minutes were approved, with mention of a possible correction, after a mo-

tion to do so was moved by Atwood and seconded by Groff. The date for the start of the Chapter's Certification Review Course being held at Harrisburg Area Community College stated in the minutes was questioned since it differed from the date on the website application. Subsequently, it was established that the starting date of January 9 as stated in the minutes was correct.

OFFICER'S REPORTS

President Elect: No report.

Vice President: No report.

Corresponding Secretary: No report.

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

Past President/Advisor: Past President Turicik told the Board that he had seen Tom Glace, a former member, who is now enjoying his retirement by producing water colors which can be purchased at Tomglacewatercolors.com.

Editor: Editor Brunski stated his deadline for information to be reported in Choice was December 31.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Academic Affairs: No report.

Advertising: No report.

Archives: No report.

Awards: Chair Snyder thanked the Committee Chairs that provided the information required on the form for nominating the Central Penn Chapter of CSI for the Outstanding Chapter Award. It was noted that some articles eligible for mention in the application may be provided on the Chapter website, and not all were in Choice. Chair Snyder also stated that the Chapter Reports could be placed on the website.

Budget/Finance: No report.

Bylaws: Chair S. Myers asked the Board for advice concerning how the Student Affiliate Committee and the Academic Affairs Committee should be addressed in the rewritten Bylaws.

Certification: Chair Brunski reported that 9 students had signed up for the Chapter's Certification Review Course being held at Harrisburg Area Community College so far. He also reported that the cost is actually \$140, not \$87 as reported on the application.

Directors: No report.

Education: Co-Chairman Scruggs stated that the Committee was working on several seminars for the Exhibitor's Show. He also noted that the Chapter has not had education articles printed in Choice, but that is an area where we could score points towards being an Outstanding Chapter.

Electronics: No report.

Exhibit/Show: Treasurer Brightbill stated that revenue from the Chapter's Exhibitor's Show was beginning to come in, and was ahead of the amount for the same time last year.

From The Chef's Table

The entrée choices include Stuffed Chicken Breast or Stuffed Shells Marinara. 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*

Hospitality: 19 people attended the dinner meeting.

Membership: J Turicik stated that letters of introduction were sent to all 14 new members. He stated that he would like the January or February meeting to be a membership drive meeting.

Planning: No report.

Program: The January meeting, which was to be about the new AIA documents, may be moved to February to better accommodate the schedule of the Chapter ad the speaker.

Publicity: Chair Mullins stated that his timeline will begin the last week of each month.

Roster: Chairman Atwood reported that Institute President Walt Marlowe is sending out all correspondence, and that Marlowe sent an email indicating that the latest rosters were available in the Chapter Reports..

Technical: No report.

OLD BUSINESS

7.01 Reimbursement Policy: Bill Brightbill has a draft policy that is about 60 percent finished, and he will email it to President Atwood for action by the Board as soon as it is completed.

9.01 Table Top Presentations: Table Top Presentations: Written ideas for Table Top Presentations should be sent to President Atwood.

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

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

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



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FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to 2008! Hard to believe it's here already. Seems like just last year we were worried about the millennium bug.

To start with this is an election year. No, not the Clinton/Giuliani (or whom ever) version but the Middle Atlantic Region for CSI. The region board nominated Margaret Chewing FCSI, CCS, CCCA for Professional Institute Director. Ballots should be issued by CSI next month. Please read Margret's request for endorsement so that she may lead us on to 2010. She has allot of CSI experience and in my opinion would do a great job. Please consider lending her your support too.

The HACC CDT class starts on Wednesday the 9th and runs for 10 weeks. Thirteen people are signed up as of the 2nd. Is your new year's resolution to get your CSI certification? If so, you should sign up too. It's not too late. Better yet, you probable know of three other people in your office that would benefit from this course. Get the office to send them to class. It is valuable training for anyone who works in an architect's, engineer's, contractors, sub-contractor's or manufacturer's office.

In planning your 2008 events, I hope you include the chapter's trade show in March, the National Convention in Las Vegas, and the Regional Conference in Allentown. The pay-back is enormous and you won't know what you're missing until you attend, so make plans now.

Happy New Year!

Paul Brunski, Editor

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA, 6:00-8:30 p.m.: Panel Discussion - "Comparative Expectations in the Relationships Between Industry and Professional Members"

Mar. 18, 2008 CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Board Meeting 5:00-6:00 at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA

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

Mar. 29 - April 5, 2008 CDT Exams

Apr. 8, 2008 CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program; Vote for FY'08-09 Chapter Officers and Directors

Apr. 18-19, 2008 CSI Middle Atlantic Region - Leadership Orientation Seminars (LOS)

May 13, 2008 CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program