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Tour of the Rector Science Campus

Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA

Tuesday, May 13, 2008 at 4:00 PM

The May meeting of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter Construction Specifications Institute will start at 4:00 PM sharp with an on-site tour of the Rector Science Campus at Dickinson College, a LEED-registered new facility on the cusp of being completed and occupied. This project, which began construction in May 2006, will bring space for biology, chemistry, neuroscience, geology and environmental science into a unified, interconnected center for science education. The facility was designed by Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects (www.zgf.com) and is an example of the commitment to environmental sustainability made by Dickinson College.

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Please join us for this construction tour opportunity & dinner. Spouses, guests and visitors are welcome to attend.

Reservations are required for dinner, but not for the Tour.

For additional information on the tour, contact Chris Atwood at catwood@eiassoc.com or by telephone at 717-233-4556

Tour Followed by

HOTEL CARLISLE

Embers Convention Center
1700 Harrisburg Pike, Carlisle, PA

Attitude Adjustment in the Lounge – 5:45 p.m.

Dinner – 6:30 p.m. Board Meeting – 7:30 p.m.

All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting

Cost - \$22.00 per person; Students \$11.00
(\$25.00 for reservations after 5-7-08)

See **FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE**
for Menu and Reservation details.

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter meets
the second Tuesday monthly
except NO meetings are held in July or August.

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Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership.

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President's Message



Christopher R.
Atwood, CSI, AIA
President

As a specifications writer, I often feel I am in the process of assembling a complex jigsaw puzzle of several thousand pieces. It requires a lot of patience, proper coordination of the pieces, a certain innate ability to 'see' how things fit together, and a moderately high level of organization to successfully complete a "picture," and I feel much satisfaction when it's done. One could probably say it suits my personality and temperament. Unfortunately, few projects in the course of my experience have ever had sufficient time allotted to permit completing the puzzle

to anything more than...oh, about 85% (at least that's what it feels like), so my level of satisfaction is consistently frustrated. Most of the time, I am putting the partially completed puzzle away with several missing pieces, several extra pieces that really belong to other puzzles, and a few pieces that were force fit. It's no wonder builders misinterpret some of our intentions. Has it always been this way or has our profession truly devolved to this state of affairs where we have to 'make do' with so many things – and where 'clear, complete, concise and correct' are only ephemeral goals? I think I'm just going to throw all the pieces in the air...Well, enough rumination.

At our meeting on April 8th, we had representatives of the Architectural Woodwork Institute, Central PA Chapter, present a quick overview of the AWI Quality Standards on cabinetry and discuss several 'green' materials for woodwork, including how the materials can help qualify for LEED points. You may be interested to know that AWI and the Woodwork Institute (of California) are working on developing a unified set of quality standards. Regarding business, I forgot to include the casting of ballots for the election of Chapter officers and board members for the coming fiscal year '09 on our meeting agenda, so we will have to do that at the May meeting. Please, everyone, remind me and Jake Burkholder

to get this accomplished during the tour or at the dinner afterward.

On April 18 & 19, the CSI Middle Atlantic Region spring Board Meeting and annual Leadership Orientation Seminar (LOS) were held in Gettysburg. Please see my report elsewhere in CHOICE for a recap.

The May 13 program should be terrific – a tour of the new Rector Sciences Campus at Dickinson College in Carlisle. Please note it starts at 4:00 p.m. Reservations are needed for dinner afterward, but not for the tour itself. This project is pushing the sustainability envelope and hoping for an eventual LEED Silver certification.

Our annual golf outing will happen the afternoon of May 20 at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course, in support of our scholarship program. Consider playing and being a sponsor. From all past reports, John Morgan organizes a fun outing.

CONSTRUCT 2008 and the CSI Convention happen in Las Vegas from June 3 to 6, and our annual Chapter Meeting and Awards Banquet, member appreciation night and end-of-year celebration will occur on the third Tuesday, June 17. Summer to follow. Have a pleasant May,

*Christopher R. Atwood, CSI, AIA
President*

Ongoing Countdown of the Top 10 Reasons to Attend

**CSI Allentown 2008 Middle Atlantic Region Conference in Macungie, PA
September 25 - 28, 2008**

Reason #10 - Learn the true definition of MACUNGIE.

Reason #9 - 5th Annual Ron Nattress Memorial Golf Tournament, in Ron's home chapter!

Reason #8 - Fly high at Hawk Mountain and get serious shopping at Cabela's!

Reason #7 - Taste the wine of the region at local vineyards.

Reason #6 - Meet an US ex-president, who was an outdoor enthusiast.

Reason #5 - State-of-the-Art DaVinci Science Center for your cubs.

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from the Chef's Table

MENU

Choice of
Roasted Pork Tenderloin or
Chicken Champagne
Tossed Salad
Chef's Side Dishes and
Chef's Choice of Dessert

Low Fat or Special Dietary
menus are available
upon request.

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.

RESERVATIONS

to Logan Myers by
calling (570) 850-6330 or e-mail
at loganmyers@hotmail.com
or use our on-line registration
form at www.cpc-csi.org

**YOU MUST MAKE
RESERVATIONS OR CANCEL
STANDING RESERVATIONS
by NOON,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2008.**

**ALL NO-SHOWS
WILL BE BILLED.**

*Please indicate your choice of
entrée at time of reservation.*

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*

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

DATE: April 18, 2008
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill

The Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute met in the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, PA on April 8, 2008. President Atwood called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Atwood, Brightbill, Burkholder, Cannon, Cluck, Forsberg, Groff, Kingsborough, Morgan, Saylor, Shaw, Snyder, Turicik, and Weber.

Opening Comments:

1. President Atwood had no report.

Approval of Minutes:

2. There was a correction to the March minutes, in the Program Committee report "Morrow" was corrected to "Mauro". The March minutes were approved as corrected, as moved and seconded by Atwood and Shaw respectively.

Treasurer's Report

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

4. Officer's Reports

5. **President Elect** No report.
 6. **Vice President** No report.
 7. **Corresponding Secretary** No report.
 8. **Past President/Advisor** No report.
 9. **Editor's Report** No report.

Committee Reports

10. **Budget/Finance** The preliminary budget was provided to the Board and Committee chairs present, and feedback is requested prior to putting the budget to a vote.

11. **Electronics** No report.

12. **Awards** Nominations for Chapter Awards are due to Chair Snyder by April 30, 2008. Award categories are indicated on the Chapter website. The Chapter did not qualify for the Outstanding Chapter Award from Institute this year due to a lack of a sufficient number of "examples" of the work we have done.

13. **Bylaws** No report.

14. **Program** The May meeting will be a tour of the new Dickinson Science Center (a LEED project) in Carlisle with dinner at the Embers on a Wednesday afternoon. In July, a tour of A.G. Mauro in Lewisberry is planned. The annual CSI CPC Golf Outing will be held on May 20 at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course.

15. **Technical Chair** Shaw reported that he has submitted an article for publication in Choice.

16. **Education** Co-Chairman Forsberg reported that 23 people attended the main seminars at the Exhibitor's Show, and 18, 14, and 7 attended the three afternoon educational seminars.

17. **Exhibit/Show** Chairman Saylor indicated that the Exhibitor's Show was a success. Exhibitor fees were greater than anticipated by the budget, although expenses were also up. Measures are being taken to reduce the costs of the next show.

18. **Hospitality** 35 people attended the evening's dinner meeting, including a number of students from Stevens Trade School in Lancaster.

19. **Membership** The Chapter has 134 members.

20. **Publicity** No report.

21. **Roster** No report.

22. **Planning** No report.

23. **Academic Affairs** Scholarship applications are due by April 19. \$500 will be sent to the Institute to be deposited in the CSI Foundation.

24. **Certification** Three candidates for the CCPR, one for the CCPR, and one for the CCS sat for the Certification Exams last month. No results were available yet.

25. **Advertising** No report.

26. **Archives Chair** Morgan requested that members with old copies of Choice allow the Chapter to scan them for deposition in the Chapter Archives. Groff agreed to gather his copies to start the effort.

Directors

27. No report.

Old Business

7.01 **Reimbursement Policy** Bill Brightbill revised his draft reimbursement policy as discussed at the last meeting. It was decided to table the discussion and vote until the next Board Meeting as time was too short to finish at the April meeting.

9.01 **Table Top Presentations** Discussion of this issue was deferred to a future meeting.

10.01 **Scanning Archives** Discussion of this issue was deferred to a future meeting.

10.02 **Institute National Convention** No report.

1.01 **Meal Coverage** No report.

New Business

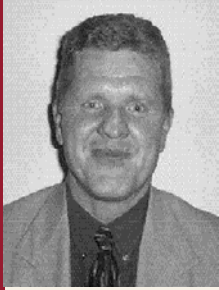
No new business.

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



John H. Groff,
 PE, CSI, CCS
 Recording Secretary

CSI Wiki is finally here!



David A. Shaw, CSI
Technical Committee
Chairman

I am sure you all have been anxiously waiting for the CSIWiki. So what is a Wiki? Wikis are collaborative websites that can be edited by anyone. This allows contributors' statements to be challenged by anyone and the process leads to a consensus on any given subject. What is the CSIWiki? CSIWiki provides an opportunity for all members to contribute technical information and add comments from their experience. CSIWiki is the one place to go for definitive information about the construction industry. The CSI technical Committee has launched the CSIWiki and believes that this tool can be used by Chapter Technical Chairs to encourage a sense of

community and ability to participate in developing and discussion of construction documentation and offers individuals who have been unable to participate in a committee or chapter a way to easily contribute their knowledge and expertise. The Institute Technical Committee trusts that CSI members and chapters will build a greater sense of community and collaboration through contributions to the CSIWiki. (*The Construction Specifier, January 2008*)

Please take time to visit wiki.csinet.org and contribute.

Respectively Submitted,

*David A. Shaw, CSI
Technical Committee Chairman*

In Memory Of

James A. Morrett, died peacefully at home on Tuesday, April 15, 2008 in Salvo, NC surrounded by his loving family. Born in Harrisburg, PA, he was preceded in death by his parents, James A. Morrett, Sr. and Eva E. Morrett.

Mr. Morrett was a Registered Architect, Professor Emeritus of Architectural Technology at Harrisburg Area Community College, a 32nd degree Mason and member of Robert Burns Lodge No. 464 in Harrisburg, PA, a member of Clark's Bethel United Methodist Church in Salvo, NC, a U.S. Navy veteran, held 3 patents and, above all else, was an awesome Dad.

The coffee pot was always on and all were welcome to share conversation, stories, jokes and political debates. Jim had a true sense of adventure and a distinct zest for life. He was a natural teacher and mentor, loyal friend, excellent artist and quick to laugh. Nothing made him happier than to use his creative talents to solve design problems or help his friends and family in any way that he could.

Left behind to cherish his memory and celebrate his life are his loving wife and best friend, Kathy of Salvo, NC; daughter, Fawn Crossland and husband Jeff of Chesapeake, VA; son Eric Morrett and wife JoAnn of Harrisburg, PA; four grandsons, four great-grandchildren; a brother, Thomas L. Morrett and wife Gayle of Linglestown, PA, and several nieces and nephews.

A Service of Remembrance will be held at 1:pm on Thursday, May 8, 2008 in Tree of Life Lutheran Church, 1492 Linglestown Rd., Harrisburg. Friends are invited to join the family in the church social hall after the service.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Masonic Village at One Masonic Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022, or to Clark's Bethel United Methodist Church, PO Box 28, Salvo, NC 27972.

ASCE Hydraulic Technical Group Presentation

Hydraulic Technical Group
Of ASCE Central Pennsylvania Section
Presents

Pennsylvania Flooding What we have endured!

*Speaker: David Ondrejik
Warning Coordination Meteorologist
National Weather Service, State College, PA*

Wednesday, May 14, 2008

6:00 PM Social Hour, 7:00 PM Program

Harrisburg Area Community College
Cooper Center, International Room

The National Weather Service (NWS) provides weather, hydrologic, and climate forecasts and warnings for the United States, its territories, adjacent waters and ocean areas, for the protection of life and property and the enhancement of the national economy. NWS data and products form a national information database and infrastructure which can be used by other governmental agencies, the private sector, the public, and the global community.

Meteorologist Dave Ondrejik (1991 BS Meteo from Penn State University) will be conducting a presentation on flooding in Pennsylvania at the Harrisburg Area Community College. Mr. Ondrejik after graduating from the PSU, entered NOAA's National Ocean Services where he worked as an ice forecaster and routed ships through the ice. In 1993,

Dave moved to Columbus, Oh and worked as a Meteorologist for several years. After that office closed in 1995, Mr. Ondrejik moved to the Ohio River Forecast Center where he worked as a Hydrologist until 1997 when he moved to the NWS office in State College. Dave first worked as the offices Senior Service Hydrologist before being promoted to his current position as the Warning Coordination Meteorologist in 2001.

The presentation will include the following:

- Overview of flooding and severe weather in flooding
- Frequencies of flooding in Pennsylvania
- Different types of flooding in PA
- Why is PA such a flood prone state?
- A more detailed look at flooding from Hurricane Agnes
- A more detailed look at flooding from January 1996

Reservations:

Please leave a message at (717) 780-2442 or e-mail to j9ovchar@hacc.edu by Monday May 12, 2008

Directions:

Enter the parking lot at HACC through Entrance #4 (Wildwood Entrance). Park your car and walk over the bridge. The Cooper Center will be on your right.

Highlights from CSI Middle Atlantic Region and LOS

Highlights from the CSI Middle Atlantic Region Spring 2008 Board Meeting and Leadership Orientation Seminar (LOS)

DATE: April 18 & 19, 2008

LOCATION: Wyndham Garden Hotel in Gettysburg, PA

BOARD MEETING:

Approximately 20 people attended the Friday evening Board Meeting, representing the Allentown, Baltimore, Central PA, Central VA, DC Metro, Erie, Northern VA, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Richmond and Tidewater chapters.

An update was presented on the Institute governance changes, all four proposals of which were approved by the membership in March. At Institute level, a governance transition task team is starting to work out the implementation process. The transition to the new format is expected to take a minimum of one but no more than two years. At the Region level, Charlie Beauduy has been appointed to chair a Region transition committee starting in July 2008 that will review and determine corresponding changes needed in the Region bylaws and administrative guidelines.

Mitch Miller was elected as the new Region Director to the Institute Board, to replace Charlie Beauduy upon expiration of Charlie's term at the end of June.

Minutes from the past two Region Board meetings were approved.

Region Treasurer, Linda Pressler, reported on the budget and finances, which appeared to be in sound condition.

Charlie Beauduy indicated he had been appointed to Institute's "Region Boundaries Task Team." Henry Zirkle requested that every chapter become a Continuing Education Network (CEN) provider as soon as pos-

sible and that all individual members register for an individual CEN record.

Academic Affairs: Margaret Chewning reported that efforts to reach out to the Emerging Professionals (student and intermediate members) continue in various ways, including promoting the use of the Project Resource Manual (PRM) and CSI practices in schools of engineering, architecture and construction management starting with their faculty and administrative staff.

Awards: Ray Gaines reported that there were not many submissions for region awards last year, and he encouraged all chapters to make submissions for such. They do not need to elaborate.

Certification: Mary-Ellen Pfeister reported on the difficulties in discovering the CDT exam pass rate due to the electronic examination process and Institute's policy of not publishing a list of all candidates taking the exam. A task force will be formed soon to update the PRM over the next two years. No schedule has yet been set for adapting the exams to the 2007 edition of AIA Document A201.

Membership: Mitch Miller reported that the membership continues to decline, citing a fall of about 700 region members in the years spanning from 2000 to 2008. A region total of 1450 was reported for 2008. Mitch proposed a membership drive running from July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2009; much discussion ensued in regard to how it should be implemented; the proposal was approved with rewards of \$750 in reimbursable expenses to the 2009 Region Conference for each of two individuals; details will be forthcoming. Chapter membership committees need to make monthly checks of their rosters on Institute's data base, to find out who is coming up for renewal or past

due and to make personal contact with those individuals.

Chapter Reports were given. Erie is celebrating its 40th anniversary on May 16. Pittsburgh will be celebrating its 50th anniversary on September 6, 2008. Blue Ridge (reported by Henry Zirkle) and Central VA chapters are pulling in large numbers of meeting attendees (40-50) by promoting their programs extensively to allied organizations and by organizing joint meetings with those organizations.

Considerable discussion was devoted to trying to establish a region conference site for 2010;

it was originally to be in Princeton, but there is no active chapter there; no conclusion was reached; Charlie, Henry and Mitch will continue to confer on the issue, but an appeal was made for ideas and for volunteers to step up.

The Board is seeking region committee participants and chairs. Anyone interested in participating at the Region level is asked to contact one of the Region Directors.

The Region Caucus at CONSTRUCT2008 and the CSI Convention will be held at 5:20 p.m. on June 5, 2008 in Room S229 in the Las Vegas Convention Center.

The Fall 2008 MAR-CSI Board Meeting will be held on September 27, 2008 in Macungie, PA in conjunction with the Region Conference hosted by the Allentown Chapter.

The 2009 convention will be in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 15 to 19. No venue has yet been determined for 2010.

The Fall 2009 region conference will be hosted by Central VA Chapter in Charlottesville, VA at the Omni Hotel, October 8 thru 11, 2009.

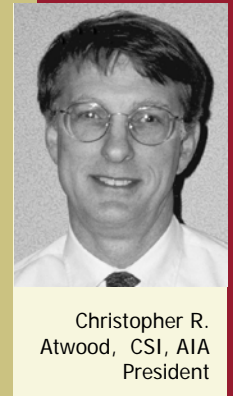
LOS:

About 50 people attended the Saturday LOS sessions.

The morning included a review of CSI's Continuing Education Network (CEN) program, a CSI report card and review of Institute resources available to chapter leaders and members. Afternoon featured a session on chapter newsletters (paper vs. electronic, distribution, content, etc.) and chapter best practices, with attention on hospitality and membership.

The day closed with a brief Region Business Meeting.

The opportunity to network with members from other chapters in our region is always welcome and enjoyable, and I find it beneficial to be immersed in the ideas that are shared.



Christopher R.
Atwood, CSI, AIA
President

-- Reported by Chris Atwood

CPC CSI Golf Outing

Central Pennsylvania Chapter The Construction Specifications Institute



2nd ANNUAL MEMORIAL GOLF OUTING

TUESDAY, MAY 20th, 2008

DAUPHIN HIGHLANDS, Harrisburg, PA

4-MAN BETTER BALL FORMAT
1:30 PM SHOTGUN START

\$75.00 Per Player includes 18 Holes of Golf,
Cart, Beverages on course, Prizes

Gold Sponsor: \$500.00 Includes Four (4) Players

REGISTRATION DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 16TH

No. Golfers ____ x \$75 = _____

____ Gold Sponsor = \$500.00

Make Check Payable to CPC/CSI

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CHARLES BEAUDUY
GANFLEC Architects & Engineers, Inc.
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Camp Hill, PA 17011

Phone: 717-763-7220 ext 2842

Name: _____

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Name of Guests: _____

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The tour will be led by Nickolas Stamos, Vice President for Campus Operations, Dickinson College, Kenneth Shultes, Associate Vice President for Campus Operations, Dickinson College, Dan Bailey, Project Manager for Reynolds Construction Management, and Ed Stone, Project Supervisor for Reynolds Construction Management.

Directions to Tour: Meet at Tome Scientific Hall (Math & Computer Science, Astronomy & Physics Depts.) for a 5-minute overview prior to beginning the tour. The Rector Science Campus is on the northwest corner of the intersection of West Louthier and College Streets. Tome Scientific Hall is immediately adjacent to the west (see map). After entering Tome Hall, take the stairs to the second floor and go left (around the stairs) and to the rear of the building. Dickinson College and Reynolds Construction personnel will meet us there. Dress casually. Hard hats are not required. Allow time to find parking.

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Calendar of Events

May 8, 2008

Green Building Seminar
8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m., sponsored by Halfmoon Seminars, Holiday Inn East Harrisburg, Harrisburg, PA. For more information go to <http://www.gbacpa.org/Events/Event.asp?id=177>.

May 13, 2008

CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Tour Program & Dinner Meeting:
Tour of the new Rector Science Campus & LEED project designed by Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Architects, starting at 4:00 p.m. at Dickinson College, Carlisle, PA, followed by Attitude Adjustment, Dinner and Board Meeting at the Hotel Carlisle – Embers Convention Center.

May 15-17, 2008

AIA 2008 National Convention & Design Exposition,
Boston Convention and Exhibi-

tion Center, Boston, MA. For event information go to http://www.aia.org/ev_conv_aia_08

May 20, 2008

CSI Central Pa. Chapter – 2nd Annual Memorial Golf Outing
at 1:30 p.m. at Dauphin Highlands Golf Course, Harrisburg, PA.

June 3-7, 2008

52nd Annual CSI National Convention & Construct 2008
– The Art & Science of Building by Hanley Wood Exhibitions, Las Vegas Convention Center, Las Vegas, NV. For information go to www.constructshow.com.

June 5, 2008

AIA Central Pa. Chapter – Spring Lecture 2008, “4 Questions,” by Tina Manis of Tina Manis Associates of NYC, 7-9 p.m. at the Thos. Somerville

Building, 320 North George Street, York, PA. For event information go to <http://www.alaceutralpa.org/special/lecture.html>. For registration information go to www.acteva.com/go/aiacentralpa.

June 12, 2008

Workshop: LEED for New Construction Technical Review, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., by USGBC Faculty, York College Campus, York, PA. For more information go to <http://www.gbacpa.org/Events/Event.asp?id=178>.

June 17, 2008

CSI Central Pa. Chapter – Annual Meeting and Awards Banquet at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA, 6-9 p.m.

July ?, 2008

CSI Central Pa. Chapter – Tour of the A. G. Mauro Company.
More information to come.