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## THE PA-UCC AFTER FOUR YEARS IN OPERATION

Tuesday, September 9, 2008

Before the PA Uniform Construction Code - The way it was - 1913 Fire and Panic Act "The Little Green Book".

Overview of the PA UCC - how it works, who monitors, who enforces.

### Speaker: Jon C. Balson

Currently, he serves as Chief of the Uniform Construction Code Division at the Department of Labor and Industry. In this position, he deals with a wide variety of issues related to the administration and enforcement of the Uniform Construction Code by the Department and the 2,366 opt-in municipalities.

He assumed this position in May of 2002, after concluding seven years of service as an executive policy specialist for Governors Tom Ridge and Mark Schweiker.

*As always - Spouses, guests and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend.*

### RADISSON HOTEL

1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA

Board Meeting - 5:00 p.m.

*All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting*

Attitude Adjustment - 6:00 p.m.

Dinner & Program - 6:30 p.m.

Cost - Free for Central Pennsylvania Chapter CSI Members;  
Students \$11 - All Others \$22  
\$25 for reservations after 9-5-08

See **FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE**

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



John Cannon,  
CSI, CDT  
President

Welcome back to our new meeting year and our Program Committee is hard at work developing an exciting education series. The Committee is open to suggestions and will be meeting at 4:00 PM prior to our Board and Dinner meeting. Please contact [Jake.Burkholder@cctd.com](mailto:Jake.Burkholder@cctd.com) if you would like to attend or forward any information on seminars / representative programs that would be of interest.

Beginning September 2008, your membership dues will also cover the cost of meals at dinner meetings. We hope this encourages you and makes it easier for you to attend the monthly meetings. Please note that reservations are still required and you will incur the cost of the meal if not properly cancelled.

The Mid-Atlantic Regional

Conference on September 25<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> poses to be a historic event. With the passage of the Institute Bylaws amendments that changes our region governance and administration, there will be a vote on the final recommendation as to the Composition of Region Officers, Officers Terms, Region Administration Policy Recommendations, Nominating Committee, and Role of the Institute Director. Do not forget early registration ends September 1<sup>st</sup>. [www.MARC2008.com](http://www.MARC2008.com)

We look forward to seeing you at this month's meeting on "The PA-UCC After Four Years in Operation". This program will provide 1 HWS Hour and 1CEU for all who are looking for credit hours.

*John Cannon,  
CSI, CDT  
President*

## Calendar of Events

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

**October 14, 2008**  
**CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Program & Dinner Meeting:**  
Appetizer: Tomato Florentine  
Entrée #1: Pecan Encrusted Chicken  
Entrée #2: Roast Pork with Madiera Sauce  
Dessert: Chefs Choice

**November 11, 2008**  
**CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Program & Dinner Meeting:**  
Appetizer: Caesar Salad  
Entrée #1: Sliced Roast Top Sirloin of Beef with Mushroom Demiglaze  
Entrée #2: Broiled Orange Roughy  
Dessert: Chefs Choice

**December 9, 2008**  
**CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Program & Dinner Meeting:**  
Appetizer: Fruit Cup  
Entrée #1: Roast Turkey  
Entrée #2: Maryland Crab Cake  
Dessert: Chefs Choice



## From the Chef's Table

### MENU

Choice of London Broil or  
Flounder Almondine  
Mixed Garden Greens,  
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.

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](mailto:loganmyers@hotmail.com).

*Logan Myers - Hospitality Chair*

### RESERVATIONS

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

YOU MUST MAKE  
RESERVATIONS OR CANCEL  
STANDING RESERVATIONS  
by **NOON,**  
**FRIDAY, SEPT 5, 2008.**

ALL NO-SHOWS  
WILL BE BILLED.

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



Logan Myers  
Hospitality Chair

## Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Due to the lack of a quorum, no official business was transacted on July 8, 2008 or on August 12, 2008. There were no notes taken for the July meeting. Following are notes from the August meeting:

The Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute met at the Allegheny Brewing Company, Harrisburg on August 12, 2008. President Cannon called the meeting to order at 5:15 p.m. Board members present were: Cannon, Burkholder, Atwood, Turicik, Cluck, Shaw and Brunski. They needed eight members for a quorum. Committee chairmen present were: Burkholder, Shaw, Atwood, Cluck, Cannon, Brunski, Myers and committee member Steffan. Total present - nine.

The June minutes still need approval.

Editor Turicik reported the August Choice had just hit the internet web page today,

August 12, 2008. He also requested that the program material and the meeting notes be sent to him by Friday, August 15.

Much discussion centered on programming and the award - Outstanding Chapter Commendation - which the chapter did not receive for 2007 - the first time we were rejected.

Stu Cluck, reporting for Jeff Snyder, announced the deadline for Middle Atlantic Region awards was changed to August 23, 2008. He also stated the Exhibit Show would be entered for an award under the technical category.

Our current membership is now 130 strong. Every member is encouraged to recruit new members.

The planning Committee is, at present, in tandem with the Program Committee. A number of suggested topics were discussed for future meetings.

Chair Brunski assured the chapter that he is ready to pull together teachers, dates, etc. in anticipation of running the Certification program at HACC.

In order to save some rental money, the Exhibitors Show Committee is considering set up of exhibits on the same day as the show. Also, the mailing list of 4300 names is being considered as something that might be sold/given to the exhibitors. If given to the exhibitors, the cost of the exhibit space probably would increase.

Because of the raise in dues to \$100 to include the meals, the meals starting with the September meeting will be at no additional cost to the members attending the meetings. The members would still need to make reservations.

The meeting adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,  
Sidney J. Myers,  
PE, RA, CDT, CSI  
Acting Recording Secretary*



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PE, RA, CDT, CSI  
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## 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.

**Reason #4** - The Lehigh Valley - Big enough to shop at big name stores and hit a theme park, Small enough to enjoy the culture of museums and strong, small-town history.

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## Green Format



David A. Shaw, CSI  
Technical Committee  
Chairman

The GreenFormat: A Reporting Guide for Sustainable Criteria of Products will soon be available for a limited beta test. I have placed my contact information on the list for early notification and will provide the Chapter with this information when received.

Just a little background information on this venture, the CSI Sustainable Facilities Task Team was charged in 2005 with creating a product data guide that would track green properties of building materials and components used during construction. *GreenFormat* intends to offer the tools to provide a clear, concise, and standard way of presenting the attributes of construction products. It also

aims to serve as a flexible resource for designers and specifiers relying on the sustainable design qualities of building materials. This information will be stored in a Web-accessible database with information provided by manufacturers who will enter product information into a 14 category *GreenFormat* questionnaire form. (*The Construction Specifier, Volume 59, Number 12, December 2006*)

For more information on the GreenFormat initiative please log onto the following website [http://www.csinet.org/s\\_csi/sect.asp?CID=1958&DID=13641](http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/sect.asp?CID=1958&DID=13641) under the csinet.org "Standards and Formats" webpage. There are

several links under the Documents section of this web page providing current and in-depth information such as an excerpt from *The Construction Specifier, Volume 59, Number 12, December 2006* under the [Supporting Sustainability with GreenFormat \(PDF\)](#) link, an information guide under the [GreenFormat Brochure 09/07 \(PDF\)](#) link and the GreenFormat Presentation from the 2007 CSI Show under the [GreenFormat Presentation from 2007 CSI Show \(PPT\)](#) link.

*Respectively Submitted,  
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## Chapter Meeting Dinner & Reservation Policy for Fiscal Year '09

Beginning with our September 9, 2008 meeting, chapter membership dues will be used to cover the cost of meals for Central Pennsylvania Chapter (CPC) CSI members that attend our regular Chapter dinner meetings. The Chapter Board is hoping that this significant change in policy, originally announced in the February '08 edition of CHOICE, will entice more of our members to attend more meetings, especially since we already provide great educational programs along with the dinners. If you are a CPC member and have never attended a meeting, now you can without sweating the cost of the meal.

For this coverage to apply to you, you must show up and your CPC-CSI membership must be current at the time.

Membership will be verified against an up-to-date roster from Institute when you check in for each dinner at the meeting registration desk. Our intent is that this coverage apply to all nine regular monthly dinner meetings in a given fiscal year (September thru February and April thru June).

Meal costs for attendees who are not Central Pennsylvania Chapter CSI members will continue for the time being to be assessed at the same level they were last year, i.e. \$11.00 for students, \$22.00 for others, and \$25 for walk-ins and late reservations.

Reservations will continue to be made as they have in the past, regardless of membership status. If you are a Chapter Board Member or

Committee Chair, you have an automatic, standing reservation that you must cancel for each month you are unable to attend.

No-shows and those who cancel after the reservation deadline, regardless of membership status, will continue to be billed their share of the meal costs as we have in the past.

I trust the above explains our dinner and reservation policy in a clear, correct, complete and concise manner. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at telephone (717) 233-4556 or e-mail [catwood@eassoc.com](mailto:catwood@eassoc.com).

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CSI, AIA  
Advisor*