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Christmas Gala

Tuesday, December 9, 2008

Cocktails followed by a special holiday meal capped off with the "Bill Brightbill Players" performing "Aftermath of After Bid". Members are encouraged to invite your spouse or a friend for an evening of fun, food and camaraderie.

*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 - 6:30 p.m.

Program - 7:15 p.m.

Dinner Cost

Free for Central Pennsylvania Chapter CSI Members;

Students \$10

All Others \$25

Dinner reservations by noon, December 5, 2008

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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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.

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Creating and Sustaining
the Built Environment*

President's Message



John Cannon,
CSI, CDT
President

I trust we find us all having enjoyed Thanksgiving Day food, family, football and shopping. We can now focus ourselves on what we need to accomplish during the short period of time before our next holiday and then the New Year. Please make time to join us for our Holiday Gala as we start this joyful season.

As the New Year's future is still hard to predict, we all will have to have faith in the American way. It will take the hard work, innovation and strength that the American People have shown in the past. Hopefully, we will see new programs that provide resources for new industries, job creation and new construction.

The constant challenges in the economy have made dramatic affects to the construction industry. CSI is the organization that helps you weather this storm. CSI members span the entire industry to include architects, engineers, contractors, owners, facilities managers and suppliers. Our monthly meetings can foster business opportunities and new prospects. CSI's magazine, newsletter and e-newsletter can keep you up to date on vital news and information affecting the construction industry.

End the year maximizing your CSI membership by attending our Christmas Gala.

I look forward to seeing you on December 9th and wish everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

*John Cannon, CSI, CDT
President*

Curmudgeon's Corner

First Law of green design - conservation of energy

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

conserve: to avoid wasteful or destructive use; to use or manage wisely; to use only what is needed

We were last left with a grass hut on a tropical island as an example of truly sustainable design, and the observation that the farther away we are from that island, the less sustainable our buildings become.

Even though sustainability cannot be achieved, it seems reasonable that green design would result in buildings that use as little energy and other resources as possible. Taken to the extreme, this would mean that those of us not fortunate enough to live in San Diego would live and work in well-insulated, windowless cubes. Obviously, this is unrealistic, and would be unacceptable. It is, however, no more outrageous than many of the award-winning buildings that are touted as examples of sustainable design.

I'm not an engineer, but my gut feeling is that a large glass box, with relatively little insulated surface, will use more energy than the same building with less glass and more insulation. With double or triple glazing and low e coatings, it may be possible to force that box into performing efficiently, but is that being "sustainable"? If the same building with less glass will use less energy, it is the more sustainable of the two. I'm

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From the Chef's Table



Logan Myers
Hospitality Chair

MENU

*Choice of Roast Turkey or Maryland Crab Cake
Chef's choice of Dessert*

Special Dietary menus, such as vegetarian, low fat or low sodium, 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 Desert 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*

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, FRIDAY, DEC. 05, 2008.

ALL NO-SHOWS WILL BE BILLED.

Entrée selection should be made when making a reservation. First entrée listed is the default selection if no choice is made.

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

DATE: November 11, 2008
TIME: 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Radisson Hotel,
 Camp Hill, PA

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 11, 2008. President Cannon called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Brunski, Cannon, Cluck, Forsberg, Groff, S.Myers, Saylor, Scruggs, Shaw, Snyder, Turicik, and Weber.

Opening Comments:

1. President Cannon opened the meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

2. A correction to last month's minutes was presented: "Turicek" should have read "Turicik". The October minutes were approved as corrected, as moved and seconded by Brunski and Snyder respectively.

Treasurer's Report

3. Treasurer Brightbill was not present, but sent copies of the Treasurer's report for those present, and filed the original 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** See Awards Committee report for comments.

9. **Editor's Report** Editor Turicik noted that the member email addresses and contact information, an update of the certification review class information, and information regarding the annual Exhibitors Show should be posted on the web-

site. Those present had received their post card reminders of the monthly dinner meeting with sufficient time to attend (no later than the 1st of each month).

Committee Reports

10. **Budget/Finance** No report.

11. **Electronics** No report.

12. **Awards** A motion to nominate the CPC for the Outstanding Chapter Award was passed by the Board last month, and Chairman Snyder is preparing the documents for submission to Institute.

13. **Bylaws** No report.

14. **Program** No report.

15. **Technical Chair** Chairman Shaw requested that suggestions/ideas for articles be submitted to him.

16. **Education** Chairman Forsberg related that he has several technical sessions lined up for the Exhibitor's Show in March, including a session on blast windows and one by the Architectural Windows Institute (AWI)

17. **Exhibit/Show** Co-Chair Saylor reported that IFMA and AIA have been invited to the Show, and that forms have been mailed to prospective exhibitors. Two booths have already been rented. This year's show will be held March 18, 2009.

18. **Hospitality** No report.

19. **Membership** The Chapter has 129 members, an increase of 1 since last month. It was suggested that membership applications be posted on the CPC and national websites, and that dues be listed.

20. **Publicity Information** about CPC meetings was sent to the Green Builders Subcontractors Association.

21. **Roster** Chairman Atwood completed work on the roster, and it will be published on the website once arrangements can be made with the webmaster.

22. **Planning** No report.

23. **Academic Affairs** No report.

24. **Certification** The instructors for the CDT Certification review course to be given at the Mid-Town campus of the Harrisburg Area Community College in January have been selected.

25. **Advertising** No report.

26. **Archives Chair** No report.

Directors

27. No report.

Old Business

9.01 **Architectural Spot Lights & 50/50** Architectural Spot Lights at monthly Chapter diner meetings will be available by contacting Jake Burkholder for available times and fees. 50/50 drawings were re-instituting at this meeting.

9.02 **Mid Atlantic BE/CSI Certification** Although partnering discussions with the Mid Atlantic Builders Exchange about the certification program are ongoing, nothing concrete has developed to date.

9.03 **Institute Website Links** The Institute website does not have links to our Chapter site. This oversight continues to be investigated.

9.04 **Possible New Meeting Site** A discussion of the merits of rotating the monthly dinner meeting location to different sites was held. Because we are locked in to the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, PA, through December, any decision was deferred.

10.01 **Scanning Archives** Scanning has not yet been started.

New Business

No new business.



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

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



Paul Brunski,
CCS, CSI
Chapter
Certification
Chairman

FOR SALE Project Resource Manuals (PRMs)

These text books are used for the certification class held by Paul at HACC.

Contact
Paul Brunski
717-263-8464
or pbrunski@noelkerhull.com
for a PRM.

Chapter Certification Study Course

Two deadlines are fast approaching. January begins the Chapter Certification Study Course at the Midtown HACC Campus. Follow the instructions below to get enrolled in the program. It is highly recommended for anyone taking the exam. January 30th is the early deadline to register for the CDT, CCS, CCPR, and CCCA exams, so don't delay. February 28 is the final deadline.

The certification exams are scheduled for March 30 - April 04, 2009, and are available at Prometric testing locations throughout central Pennsylvania.

Study Course:

Dates:	January 10 thru March 9, 2009 (Wednesday evenings for 10 weeks).
Time:	5:30 to 8:30 P.M.
Location:	HACC Campus, Harrisburg, PA
Cost:	\$140 (subject to change)
Registration:	Refer to www.hacc.edu for registration requirements.
Textbook:	CSI Project Resource Manual

The study course is designed to assist candidates preparing for the examination(s) by offering a complete overview of CSI's Project Resource Manual and the General Conditions publications by AIA (A201 or EJCDC 1910-8). The course will be offered as both a 1-credit course in HACC's Building Construction Technology curriculum and a non-credit course in HACC's continuing education program. Registration is available now, and the cost is \$140 (subject to change).

To register:

Non-credit course enrollment: Call 717-780-2679, and ask for course no. CRN 71752 "Review - Construction Documents Technician".

Credit course enrollment: CRN 31492 Call Kazim Dharsi (Instructor) at HACC 717-780-2546, and he will walk you through the process.

If you need continuing education credits, the Certification Study Class offers CEUs, ECHs or LU credits. It's also a great way to brush up on your skills regarding contract document relationships, change orders procedures and formats, or the elusive contents of the AIA A201.

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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not talking about the windowless cube, just a building with good insulation.

Does "sustainable design" merely mean wasting energy efficiently? A quick look at the highly publicized LEED certified buildings certainly gives that impression.

Instead of comparing two otherwise identical versions of a given building, one using normal construction and one intended for LEED certification, we should be comparing the new building to one that most efficiently meets the program requirements. It makes no sense to compare a 5,000 square foot LEED certified outhouse with a tarpaper outhouse of the same size; we should compare it with the standard

outhouse of twenty square feet. It isn't enough to make an efficient building; the design itself must conserve resources.

I suspect the "sustainable" buildings seen in magazines and on TV are sending the wrong message. While green enthusiasts claim certified buildings will save enormous amounts of energy and other resources, the buildings reported to the public often are examples of conspicuous consumption. They may meet LEED requirements, but are in fact ridiculously expensive or blatantly wasteful. How do these examples exemplify conservation?

- A state, city, and university that publicly promote green design, yet collectively decide that several single-purpose sports facilities are justified -

one each for professional football, baseball, hockey, and basketball, one for university football, and two for university hockey.

- A 15,000 sq. ft., \$29 million home; with "enough pools, water gardens, misters, waterfalls, strategic landscaping, etc., to drop the site temperature by 2-3 degrees, thus reducing cooling costs."
- An energy-efficient, 3,500 sq. ft. home on 60 acres, for two people.
- An urban home remodeled to achieve LEED platinum certification, at a cost of \$1.2 million dollars.

The green community celebrates each of these, but what is the message to the public? That green design is for the

THIRTY FOURTH ANNUAL HARRISBURG EXHIBITORS' SHOW

Exhibitors' Show Facts

2008 Show

There were...
70 Exhibitor booths
4 Seminars
Over 557 Attendees

2009 Show

So far...
2 Exhibitor booths

See you
at the show!

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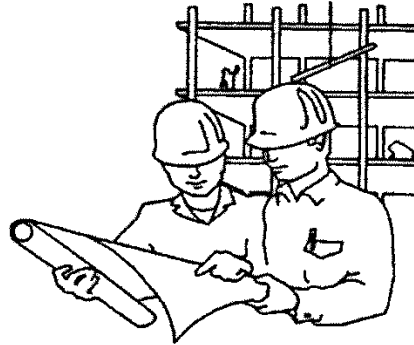
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A Product Show and Exhibit for Architects, Engineers, Contractors, Facility Managers and Building Owners

(SEMINARS STARTING AT 9:30 A.M.)



Wednesday, March 18, 2009
Radisson Hotel & Convention Center
Camp Hill, Pennsylvania

11:00 A.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Wine and Cheese Served All Day
Hourly Door Prize Drawings

ADMISSION IS FREE!!

Directed by:
LARRY SAYLOR, CHARLIE BEAUDUY, JEFFREY TURICIK

Future Product Show Dates
The Central Pennsylvania Chapter Construction Specification Institute
35th March 17, 2010

Calendar of Events

January 13, 2009

CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Program & Dinner Meeting: AIA A201 General Conditions.

A panel discussion of the document as seen from the perspective of the owner, contractor and architect. Moderated by Barbara McLemore, Gannett Fleming, Inc., VP and General Counsel.

February 10, 2009

CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Program & Dinner Meeting: "Green Roof; How hard can it be?"

Hear the experiences of fellow architects involved in the design of a green roof. Let their experiences help you avoid pitfalls and assure success in future designs.

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wealthy, and glitzy, gimmicky design takes precedence over real conservation.

I know that's not true, and I'm certain there are many buildings, LEED certified or not, that do use substantially less energy than their predecessors, and don't look much different from surrounding buildings. Unfortunately, they aren't sexy enough for the press - or, apparently, USGBC - to promote. The real message is that even though green design costs more up front, it's worth the price, and it doesn't have to be weird.

Until we see more examples of economical and practical green design, it will continue to be seen as something only for the rich and famous.