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AIA A201 General Conditions

Tuesday, January 13, 2009

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.

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*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, January 9, 2009

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 editor's hands no later
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Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership.
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Creating and Sustaining
the Built Environment*

President's Message



John Cannon,
CSI, CDT
President

This Holiday Season and New Year, one of the most valuable gifts we can give each other does not come wrapped in a box or come with a card attached. Instead, it will happen around the family dining room table, the break room at work, and at association meetings. It is the time we share with the people that matter the most to us: the social time, the meals we share, and the events we participate in. The time we have is a precious commodity that we cannot lose focus on in 2009.

As this tumultuous 2008 comes to close, we can be proud that we are surviving the many personal and professional challenges that we have faced. The financial and construction in-

dustries have absorbed the multiple trials and it looks like we are poised and ready to meet the demands of 2009. Our use of time will continue to be stretched to the limit but let us move forward together as the strong CSI community we have become.

Our local CSI chapter membership is remaining a valued resource to construction professionals for networking and product knowledge. Our chapter continues to bring together designers, specifiers, manufacturers, contractors, and facility managers. The importance and possibilities of CSI membership will continue to assist you and should be taken advantage of.

I encourage all members to value the time we spend in all relationships, take advantage of your CSI membership and increase your involvement where your interests or expertise can help. Here is to a Happy and Prosperous New Year! Hopefully, we will all look back and say it was time well spent.

*John Cannon, CSI, CDT
President*

Curmudgeon's Corner

Attention Deficit Disorder

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

fad: short-lived fashion, something that is embraced very enthusiastically for a short time, especially by many people; passing fashion; craze; an interest followed with exaggerated zeal

Since the green design movement appeared, I have been curious about how long it would last. As alluded to in my introductory column, I already have experienced a couple of energy crises in my life. Recent "crises" generally are recognized to have occurred in 1973, 1979, 1990, and 2004. In each crisis, oil prices increased dramatically, resulting in discussion, and sometimes implementation, of price controls, windfall profit taxes, reduced speed limits, and gas rationing.

Consumers blamed everyone and everything: the President, congress, republicans or democrats or both, foreign governments, automobile manufacturers, oil companies, and anyone or anything related to oil - except their own consumption. "I'll walk before I pay fifty cents a gallon for gas!" was later replaced with "...before I pay a dollar a gallon," soon followed by "a buck fifty," and more recently by "two dollars" and "three dollars." Each time, we modified our habits by driving slower, avoiding unnecessary trips, ride sharing, and so on. And each time, all of that was forgotten as soon as the cost of oil dipped long enough for us to accept what only recently had been intolerable prices.

In our current crisis, we have seen the same sequence of events. Gasoline went over three dollars per gallon, and we all started saving again. We complained because Detroit had failed to give us the economical cars we needed, even though we had been buying ever larger and less economical vehicles at a rate that was a clear mandate for more of

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From the Chef's Table

MENU

*Choice of London Broil or
Flounder Almondine
Mixed Garden Greens,
Chef's Choice of Dessert*

*Special Dietary menus,
such as vegetarian,
low fat or low sodium,
are available upon request.*

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*

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.)

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, JAN. 09, 2009.

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.



Logan Myers
Hospitality Chair

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

DATE: December 9, 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 December 9, 2008. President Cannon called the meeting to order at 5:16 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Atwood, Beauduy, Brightbill, Brunski, Burkholder, Cannon, Cluck, Groff, J. Myers, L. Myers, S. Myers, Saylor, Scruggs, Steffan, and Turicik.

Opening Comments:

1. President Cannon opened the meeting, and noted that ModernFold was sponsoring the bar for the monthly dinner meeting.

Approval of Minutes:

2. A correction to last month's minutes was presented: "Windows" in the AWI name should have read "Woodworking". The November minutes were approved as corrected, as moved and seconded by Skruggs and Brunski respectively.

Treasurer's Report

3. Treasurer Brightbill emailed Board members and committee Chairs copies of the Treasurer's report, and filed the original for audit. Treasurer Brightbill explained that Institute has assessed each Chapter \$5.00 per member for the Chapter assessment, plus \$1.00 per member for access to conferences; and has taken this sum from dues prior to sending the remainder of the Chapter dues to each Chapter. Evidently some chapters were remiss in forwarding these amounts to Institute in the past.

4. Officer's Reports

5. **President Elect** No report.

6. **Vice President** No report.

7. **Corresponding Secretary** No report.

8. **Past President/Advisor** Past President/Advisor Atwood stated that the Chapter nomination for Outstanding Chapter Award has been submitted.

9. **Editor's Report** No report.

Committee Reports

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

11. **Electronics** Co-Chair Steffan noted that when analog TV signals cease being broadcast in February, the FCC is considering auctioning off the bandwidth for independent wireless WiFi. It was suggested that this is a very good topic for the technical committee to address in Choice.

12. **Awards** No report (See the Past President/Advisor's report).

13. **Bylaws** No report.

14. **Program** The May/June programs are being developed. A standard sheet for Table Top Presentations is being developed. An explanation of the procedure will appear in Choice. Bill Brightbill volunteered to present the first Table Top Presentation at the February dinner meeting. Table Top Presentations will be assigned to the Committee having the available time to administer the program and the best opportunity to garner points qualifying the Chapter for the Outstanding Chapter Award.

15. **Technical Chair** No report.

16. **Education** No report.

17. **Exhibit/Show** Co-Chair Saylor reported that \$5000 has been received so far, and 10 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.

20. **Publicity** No report.

21. **Roster** Chairman Atwood is close to finalizing the roster.

22. **Planning** No report.

23. **Academic Affairs** No report.

24. **Certification** The CDT review course will begin on January 14, 2009 at the HACC Mid-Town Campus. To date, 7 credit students are signed up for the course. Chairman Brunski related that hardcopy Project Resource Manuals/Manual of Practice are available by contacting him (Christmas is coming!)

25. **Advertising** Chair J. Myers reported that 5 advertisers have not yet paid their bills, and 2 advertisers have not renewed.

26. **Archives Chair** No report.

Directors

27. No report.

Old Business

9.01 **Architectural Spot Lights & 50/50** See the Program Committee report.

9.02 **Mid Atlantic BE/CSI Certification** Partnering discussions with the Mid Atlantic Builders Exchange about the certification program occurred, but it was decided that this partnership will not be pursued.

9.03 **Institute Website Links** No report.

9.04 **Possible New Meeting Site** No report.

10.01 **Scanning Archives** No report.

New Business

No new business.



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

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

Chapter Certification Study Course



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.

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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

Calendar of Events

January 23, 2009

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter of ASHRAE - Seminar: "Stuff You Don't Learn in Engineering School" - Details in this issue and at cpc-csi.org.

February 10, 2009

CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Program & Dinner Meeting

March 18, 2009

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

March 18, 2009

CSI Central Pa. Chapter - 34th Annual Exhibitors' Show

March 30 - April 4, 2009
CDT Exams

April 14, 2009

CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Program & Dinner Meeting

April 24 - 25, 2009

CSI Middle Atlantic Region LOS Leadership Orientation Seminars (LOS) in Gettysburg, PA

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the same. And as soon as prices dropped, sales of SUVs and other gas guzzlers began to climb again.

Driving wasn't the only thing that was affected. In each crisis we also saw increased interest in underground housing, super insulated buildings, geodesic domes, solar collectors, heat pumps, composting toilets, windmills, fluorescent lights, water saving plumbing fixtures, backyard gardens, and more. And as soon as oil prices dropped, all of these innovations were forgotten.

Part of the problem is that we're lazy; we grab anything that makes our lives more convenient, regardless of environmental cost. Another part of the problem is that we are fed a steady diet of new, improved, better, faster, cleaner, whiter, brighter, cooler, more stylish products and things to do, and we are no longer interested in yesterday's news.

What will happen to green design? I suspect we'll soon tire of hearing green this and sustainable that - they already make me want to scream - and the companies that now are doing all they can to convince us of their environmental commitment will jump onto the next fad, even if it is counter to what they are now doing.

This time, fortunately, at least some of the principles of green design have become requirements of federal, state, and local government, and the longer green stays in our consciousness, the more permanent those changes will be. But will the current economic slump be seen as a reason to return to old practices? Given the choice between increasing the cost of building by requiring better construction, or relaxing requirements to save money for the average taxpayer, will our elected representatives think first of the next election?

It's easy to believe that logic will prevail, but political decisions rarely are based on logic or science. We have shown a remarkable ability to ignore even those things that can be shown to save money immediately or in a short time, when they are inconvenient or un-cool. Need an example? How about high-mileage cars, more insulation, better windows, and better HVAC systems? All have been available for many years, yet we persist in choosing less efficient alternatives.

After ignoring their obligation to building owners for decades, architects now are taking an interest in efficient buildings. Let us hope that interest continues, and isn't displaced by the next architectural fad.

Professional Development Seminar

“Stuff You Don’t Learn in Engineering School”

A SEMINAR OFFERED BY
THE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER OF ASHRAE

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2009

SHERATON HARRISBURG HERESHEY HOTEL
4650 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA - www.sheratonhershey.com

Presenter: Carl S. Selinger

Carl Selinger is an independent consultant helping organizations with business strategy and applying new technologies, to increase customer satisfaction and enhance financial performance. Carl also gives professional development seminars – including his unique “Stuff You Don’t Learn in Engineering School” – to teach the nontechnical soft skills that are important to be effective in today’s competitive real world. He is a globally-published author whose book and articles appear widely.

dent of the Cooper Union Alumni Association, and was Cooper Union’s “1993 Alumnus of the Year.”

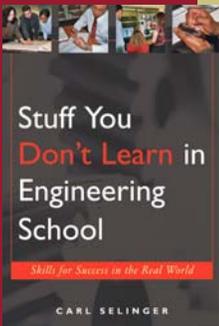
Carl holds civil and transportation engineering degrees from Cooper Union, Yale University, and Polytechnic University. He has been active professionally: Associate Member, Airports Council International – North America (ACI-NA) on the Business Information Technologies Committee and was liaison with the Business & Commercial Management Subcommittee; American Society of Civil Engineers (ASCE); Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE); American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE); and Women’s Transportation Seminar (WTS), where he mentors young professionals.

The unique four-hour *Stuff You Don’t Learn in Engineering School* seminar covers the most important soft skills that engineers and other professionals need to know. These non-technical skills include: decision-making, setting priorities, being effective at meetings, better speaking, writing and listening, teamwork, leadership skills, understanding others and managing stress.

What they say about

“Stuff” ... (from attendees’ evaluations)

- “Truly entertaining, informative and very pragmatic. It was something I could sink my teeth into and really use.”
- “It made me realize that it is not good enough to be technically competent. One needs other skills to succeed.”
- “Professionals learn this as they go, however, if they learned this stuff as students the “growing pains” of professional life would be a little smoother.”
- “The way you conducted the lecture in a semi-formal and hilarious manner is very good!”
- “Great presentation. ☺ I learned a lot about what’s really important.”
- “Discussed things which are important parts of engineering careers but are not taught at school or at work, even though an employer has much to gain from it.”
- “I thought the talk was helpful and truly an eye-opener. Most of us do not realize how important these things are. Thanks again.”
- “Carl is a great speaker and very personable. Made the course enjoyable and interesting.”
- “I was not sure what to expect coming where, but I was pleasantly surprised. I really enjoyed this seminar.”
- “Great job!! ☺”



Carl is a frequent guest speaker for facilitates strategic planning sessions, focus groups and brainstorming sessions. His seminar, “Stuff You Don’t Learn in Engineering School,” has helped several thousand engineers and other professionals over the past decade learn non-technical soft skills -- like decision making, setting priorities, negotiating, teamwork, running meetings, and writing and speaking better -- to be more effective and happier persons. Articles on these themes appear regularly in IEEE Spectrum magazine, where he is a Contributing Editor. His book *Stuff you Don’t Learn in Engineering School: Skills for Success in the Real World* has been published by Wiley-IEEE Press.

Carl has extensive college teaching experience: Adjunct Professor of Civil Engineering at The Cooper Union teaching urban transportation planning for 30 years; and graduate-level planning courses at SUNY Maritime College. He has taught aviation, transportation and marketing courses at Pace University, New Jersey Institute of Technology and City University of New York (York College and City College). He is a faculty advisor to Cooper Union’s chapter of Tau Beta Pi (the national engineering honorary society), which elected him “Eminent Engineer”. Carl is Past Presi-

SEMINAR COST

Cost for the Seminar is \$50.00, which includes continental breakfast and coffee/soda break. Checks/cash will be collected at registration *on the day of the seminar*. Make checks payable to: CENTRAL PA CHAPTER ASHRAE. *Sorry, we do not accept credit cards.* All attendees will receive a Certificate of Attendance documenting 4 Professional Development Hours.

RSVP Email your RSVP to: Tom Long – thomas.long@mail.ashrae.org

Please RSVP by Monday, January 19th. This seminar will fill up quickly so RSVP early! Include your name, phone number, and company/school name.

SEMINAR SCHEDULE

REGISTRATION & CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST 7:45 AM – 8:30 AM; SEMINAR 8:30 AM – 12:30 PM

2009

EXHIBITORS' SHOW

THE CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER OF THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE, INC.



Knowledge
for Creating
and Sustaining
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MARCH 18, 2009

11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.

CAMP HILL RADISSON

1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA

Don't miss this chance to exhibit at Central Pennsylvania's Premier Exhibit Show attended by architects, engineers, contractors, facility managers and building owners.

The Show Committee will feature free food, wine, coffee, soda and cheese. Door prizes will be drawn hourly.

Complete and return the Reservation Form below to reserve your space for this exciting event. Check must accompany reservation form. Exhibit spaces (6 feet deep by 10 feet wide) are \$500 and will be provided with one table and two chairs, if desired. Spaces will be limited to 90 on a first-come, first-served basis.

The schedule is as follows:

- Set-Up 6:00 A.M. until 11:00 A.M.
- Show Time 11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
- Down & Out 6:00 P.M. - 10:00 P.M.

Each exhibit space will be provided with a duplex receptacle with 110 volt power, if requested. (Please check the box on the Reservation Form if you will require 110 volt outlet.) NO POWER EXTENSION CORDS will be provided with the spaces. If required by you, please provide your own. Each exhibit space will be provided with a back drop and side drops.

THIRTY-FOURTH ANNUAL EXHIBITORS' SHOW 2009 COMMITTEE

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CPC CSI 34th ANNUAL EXHIBITORS' SHOW RESERVATION FORM

RETURN TO: Larry E. Saylor, CSI, CDT, NCARB, AIA, 930 Century Dr., Mechanicsburg, PA 17055.

COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____ E-MAIL _____

REPRESENTATIVE _____

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ exhibit spaces.

Please advise major product being displayed _____

(Please make check payable to Central Pennsylvania Chapter, CSI)

Yes, we will require a 110 outlet.