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BUILDER'S RISK INSURANCE

Tuesday, October 12, 2010

Dave Dvorchak of Murray Risk Management and Susan Coyne of Harleysville Inland Marine Insurance will introduce us to Builder's Risk Insurance. Learn what perils it covers, its common endorsements, how it relates to and differs from other insurances carried by the Owner and Contractor, and how it relates to the property insurance requirements of the General Conditions of the Construction Contract as typically set forth in AIA Document A201 and EJCDC Document C-700.

This program will be registered for AIA-CES learning units and certificates of continuing education can be provided for other disciplines.

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

RADISSON HOTEL

1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA

Board Meeting - 5:00 pm

All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting

Attitude Adjustment - 6:00 pm

Dinner - 6:30 pm

Program - 7:15 pm

Dinner Cost

Free for Central Pennsylvania Chapter CSI Members

Students \$10

All Others \$25

*Dinner reservations by noon,
Friday, October 8, 2010*

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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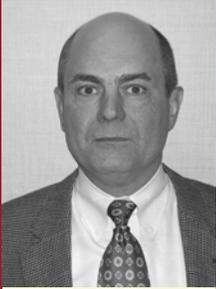
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Creating and Sustaining
the Built Environment*



*Jake Burkholder,
CSI, CCPR
President*

President's Message

The September meeting was a great kick-off to our new fiscal year with 30 in attendance including several guests. Our Program's chair Chris Atwood put together a panel discussion on "Commercial Energy Efficiency" which proved interesting and informative to anyone interested in our environment and energy conservation.

Kudos to all the region members involved in organizing and executing the Middle Atlantic Region Conference in Annapolis this past weekend. From experience I know the difficulties of trying to organize such an event when working with members of your own chapter let alone utilizing members scattered across the entire region. The events success certainly speaks volumes about the organizers' management and communication skills. Although attendance was down due to the

economy I know every attendee was greatly impressed with the quality of courses, accommodations, tours and dining experience. Our chapter was well represented with six members including Chris Atwood, John Morgan and Jeff Snyder who were involved in organizing various activities for the conference. Even with the last minute illness of one of the session presenters everything was seamless and on schedule. Social events included the golf tournament and sporting clays shoot. Educational sessions included walking tours, Historic Preservation, Water Mitigation, Social Media and Masonry Re-pointing to name a few. At the awards gala Central Pennsylvania Chapter member Jeff Turicik and our webmaster, First Capital Hosting (Bob Hinkle) were recipients of the region's Periodical Communications Award and Electronic Communications Award respectively. Congratulations to both.



*Jeff Turicik
Editor*

From the Editor's Desk

The Central PA Chapter dues include all meals for the chapter program dinner meetings for the year.

Come out to our meeting to network, socialize, and learn about timely subjects in the Construction Field.

One point I would like to pass-on that was stressed at the conference concerns communication. There is a lot of good information on the local and institute level that is dispersed to the membership electronically. In order to receive that information member's personal files must be up to date. Only the member can do this and it must be done through the institute's website. I encourage everyone to regularly review your personal information and keep it current. When doing this don't opt out when asked if you want e-mails sent to you. Institute does not sell or give your information to any third-party groups or organizations. No need to worry about spam. Keep yourself in the loop!

Hope to see you all at our next meeting.

*Jake Burkholder, CSI, CCPR
President*

Classified Ads

To place classified ads, please submit your ad to the editor, Jeff Turicik, jeffturicik@ykk-api.com for insertion in "Choice" and on cpc-csi.org.



*Logan Myers
Hospitality Chair*

From the Chef's Table

MENU

Choice of

Pecan Encrusted Chicken

or

Roast Pork Loin
with Madeira Sauce

Mixed Garden Greens Salad,

Fruit Cup and

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 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*

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, OCT. 8, 2010.**

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.

To schedule a Table Top Display, call Jan Myers at 717.238.4910 or use the form in Choice or online.

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.)

Curmudgeon's Corner

The Price of Gold

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCA, CSC

One of my CSI hats is History of Fellows Chair for CSI's College of Fellows. As such, I search for background to create or update the biographies that are on the Fellows' website, at www.FCSInet.org. This often is a difficult task even with new Fellows, who either can't find the time, or are too bashful to write their own biographies. Getting information grows more difficult as time goes on, and becomes a real challenge for those Fellows who are no longer with us.

While my search generally moves along at a pace dictated by work at office and at home, some events, such as each year's elevation of new Fellows, notable achievements of a current Fellow, or the passing of a Fellow, inspire greater effort. One such incidence occurred in February of this year, when Joy Davis notified me that a collection of three CSI medals - for President, Past President, and Fellow - were being auctioned off on e-Bay.

Putting on my Sherlock Holmes hat, I tried to deduce who the medals had belonged to. The ad indicated that all of the medals were from 1985 or earlier, so I started with the list of past presidents. An obvious first step was to delete those whose presidency or Fellowship came after 1985; I then eliminated those who were not Fellows (there are a few), and, assuming that a living member would *not* sell those medals, limited my search to those Fellows who had passed away.

The result was a short list of twenty-two names. I was able to determine from the ad that the seller was in Missouri, but it wouldn't necessarily follow that the original owner also was from Missouri, so I set that aside for the moment. However, because the advertised collection of medals did *not* include an Honorary Member's medal, I made a fatal mistake, and eliminated Honorary Members from the list, which was reduced to seven names.

I was tempted to put in a bid, but decided it would be better if an officer of the College of Fellows did the bidding, and started a conversation with Jim Robertson, College of Fellows Chancellor, Bob Kenworthy, COF Bursar, and Dick Robinson, COF Chancellor. We agreed that Bob would submit bids on behalf of the College of Fellows, and that, rather than raise interest by bidding early, he would not place a bid until just before the auction ended.

I sent an e-mail to the seller, asking whose medals they were, and was told that they belonged to Robert Vansant. (Vansant was an Honorary Member, but for some unknown reason, that medal was not included in the collection offered for sale.) The seller's response was especially interesting to me, as Robert Vansant is one of the names I remembered from my early days as an architect. He wrote

a monthly article titled "Vansant's Law" in *A/E Concepts in Wood Design*, which was always interesting and educational. As I recall, each month's article discussed a limited subject and how it was presented in specifications or drawings.

Robert Vansant is an example of one meaning of FCSI - "future continued service to the Institute." He didn't hang it up after becoming a Fellow, but went on to serve as Institute President, and wrote many articles to help others better understand legal concepts related to construction. In addition to *A/E Concepts in Wood Design*, his articles also appeared in the *Construction Specifier*, *Consulting Engineer*, the *AWPA Reporter*, and *Water and Wastes Engineering*.

An engineer and attorney at Black & Veatch in Kansas City, Vansant was a charter member of the Kansas City Chapter, which was formed in 1959. He became a Fellow of the Institute in 1970, served as president in 1973-74, received CSI President's Plaques in 1971 and 1972, and was made an Honorary Member in 1986, the year after his death.

Robert Vansant and Glen Ablanap were instrumental in establishing the Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC). Vansant also worked with the American Water Works Association, and served as chair of the AWWA Standards Council, and he received the National Society of Professional Engineers' PEPP Award in 1987.

Meanwhile, back at the auction, we saw a sudden flurry of bidding as the deadline approached. As it turned out, one of the bidders was our own Dennis J. Hall, who had seen the medals on e-Bay and didn't want them to be lost to CSI, but he said he had bid as much as he was going to, and dropped out of the bidding. Bob Kenworthy submitted the final bid just before the deadline, winning the auction. Afterward, he contacted the seller to ask about the missing Honorary Member's medal; alas, it seems to have disappeared. Bob mounted the rescued medals in a display case, which was exhibited at the CSI booth in Philadelphia. The medals have since been donated to the Institute, and will soon be on display at CSI's main office, in Alexandria, Virginia.

One of the many interesting things about this treasure hunt was learning what metals are used for CSI medals. What are those metals? Silver for Fellows, copper for presidents, bronze for former presidents, and gold for distinguished or honorary members. However, as former Institute president Gilman Hu said, "A medal awarded to you is only worth the *honor* that goes with it. A medal purchased isn't worth the metal it was made from."

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Mark B. Therkildsen,
AIA, CSI
Recording Secretary

Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: September 14, 2010

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Radisson Hotel,
Camp Hill, PA

The Board of Directors of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute met in the conference room at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, PA on September 24, 2010. President Burkholder, called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Altland, Atwood, Brightbill, Brunski, Burkholder, Cannon, Groff, Shaw, Steffen, Turicik, and Therkildsen. Chapter member Lussier attended as a guest.

Opening Comments:

1. President Burkholder welcomed the group of officers, board members, and attendees. We had a quorum, and the meeting was brought to order. Jake discussed reimbursement requirements for the upcoming conference in Annapolis.

Approval of Minutes:

2. Minutes from the August 10, 2010, meeting were approved as corrected. The July newsletter footer incorrectly showed "CPA", which should have been "CPC"

Treasurer's Report:

3. Treasurer Bill Brightbill presented the Treasurer's report, and the report was filed for audit. Bill presented the 2010/2011 budget, which was approved with a motion by Altland and a second by Groff. The total budget is \$52,530.00. An audit of the budget will be prepared for the October meeting. A check for the Leadership Council in the amount of \$448.00 was dated June 30.

Officer's Reports:

4. President-Elect: President Elect John Groff discussed the planning calendar for upcoming CSI activities. The calendar is a work in progress. He noted that some information of interest to the board is not needed for the general membership. The Choice newsletter currently uses a list type calendar of events. A website link to full monthly calendars, and color coded event categories were suggested by the group.

5. Vice President: No report.

6. Secretary: No report. Scott requested a copy of the by-laws to clarify his duties. Dave Shaw will provide a copy.

7. Past President/Advisor: No Report.

Editor's Report:

8. Jeff will stop submitting Ralph Liebing articles to Choice. The calendar in Choice will show major upcoming dates of events for three months.

Committee Reports:

9. Academic Affairs: A \$500.00 scholarship was provided by Central PA CSI for Courtney Zidenns, a HACC student.

10. Advertising: No report.

11. Archives: No report.

12. Awards: No report.

13. Budget/Finance: No report.

14. Bylaws: Dave Shaw is the new Chair of the committee, Don Scruggs is the Co-Chair.

15. Certification: Paul needs dates for CSI upcoming certification programs. He will soon

write a Choice article regarding certification.

16. Education: All continuing education programs must be registered, and certificates are required for proof of attendance.

17. Electronics: No report.

18. Exhibit/Show: No report.

19. Hospitality: No report.

20. Long Range Planning: Stu Cluck is ending his CSI membership. This position is now vacant.

21. Membership: We need new ideas to bring in new members.

22. Program: Builders Risk Insurance and a building project tour are upcoming programs.

23. Publicity: Bill and Chris are working on new publicity materials.

24. Roster: No Report.

25. Technical: No Report.

Directors:

26. No report.

Old Business:

00.00 Meals are automatically reserved each month for board members. All members are reminded to call and cancel meals if you cannot attend a meeting.

New Business:

00.00 Dave is working on a by-laws update.

*Respectively submitted,
Mark B. Therkildsen, AIA, CSI
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Would you like to highlight your company or a special product? Do we have a deal for you. For a mere \$125-\$150 you can display your wares during the social time and have 10 minutes of everyone's attention during dessert at one of our CPC/CSI dinner meetings. What an awesome opportunity to hit several specifiers at once. If you are a member of this chapter, it will cost \$125. If you are not, it will cost \$150. For more details, see the CPC-CSI.org website. To schedule a table top, call Jan Myers at 717.238.4910. Thanks!

Jan Myers
Advertising Chair



**Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute
Table Top Display Registration**

Name/Contact: _____

Company: _____

Meeting Date: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Cost: \$125 members /\$150 non-members (does not include meal)

Fee Includes:

1. One 72 x 30 inch table to display product.
2. Display time: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. (During social hour)
3. Presentation: 10 minute presentation during dessert.
4. Electrical: Outlets available. Vender supplied extension cords.

Contact: _____

CPC _____ Committee

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Calendar of Events

October 12, 2010
CSI Central Pa. Chapter
Dinner Meeting & Program
"Builders Risk Insurance"

Oct, 17-19, 2010
USGBC Greenbuild 2010
International Conference
and Expo, Chicago, Illinois.
For event information go to
www.greenbuildexpo.org

November 9, 2010
CSI Central Pa. Chapter
Dinner Meeting & Program
Building Tour



**Photos from
MARC 2010**