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Medical Sciences Pavilion Hard Hat Tour

Tuesday, November 9, 2010

The tour will be led by Mike Frye, R.A., of Murray Associates Architects and Joe Chicora of The Quandel Group. We will meet in the parking lot just north of the Medical Sciences Pavilion. See the campus map on page 3 of 'Choice' or on the chapter website.

This program will be registered for continuing education credit.

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

MEDICAL SCIENCES PAVILION

located at the Pinnacle Health System Community Campus
(formerly Community General Osteopathic Hospital)
4300 Londonderry Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109
(just off I-83 and Union Deposit Road)

Board Meeting - 4:00 pm

to precede the tour, meet in the Job-Ste Trailer
All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting

Tour - 5:00 pm

Bring a hard hat if you have one

Dinner to follow the tour - approx. 6:30 pm
at Charlie Brown's Steakhouse
3523 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109

Dinner Cost

Free for Central Pennsylvania Chapter CSI Members
Students \$10
All Others \$25

Dinner reservations by noon, Friday, November 5, 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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They Support "Choice"*

www.cpc-csi.org

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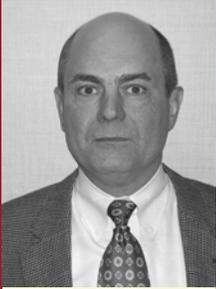
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Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership.
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the Built Environment*



*Jake Burkholder,
CSI, CCPR
President*

President's Message

We keep rolling along with one good program after another thanks to Chris Atwood's efforts. I don't keep an official count but it appeared that October's attendance was better than September. Let's keep that momentum moving.

There is a topic of debate within Institute which has had little or no discussion at Region or Chapter level. That topic is the consolidation of all member categories into one. A motion to do so, by Institute board, was approved and will be voted on at the next general meeting. Since I currently "hold the soapbox" I'll express my views and invite comments. During a session at MARC 2010 the group discussed ways to set CSI apart from other professional organiza-

tions as we compete for members. One attribute is that CSI is a collection of all occupations involved in the "built environment" and therefore offers superior opportunity to members for networking and learning from all viewpoints in the construction industry. The argument for consolidation is efficiency and elimination of a feeling of "second class citizenry" on the part of certain category members. This was expressed by members of the chapter which is advocating the change. If categories are consolidated into one, we eliminate this substantial advantage over other organizations. By knowing other members classification it is very helpful and more efficient for one to know where their efforts and inquiries for information should be directed. As a member of the Industry class I don't sense any prejudicial feeling by others. I urge every member to consider the impact of this action carefully before casting their vote.

Speaking of voting, there is another important event on the near horizon. By the time we meet in November our country will have held mid-term elections. Regardless of your political leaning I encourage everyone to do their due diligence on candidates and issues and exercise your right to vote. We are blessed to have this opportunity and it is not only your right but your duty and privilege to cast a vote; take advantage of it.

I'm done "stumping". Hope to see everyone on November 9.

*Jake Burkholder, CSI, CCPR
President*



*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.

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.

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*Jake Burkholder, CSI, CCPR
President*



*Logan Myers
Hospitality Chair*

From the Chef's Table

MENU

Choice of
Top Sirloin
Chicken Penne Pasta
Cedar Plank Tilapia

at
Charlie Brown's Steakhouse
3523 Union Deposit Road
Harrisburg, Pa. 17109

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, NOV. 5, 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.

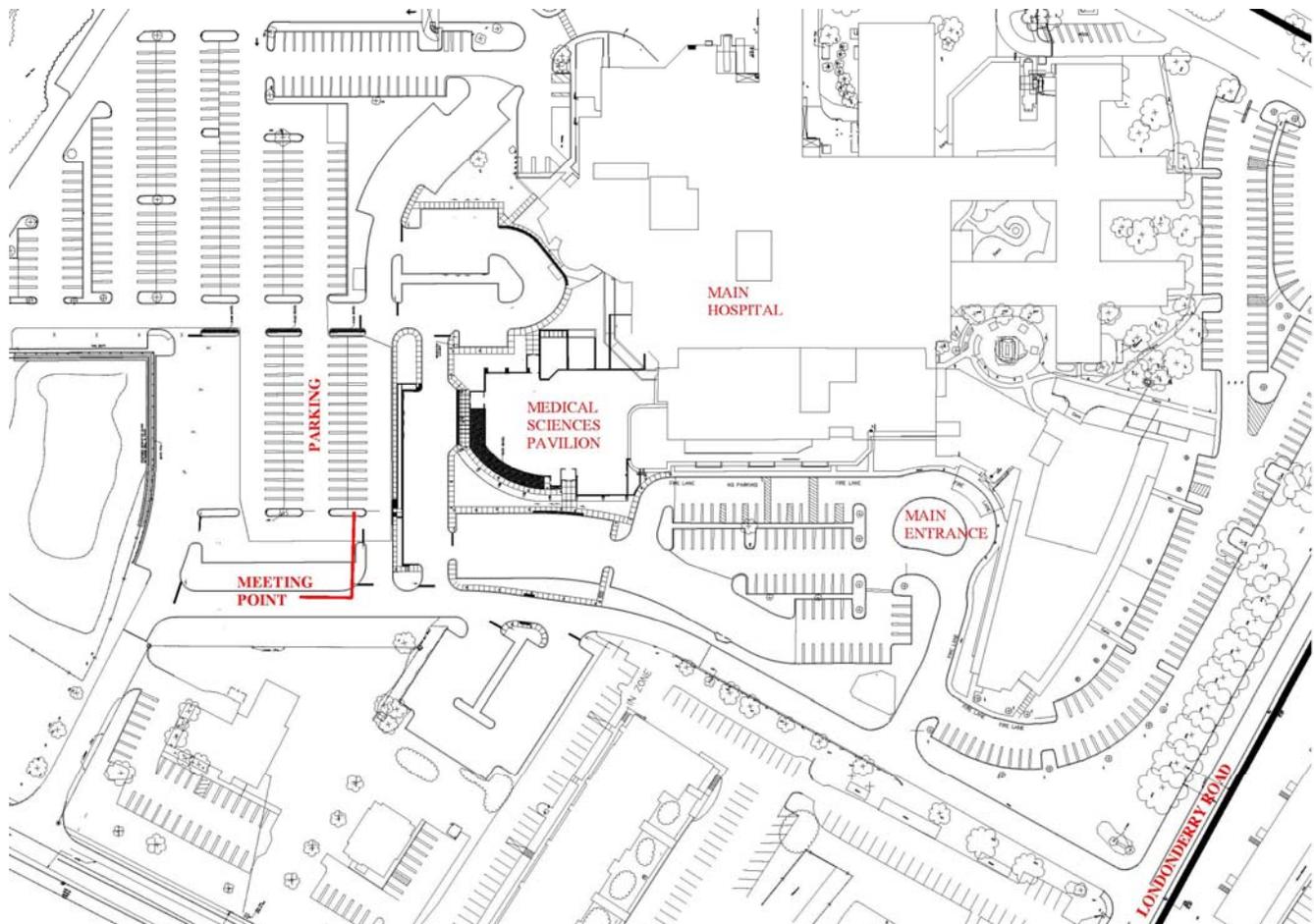
Attendees should make an entrée selection when reservations are placed.

(Please note that the first entrée listed will be the default selection if no choice is made.)

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Curmudgeon's Corner

Memory Loss

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

As our organization ages, it is inevitable that we lose more members as they retire and, eventually, pass away. In the past several years a number of my CSI friends have passed on, including Brian Schroder, Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter; Ken Searl, Portland, Oregon Chapter; Bob Bohner, Southwest Missouri Chapter; and former Institute presidents John C. Anderson, Gary Betts, and Bob McManus. I'm sure most of you have had similar experiences. Along with them go their memories of the good old days, the bad old days, their personal stories, and how CSI came to be what it is.

It's amazing that, for an organization founded on communication and documentation, we have done such a poor job of recording our own history. I have been seeking and collecting information about CSI's past for several years, and though I have many interesting documents, much of our past remains a mystery.

As noted in last month's article, *The Price of Gold*, one of my CSI hats is History of Fellows Chair for CSI's College of Fellows. In that article, I recounted the College's efforts to keep three CSI medals that belonged to Robert Vansant "in the family." Other searches have revealed a lot of interesting information; it shouldn't be surprising, but many of our members are veterans. We have veterans of Afghanistan, Iraq, Vietnam, and World War II; I found records of a few members who were POWs in Europe, and I'm sure that some served in the Pacific Theatre.

Many of our members also have a life outside of CSI, and when we get to telling stories at conferences and conventions, it's fun to learn what some of them have done. We have musicians and cooks, a builder of large-scale model railroads, a member who likes to visit cemeteries, a photographer of old steam engines, an Olympic medalist, a competitive wind surfer, a collector of Italian scooters, and one member who just clowns around. While these personal histories and interests are not directly related to CSI, they are a big part of what brings us together.

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*Paul Brunski,
Substitute
Recording Secretary*

Chapter Certification Study Course

January begins the Chapter Certification Study Course at the Midtown HACC Campus. This will be my tenth year heading up the program. I hope the 127 students that have successfully passed the class in that time period have professionally benefitted from what the program. A special thanks to Armstrong World Industries for sending the largest contingent of students, and to the other instructors who have donated their time and expertise to make the program a success.

If you are interested in the program, follow the instructions below to get enrolled. It is highly recommended for anyone taking the CDT exam. January 28th is the early deadline to register for the CDT, CCS, CCPR, and CCCA exams, so don't delay. February 26 is the final deadline.

The certification exams are scheduled for March 28 - April 9, 2011, and are available at Prometric Testing locations throughout central Pennsylvania.

Study Course: Dates: Jan. 24 thru April 4, 2011 (Monday evenings for 10 weeks. March 7 is spring break)
Time: 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.
Location: HACC Midtown Campus, 4th and Reily Streets, Harrisburg, PA
Cost: \$140 (subject to change – check HACC website)
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.

To register: Go to www.HACC.edu and click Admissions.

Non-credit course enrollment:
Credit course enrollment:

Course no. CRN 51939
Course No. CRN 33606

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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There has been a lot of emphasis on attracting and keeping young members in the last few years, and rightfully so, as our average age keeps creeping up. But as we go after those who are new to the construction industry, let us not forget that our older members have a lot to offer. They've been there and done that, and while that doesn't make them infallible, their knowledge is essential for the development of students, emerging professionals, and probably, all of those who have less experience.

A few years ago, a Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter program featured several elder members who took turns telling our members about the early days of the chapter. From reading chapter newsletters, I know that other chapters have done something similar. If your chapter hasn't had a program like this, I suggest you put one on your schedule. And if you have done it, do it again every five years or so. Combined with some old pictures and old newsletters, a little reminiscing can provide an interesting evening.

Each chapter and region should make a dedicated effort to capture its part of CSI's history, and a good way to start is to contact our older members. Many of them begin to fade away as they

reach retirement, some remaining members but not going to meetings, and others allowing their memberships to lapse. Because of the turnover in committees, I suspect that most membership committee members don't know the older members, and aren't aware when they stop showing up. Eventually, the chapter forgets them altogether. I recently tried to contact a member I hadn't seen in several years. E-mails bounced, the only phone number I had wasn't good anymore, and when I asked his chapter president if he had any information, I was told that they didn't know what had happened to him. A short time later I was told that he had died about five years ago.

By all means, bring in the new members, but don't forget the old ones. They might not know much about facebook or twitter, but many of them will be able to help those younger members learn about far more important things - like how a building goes together, why some things work and others don't, or how to avoid making the mistakes they made when they were learning the ropes. And they just might have an interesting tale or two.

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Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting



Mark B. Therkildsen,
AIA, CSI
Recording Secretary

Date: October 12, 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 October 12, 2010. President Burkholder called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. Board members and committee chairs present were: Atwood, Brightbill, Burkholder, Cannon, Cluck, Deck, Frigm, Groff, Myers, Scruggs, Shaw, Turicik, and Therkildsen.

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 described the successful region conference in Annapolis. He will present two awards at tonight's meeting that were received by the Central PA CSI Chapter at the conference. Upcoming national CSI conferences include Construct 2011 on September 13-16 2011 in Chicago and Construct 12 scheduled for September 2012 in Phoenix.

Approval of Minutes:

2. Minutes from the September 14, 2010, meeting were approved, as moved and seconded by Groff and Brightbill.

Treasurer's Report:

3. Treasurer Bill Brightbill presented the Treasurer's report, and the report was filed for audit. The Board approved moving \$1,000.00 from the annual convention budget to the region conference budget for region conference expenses, as moved by Brightbill and seconded by Deck. The final \$500 has been paid for the Region contribution commitment, and vouchers have been submitted for member reimbursement for the region conference in Annapolis.

Officer's Reports:

4. **President-Elect:** Institute sent an e-mail to members for the "everyone counts" membership drive. We should all set a goal for each of us to bring in one new member this year at the Central Pennsylvania CSI.

5. **Vice President:** No report.

6. **Secretary:** No report.

7. **Past President/Advisor:** No Report.

Editor's Report:

8. No report. Jeff reminds us that he needs guest article writers for the Choice newsletter.

Committee Reports:

9. **Academic Affairs:** No report.

10. **Advertising:** Invoices and thank you notes have been sent to advertisers.

11. **Archives:** No report.

12. **Awards:** We need more award nominations for the next Mid Atlantic Region Conference. The number of nominations was almost equal to the number of awards during the last conference.

13. **Budget/Finance:** We need to spend money accumulating in the treasury. Ideas from the board included paid speakers and a membership picnic.

14. **Bylaws:** Dave Shaw is reviewing and updating the bylaws. Burkholder and Brightbill will give him insight on how the bylaw have evolved to their present state.

15. **Certification:** No report.

16. **Education:** Certificates are being requested by members for some of the past programs for their professional CEU documentation.

17. **Electronics:** No report. This committee could possibly be eliminated.

18. **Exhibit/Show:** Stu Cluck is the new Committee Chair, with Charles Beauduy as Co-Chair.

19. **Hospitality:** No report.

20. **Long Range Planning:** Stu Cluck is returning as Committee Chair.

21. **Membership:** A membership drive was the hot topic during the Annapolis conference. Jan Myers commented that new members will stay committed when they are invited to join committees.

22. **Program:** A building project tour is schedule for the November 9 meeting at the new Pinnacle Medical Science Pavilion at the old Osteopathic Hospital site. The Architect is Murray Associates. The December program will tentatively be on paint specifications.

23. **Publicity:** More paid advertisement types are being considered to grow the audience.

24. **Roster:** No Report.

25. **Technical:** No Report.

Directors:

26. No report.

Old Business:

27. Dave is working on a by-laws update.

28. Don will send out the old list of responsibilities to each committee chair for review, editing, and updating.

New Business:

29. Jake suggested a drawing for prize money at each meeting. All members will be in the drawing, but you must be present to win. The monthly prize money will roll over and accumulate until the winner is present to collect the prize money. The board agreed to have the hospitality committee start this program to encourage attendance of CSI members.

*Respectively submitted,
Mark B. Therkildsen, AIA, CSI
Recording Secretary*



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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.

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Calendar of Events

**November 4, 2010
Upcoming Symposium**

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with fenestration
Ensuring compliance of
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**November 9, 2010
CSI Central Pa. Chapter
Dinner Meeting & Program
Building Tour**

**December 14, 2010
CSI Central Pa. Chapter
Dinner Meeting & Program**

**January 11, 2011
CSI Central Pa. Chapter
Dinner Meeting & Program**

**February 8, 2011
CSI Central Pa. Chapter
Dinner Meeting & Program**