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# CHOICE

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## NFPA 285

Presented by Jesse Beitel, Senior Scientist & Principal  
with Hughes Associates of Baltimore, MD

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

NFPA 285 is a little-known wall assembly fire test. It is, however, quickly gaining recognition and use as the number of combustible materials (e.g. various air barriers, foam plastic insulations, metal composite material panels with plastic cores) and the variety of ways we put them together in wall assemblies evolves, and the level of awareness about the potential fire propagation issues is raised in manufacturers, design professionals, code officials and builders. Say what? This is a Code

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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 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 4, 2013  
See **FROM THE CHEF'S TABLE**  
for Menu and Reservation details.

ATTENTION CHAPTER OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,  
ADVISOR, EDITOR, COMMITTEE CHAIRS and CO-CHAIRS  
- You have a standing reservation for every dinner meeting.  
You are automatically registered for the first menu item on the  
list. If you are NOT attending the dinner meeting or want to  
CHANGE your menu item, you should RSVP with Logan at  
loganmyers@hotmail.com or 570-850-6330.

The Central Pennsylvania Chapter meets  
the second Tuesday monthly  
except NO meetings are held in July or August.

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Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership.  
Contact: Paul Brunski  
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## President's Message



*William R. Brightbill,  
FCSI, CCCA, CCPR  
Interim-President*

Greetings! It's been a busy month.

Just got back from the CSI Convention & Exhibit Show which was held in Nashville this year. As usual the Convention offered many great education seminars and although the Exhibit Show floor seemed smaller, there were many quality manufacturers represented. Walt Marlowe, our Executive Director, indicated at the

Annual Business meeting that attendance has been growing over these past few years. For those of you who have never had the opportunity to attend the Institute event will get the chance next year as it will be hosted in Baltimore MD.

SAVE THIS DATE 11/12/13..... That's when we will be celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Central PA Chapter of CSI. Your attendance and participation in making this a celebration that we will all remember will be greatly appreciated. By now you should have received your invitation. Bring a guest/spouse. Watch for details.

A reminder -----Your chapter needs you now more than ever. We would like to see as many of you as possible at our chapter meetings. If you can volun-

teer time as a committee chair or member, that would be fantastic. GET INVOLVED AT SOME LEVEL !!

Plan on attending the October 8<sup>th</sup> Chapter meeting. I know you will enjoy it.

*Regards,  
William R. Brightbill, FCSI, CCCA, CCPR*

## From the Editor's Desk



*Tanya Ness,  
CSI,  
Editor*

As I travel this week, I have the privilege of witnessing the beauty of the changing season. And a new season of chapter meetings has begun. Don't miss this month's program on the changing NAFTA 25 codes. Fire ratings affect us all. Hope to see you there.

*Tanya Ness,  
CSI Editor*

## Classified Ads

To place classified ads, please submit your ad to the editor, Tanya Ness at [TNess@wrmeadows.com](mailto:TNess@wrmeadows.com) for insertion in "Choice" and on [cpc-csi.org](http://cpc-csi.org).

## From the Chef's Table



*Logan Myers  
Hospitality Chair*

### MENU

#### Chef's Choice Buffet

*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 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, Oct. 4, 2013.**

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, email Bill Deck, [bdeck@lscdesign.com](mailto:bdeck@lscdesign.com) or use the form in Choice or online.

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.

## Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting



*Jeff Turicik,  
Recording  
Secretary*

**Date:** September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2013

**Location:** Radisson Hotel

**Attendees:** Bill Brightbill, Jan Myers, Chris Atwood, John Groff, Jake Burkholder, Charlie Beauduy, Robert Lofton, Jim Kingsborough, Stu Cluck, Peter Spinella, Bill Deck, Tanya Ness, Larry Saylor, Jim Frye, Eric Hardenbrook, Paul Brunski

President Brightbill opened the meeting at 5:10 PM

**Opening Comments:** Nick Chelop will be auditing this year. No formal Treasurers report June, July, August, resume in October.

**President Elect Hardenbrook:** Attending the Estimators Group dinner, and will speak tomorrow night.

**VP Lofton:** No Report

**Secretary Danes:** No Report

**Past Pres Groff:** No Report

**Editor Ness:** Non Report – Comment made to place business card ads on last page of CHOICE.

**Archives:** No Report

**Awards:** No Report

**Budget - Charlie Beauduy:** 2014 Budget passed out for review. Budget discussed at length. Increases in Revenue needed, Increase trade show Vendor fees. There will be 3 attendees for the Convention. Motion made and passed for 2014 budget.

**By Laws - Bill Deck:** Copies of Revised By laws passed out for review. Any action on this document tabled until October meeting. The board and members to all review and comment at the next meeting.

**Certification - John Groff:** Website to be updated by JG. – HACC is looking for an Architect for their program review.

**Education - Bob Lofton:** He is ready for tonight! Program registered.

**Electronics:** No Report

**Exhibit Show:** Report on Show – Down 18 Vendors. There is a meeting at Gan Flec next week at 5:30. All are invited to attend. Topic to be research new vendors. Last years show had 400 attendees, and 42 Vendors.

**Hospitality - Tanya N for Logan M:** 30 for dinner. Buffet style is the new way.

**Long Range Planning - Eric Hardenbrook:** Calendar

being developed by Eric H. It will be tested and linked to our website.

**Membership - Paul Brunski:** Membership at 108. New member this month and 1 membership app sent out.

**Program:** Tonight's meeting: Lawyers. October meeting (IBC) NFPA 285, Exterior wall panel test. Jessie Bytell, Presenter. Announcement will be sent to arch firms with non members, as well as other organizations to attract attendance.

**Directors:** No Reports – Unanimous

**New Business:**

President Brightbill asks for approval of the budget passed out earlier. (He is Treasurer also) Motion made and passed. No objections.

**Anniversary Dinner:** The 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Central PA Chapter of CSI will be held at the Liberty Forge Golf Club House on November 12<sup>th</sup>. Dinners for the Past Presidents and one guest will be paid for by the Chapter. A Memento for the occasion is being developed.

**Old Business:**

By Law Approval – table until next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

*Submitted by,  
Jeff Turicik  
Chapter Recording Secretary*

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requirement? You betcha! Join us for this presentation by Mr. Jesse Beitel, who was instrumental in the writing of NFPA 285 and has overseen more testing under this standard than any other individual in this country. Mr. Beitel will explain the need for the test, the test procedures, the pass/ fail criteria, and the proper interpretation of the test results. NFPA 285 is in the International Building Code, so design professionals and contractors need to know about this test and how it affects their work.

**Learning Objectives:** This course will help attendees to:

- Understand the materials and conditions for which the 2009 & 2012 International Building Code require NFPA 285 testing.
- Learn the intent of and the testing required by the NFPA 285 standard.
- Learn the history of how the standard came about.
- Learn how to read and interpret the test report and extensions letter.

AIA Members will earn 1 AIA/CES Learning Unit (HSW) for attending this program.



## Curmudgeon's Corner

### Above and beyond ...

Published each year, CSI's "Honors & Awards Guide" describes the requirements for each Institute award and honor, and contains the information needed to make a nomination. Despite the availability of the Guide, which is posted on the Institute website, many nominations are deficient in one way or another. Given the amount of information in the guide's forty-five pages, it is not surprising that questions arise, but staff, the chair of the Awards Committee, and the chair of the Jury of Fellows will gladly answer those questions.

Requirements for awards are relatively straightforward, each having specific qualifications that must be met. In contrast, honors acknowledge a body of work, often lifetime contributions of many types. In particular, there always seems to be a bit of mystery and confusion surrounding Fellowship.

Of the awards, the highest are the Distinguished Service Award, and those awards named in honor of historically prominent members - Andrew J. Drozda, Ben John Small, Dale C. Moll, J. Norman Hunter, Robert P. Brosseau, and Hans William Meier. One of the things that emphasize the importance of these awards is that they can be given only once each year, and many years, one or more of them are not presented.

CSI has three honors: Distinguished Membership, Honorary Membership, and Fellowship. Honors differ from awards in several ways. They:

- have no specific requirements for achievements,
- are not controlled by the Awards Committee,
- are a membership status,
- reflect *extensive contributions* in support of the Institute,
- are for contributions above and beyond those of awards and other forms of recognition.

Distinguished Membership and Honorary Membership are CSI's highest honors. Essentially the same award, for "distinguished services to the construction industry in fields of activity related to the purposes of the Institute", the former is for members, the latter for non-members.

Nominations for Distinguished Membership and Honorary Membership are submitted to the Institute board of directors; to be selected, eighty-five percent of the board members present must vote in favor.

The honor of Fellowship is second only to that of Distinguished or Honorary Membership. Although there is no limit to the number of Fellowships that may be conferred in a single year, few are elected, as it is an honor reserved for those who perform beyond the call of office, and who have made extraordinary contributions to CSI.

There always seems to be a bit of mystery and confusion surrounding Fellowship. Perhaps the most common questions about the process relate to endorsement letters. The Guide states, "a limit of ten letters is strongly encouraged." This often is incorrectly interpreted as an absolute limit. The Jury of Fellows certainly doesn't want to be inundated with fifty letters per nominee, but the nomination won't be rejected if they receive more than ten. In some cases, it's possible that

a nominee did something spectacular that was known about by only half a dozen others. If those six people write good supporting letters, that's may be enough.

The most important things to know about endorsement letters for honors nominees are that they must support the assertions made in the nomination, and they must clearly state what the nominee has done that is "above and beyond." To do that, it

is necessary to read the nomination *before* writing an endorsement letter. Endorsement letters must have substance; simply saying someone was a great guy and attended all chapter meetings isn't enough. It's also important to remember that the person writing the letter must speak from personal knowledge, not secondhand information. A clearly written and well-documented nomination package, and letters of endorsement that support that nomination, are essential for being considered for Fellowship.

Other questions are related to the Jury's decisions. Not all nominees are selected for Fellowship, and those who were not selected may wonder why. It's tempting to ask, "What about John Doe? I did the same things, so why wasn't I chosen?" It's fair to say that juries vary from year to year, and some may have been more inclined to cast positive votes than others. Even so, the actions of the jurors are private - they don't even discuss nominees with other jurors - so we can't know why they voted the way they did. They are required to base their decisions on two things, and two things only: the nomination package and the endorsement letters. And so, it may be that while a given person may not be impressed by what a Fellow appears to have done, there are things that person may not know.

It would be a lot easier to understand a jury's decision if there were a checklist for Fellowship. "Hmm, attended fifty meetings - check; chaired chapter certification and technical committees - check; served as chapter president - check; served as Institute director - check; oops - was not Institute vice president. Better luck next time!"

It may help to remember what Fellowship recognizes: noteworthy, extraordinary accomplishments; outstanding service above and beyond what is expected; and an impact that



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## Calling All Reps!



*Bill Deck,  
Advertising Chair*

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, contact Bill Deck at [wdeck@rlps.com](mailto:wdeck@rlps.com). Thanks!

*Bill Deck  
Advertising Chair*



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Meeting Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Calendar of Events

**October 2013 & Beyond for Mid Atlantic BX** social networking, training & other educational events. Info: [www.midatlanticbx.com](http://www.midatlanticbx.com)

**October 3, 2013**  
**AIA Central Pennsylvania** – Annual Conference, Expo and Design Awards, Harrisburg University of Science and Technology. More info at <http://www.aiacentralpa.org/conference-expo-designawards.html>

**October 8, 2013**  
**CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program.** at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA, 6:00 pm: "NFPA 285," presented by Jesse Beitel, Senior Scientist with Hughes Associates of Baltimore, MD.

**October 29-November 2, 2013**  
**National Preservation Conference**, Indianapolis, IN. Details:

<http://www.preservationnation.org/resources/training/npc/>.

**October 30, 2013**  
**MABX TEC** (Technology and Excellence in Construction) Summit, Lancaster County Convention Center, Lancaster, PA. Details: [www.MidAtlanticBX.com](http://www.MidAtlanticBX.com) This 1 day summit features presentations on topics like Building Information Modeling, cloud technology, mobile apps and devices, emerging technologies, project information software, unique new business methodologies, and innovative job site techniques.

**November 12, 2013**  
**CSI Central Pa. Chapter - 50th Anniversary Banquet** at Liberty Forge, 3804 Lisburn Road, Mechanicsburg, PA. More details will be forthcoming. This event will be in lieu of our regular monthly dinner meeting.

**November 20-22, 2013**  
**USGBC Greenbuild 2013**, International Conference & Expo, Philadelphia, PA. Details: [www.greenbuildexpo.org](http://www.greenbuildexpo.org). Hosted by the Delaware Valley Green Building Council, opportunities to be involved can be found at <http://dvgbc.org/greenbuild-2013>

**December 10, 2013**  
**CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program.** Location and program TBD.

**March 27-29, 2014**  
**CSI Academies**, Indianapolis, IN. Want to learn more about product representation? contract administration? construction specifications? This is a great opportunity to deeply delve into these topics. Details: [www.csinet.org/academies](http://www.csinet.org/academies). Registration opens Summer 2013.

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made a significant difference. Fulfilling the requirements of an office, participation in organization activities, serving on committees, and promoting the organization *are what is expected*; even together, these activities may not be enough to attain Fellowship, though some have achieved Fellowship for contributions over the course of a career. While accumulating a large number of awards does not, in itself, assure Fellowship, it can be an important indication that the nominee has consistently demonstrated above-and-beyond performance.

To avoid misunderstanding and disappointment, awards committees and boards of directors at all levels should know the requirements for awards and honors, evaluate potential nominees based on those requirements, and resolve questions *before* submitting nominations.

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