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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER
CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

Surface Defects on Horizontal Concrete Slabs: Causes, Treatment and Remediation

Presented by Steve Geiger

National Restoration Sales Manager for W. R. Meadows

Tuesday, December 10, 2013

Learning Objectives: Attendees at this course will:

- Learn to recognize the different types and causes of surface defects in horizontal concrete slabs.
- Learn about surface treatments for preventative maintenance to avoid surface defects.
- Learn proper techniques and materials to repair surface defects in horizontal concrete slabs.

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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, December 6, 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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All material **MUST** be in the editor's hands no later than **December 18, 2013** for publication in the January 2014 issue of "Choice".

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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.

Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership. Contact: Paul Brunski Ph: 717-263-8464.



President's Message



William Brightbill,
FCSI, CCCA, CCPR
Interim-President

Greetings and Happy Holidays to all !!!

I can't begin to thank enough all those who helped to make our 50th Anniversary Celebration a tremendous success.

Jim Frey was the key to keeping me on track, setting up the Past President's list, preparing and sending out the invitations, meeting with the folks at Liberty Forge and securing the commemorative wine bottles. Many thanks Jim!

Bill Deck did a fantastic job of putting together a power point presentation of pictures spanning our 50 year history. We were able to show some great memories. I can't imagine how tedious that was going through all of the past issues of Choice and all the other archived material we have. For those of you who were unable to attend the event, we are arranging to have that power point presentation available on our website. Check it out! It is truly special. Many thanks Bill!

John Danes and Tanya Ness did a great job of communicating and promoting our event through our website and email blasts. We had great attendance, close to 70, including Margaret Chewning from Norfolk, VA, our Region President; Ray Gaines of Charlottesville, VA, our Institute Director; Walt Marlowe of Alexandria, VA, the Executive Director of CSI; and several members of our surrounding chapters of Allentown, Baltimore, and Philadelphia. Great job John & Tanya.

Last but not least, many thanks to Logan Myers for handling the registration desk and keeping track of the meal count. You're always there for us. Many thanks Logan!

As I mentioned last month, the real stars of our 50th Anniversary celebration event would be the Past Presidents of the chapter and boy did they turn out in mass. 25 Past Presidents were there to help us celebrate. It was great seeing all of them and

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From the Editor's Desk



Tanya Ness,
CSI,
Editor

This is the season for attitudes of gratitude. And, there is so much for which to be grateful! First, the great group of people at CSI and our Central PA Chapter! Second, our chapter's 50 bright and shining years and still counting! Make sure you look at all the wonderful pictures posted on our website. Third, the temperatures are dropping and what better way to warm up than a wonderful buffet dinner with an interesting program topic regarding surface defects in concrete (often caused by improper cold weather concreting, I might add)! Hoping to see you all there this Tuesday. And, grateful for each one of you!

Tanya Ness,
CSI Editor

Classified Ads

To place classified ads, please submit your ad to the editor, Tanya Ness at Tness@wrmeadows.com for insertion in "Choice" and on cpc-csi.org.

From the Chef's Table



Logan Myers
Hospitality Chair

MENU

for December 10

Holiday Buffet

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, DEC. 6, 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 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.)

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.

Curmudgeon's Corner

Worst case

IN THE PUBLISHING INDUSTRY, IN E-MAIL, AND ON THE INTERNET, USE OF UPPERCASE IS LIMITED. STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT MOST PEOPLE FIND IT HARDER TO READ UPPERCASE, AND TODAY'S DIGITAL ETIQUETTE VIEWS USE OF ALL UPPERCASE AS SHOUTING. WHY, THEN, DO WE CONTINUE TO USE IT ON DRAWINGS?

One of the reasons architects and engineers have used only uppercase may have been the difficulty of learning to letter. I don't know what today's students think about lettering, but when I was in architecture school, developing a "hand" was seen as a critical part of the architect's identity. Shortly after graduating, I wrote a check at a department store. I still recall my swelling sense of pride when, after looking at the check, the cashier said, "Oh, you must be an architect!"

But for some reason, perhaps just laziness, mastery of uppercase letters was as far as most of us got; I recall only a few who extended their lettering skills to lowercase. Otherwise, I can't imagine why architects and engineers have limited their writing to uppercase, given the advantages of using mixed case.

There are many studies and many opinions regarding the benefits of mixed case lettering. Many claim the shape of the words affects recognition, the theory being that uppercase letters have no shape, while lowercase letters have parts that stick up above or down below the rest of the letters, making them easier to recognize. Others dispute that theory, yet still see evidence that comprehension is enhanced with mixed case text.

Some suggest that the effect is largely based on familiarity. Because we're accustomed to reading in mixed case, we do it well, but if we read uppercase all the time, we would read just as well. That makes sense;

early in my career, when I frequently met with clients, I would orient the drawings for the client, and I eventually could read upside down text nearly as fast as right side up. Even so, we are surrounded by mixed case text, so why not take advantage of its familiarity?

The US government is convinced that uppercase makes reading needlessly difficult. The Federal Highway Administration has decreed that when road signs are replaced, the new ones must use mixed case. And, in April of this year, the US Navy announced a number of changes intended to improve communication, among them being the introduction of lowercase letters in the body of messages. It turns out that there once was good reason for the use of uppercase letters; early teletypes had no way to send lowercase!

I often wonder about the inconsistent logic applied to drawings and to text. Architects readily accept the importance of using line weight, *poché*, and white space to make drawings easier to understand. They correctly would reject the notion of using but one line weight, no *poché*, and crowding details together; after all, those actions would make the drawings harder to read! Yet many of those same architects care nothing about the fonts, line spacing, line length, and white space used in project manuals. Worse, a few of them see written text as another means of artistic expression, and choose fonts that are difficult to read. They simply fail to understand that poor text layout can interfere with comprehension.

Please - unlock that caps lock! Use mixed case!

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Program

- Learn aspects of hot and cold weather concreting.

This program is registered with the AIA/CES for continuing professional education. The course earns one learning unit (LU).

Steve Geiger has a Bachelor of Science degree in MATERIAL SCIENCE. He has held the positions of Senior Section Chemist for FOSROC LTD./BASF and W.R. MEADOWS, INC. with more than 20 years experience.

Steve has developed numerous cementitious restoration products, structural adhesives and bonding agents that are currently being used daily in today's demanding construction and restoration markets. He holds numerous positions on various committees at ASTM, ICRI and ACI and has been integral in the drafting/revising of many specifications, building codes and guidelines in print by those organizations. Recently, Steve was a member of a sub-committee that has published ACI 562-13 "Code Requirements for Evaluation, Repair, and Rehabilitation of Concrete Buildings and Commentary."

Construction Document Technologist (CDT) Certification Study Course



John Groff
PE, CCS, CSI
CPC Chapter
Certification
Chairman

Construction Document Technologist certification is awarded to candidates who successfully pass the certification exams given by the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI). CDT certification is a prerequisite for taking the Certified Construction Specifier (CCS), Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR), and Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) certification exams. The National Spring Certification Exams are scheduled for March 31 – April 26, 2014, and are available at Prometric Testing locations throughout Central Pennsylvania. To register for taking the exams, go to www.csinet.org and click on "Certification". January 31, 2014 is the Early Bird Registration Deadline to register for the Construction Specification Institute's CDT, CCS, CCPR, and CCCA certification exams. February 28, 2014 is the Final Registration Deadline.

This January the Central Pennsylvania Chapter of CSI will offer a 10-week CDT Certification Study Course at the Midtown Campus of HACC—Central Pennsylvania's Community College. The study course is designed to assist candidates preparing for the CDT examination by offering a complete overview of CSI's *Project Delivery Practice Guide* and other pertinent publications. It's a great way to hone your contract document skills, and includes document relationships, procedures, formats, and modifications, and covers the elusive contents of the *AIA A201 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction* and the new in 2013 *EJCDC C-700 Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract*. This study course is highly recommended for anyone taking the CDT certification exam. 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:

- Dates:** January 15 thru March 26, 2014 (10 Wednesday evenings, but no class on March 12 during Spring Break).
- Time:** 5:30 to 8:30 P.M.
- Location:** HACC Midtown Campus, 4th and Reily Streets, Harrisburg, PA
- Tuition Cost:** \$155 (subject to change – check the HACC website below)
- Textbook:** CSI's Project Delivery Practice Guide (Buy directly from CSI or from the instructor)
- Registration:** To register and enroll in the program, go to www.HACC.edu, click Admissions, and follow the registration instructions. The course registration numbers are:
- Credit course enrollment:* Course No. CRN 36098
- Non-credit course enrollment:* Course No. CRN 91467

If you have any questions about the class or the certification program feel free to contact me at 717-763-7211 or jgroff@qfnet.com.

John Groff PE, CCS, CSI
Central Pennsylvania Chapter Certification Chairman

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President's Message

each one had a chance to make a comment about what was going on at the chapter during their term of office. Some funny stories and thoughtful memories of the friends they made and the impact that CSI membership had on their lives and careers in construction. I loved it.

It was a great evening and several conclusions were reached. One was that we should not wait for milestone anniversaries to get the past presidents back together as a group. Some social events will be planned in the future that includes them. The second thing is that we should include them on our Choice mailing list, especially since we are sending it electronically and most have email addresses.

Chris Atwood has a great program lined up for our December meeting... Surface Defects on Horizontal Concrete Slabs presented by W. R. Meadows. Hope to see all of you there.

PLEASE REMEMBER 2 THINGS ...

1 GET INVOLVED IN CSI AT SOME LEVEL.

2 FIND SOMEONE OUT THERE THAT YOU BELIEVE COULD BENEFIT FROM CSI MEMBERSHIP AND GIVE THEM A MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS
TO ALL**

GET INVOLVED AT SOME LEVEL !!

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



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

EXHIBITORS' SHOW



MARCH 19, 2014

10:00 AM - 5:00 PM

RADISSON HOTEL – 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.

In addition to your exhibit, there will be free food, beverages and wine tasting and a drawing for door prizes every hour.

Complete and return the Reservation Form below to reserve your space. Exhibit spaces (6 feet deep by 10 feet wide) will be provided with one table and two chairs. The Show Committee is seeking sponsors to help with costs of food. If you can contribute \$250, we will recognize this contribution through our mailings and advertising at the show.

The schedule: Set-Up..... 6:00 AM until 9:00 AM
Show Time..... 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM
Down & Out..... 5:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Each exhibit space can be provided with 120 volt power. (Please check the box on the Reservation Form.) NO POWER EXTENSION CORDS will be provided with the spaces. Each exhibit space will have a back drop and side drops. BOOTH RENTAL FEE: \$550.00

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CPC CSI 39th ANNUAL EXHIBITORS' SHOW RESERVATION FORM

RETURN TO: Stewart C. Cluck, 600 North Hartley Street, Suite 152 • York, PA 17404

COMPANY _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ FAX _____ EMAIL _____

REPRESENTATIVE _____

Enclosed is our check in the amount of \$ _____ for _____ exhibit spaces plus \$ _____ as a food sponsor.

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

Yes, we will require a 120 outlet.



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. Thanks!

*Bill Deck
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: Bill Deck, CPC Advertising Committee
email: bdeck@lscdesign.com

Calendar of Events

December 2013 & Beyond for Mid Atlantic BX social networking, training & other educational events -visit: www.midatlanticbx.com

December 10, 2013
CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program. Details on page 1.

December 12, 2013
USGBC Central PA: Fifth Annual Holiday Green Networking Event, 6:00-11:00 PM, at The Stage on Herr / the Harrisburg Midtown Arts Center, 268 Herr Street, Harrisburg, PA. Details at <http://usgbc-centralpa.org/meetinginfo.php?id=75&ts=1385410997>.

December 18, 2013
International Facility Management Association of Central PA: "Holiday Gathering" at the Harrisburg East Holiday Inn, 4751 Lindle Road, Harrisburg, PA, 5-7 pm. Event is a fundraiser for the Central Pennsylvania Food Bank. Details at www.ifmacentralpa.org.

January 14, 2014
CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program. Location and program TBD.

January 21, 2014
ASA of Central Pennsylvania: 2014 Construction Expo – open to non-members; networking opportunities with general contrac-

tors and ASA members; sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities available. Details at <http://www.asacentralpa.org/calendar/event-details?id=9>.

January 30, 2014 Tentative
CSI Central Pa. Chapter – Mid-winter Cabin-Fever Breakout, starting at 6 PM, a purely social/networking dinner out (at your cost) at Lancaster Brewing Co., 469 Eisenhower Boulevard, Harrisburg. Spouses, guests, etc. welcome. We will confirm with e-mail blasts and update the chapter website with details.

February 11, 2014
CSI Central Pa. Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program. Location and program TBD.

March 6 to 9, 2014
40th Annual Pennsylvania Home Show, State Farm Show Complex, Harrisburg, PA. Details at www.pahomeshow.com.

March 18, 2014
USGBC Central PA: GREEN-CON – Millersville University, Millersville, PA, 7:30 AM – 5:00 PM; exhibits, keynote presentations, continuing education, annual meeting. Details in development.

March 19, 2014
CSI Central Pa. Chapter – 39th Annual Exhibitor's Show at the

Radisson, Camp Hill, PA, tentatively 11 am - 6 pm, plus various seminars throughout the day.

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.

April 3-6, 2014
CSI Middle Atlantic Region Conference, Hampton, Virginia, hosted by Tidewater Chapter CSI. Details in development.

April 8, 2014
CSI Central Pa. Chapter – JOINT Dinner Meeting & Program with the Central PA Chapter of the American Society of Professional Estimators (ASPE). Location and program TBD.

June 26-28, 2014
AIA National Convention and Design Exposition, McCormick Place, Chicago, IL. Go to www.aia.org/convention for more information.

September 9-11, 2014
CSI 58th Annual National Convention & Hanley Wood Exhibitions CONSTRUCT2014 at the Baltimore Convention Center, Baltimore, MD. More info at www.constructshow.com.

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