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Central PA Chapter CSI Tour of the PA Judicial Center

North St and Commonwealth Ave., Harrisburg, PA

Tuesday, February 9, 2010

Gather in the Judicial Council Room on main floor for the tour. Enter at the main entrance on Commonwealth Ave and go straight back to the Information Desk in the center of the hallway. Parking can be found at the Market St Garage near Strawberry Square (approx. three block walk) or the public garage on 7th St directly behind the Judicial Center.

The tour will be conducted by members of the Center's design architects, Vitetta, located in Wormleysburg. A brief powerpoint presentation will touch on some of the highlighted features of the project as well as the challenges the design team faced with an urban site. A tour will follow. Guests are welcome. Attendance will be limited to 40 people. Reservations should be made with Logan Myers, loganmyers@hotmail.com.

For further information inquiries can be directed to Jake Burkholder via phone 717-525-1981 or e-mail at jakeburkholder@cctd.com.

Spouses, guests and visitors are welcome and encouraged to attend. Cost for guests is \$25.00

Board Meeting in Room 4003 - 4:00 p.m.
All members are welcome to attend the Board Meeting

Tour to follow at 5:00 p.m.

Dinner to follow at 6:30 p.m. at Ceoltas Irish Pub,
310 North 2nd St., Harrisburg, PA

Dinner Cost

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

Dinner reservations by noon, Friday, February 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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Don Scruggs,
CSI, CCCA
President

President's Message

On behalf of the membership, I thank Mathew Farmer of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Assoc., Inc. for an excellent presentation Performance and Detailing of Exterior Wall Assemblies at our January meeting. Mathew provided some graphic examples of building exterior envelope failures, discussed reasons for these problems, solutions, and provided great details to help avoid these issues.

Although we may be more than half way through the fiscal year the next few months will be busier than ever for our Chapter, Region and Institute. Please take note and mark your calendars for the following major events:

February will provide the first ever fully electronic election by CSI. Watch for the email and please remember to vote. The February 9th Chapter meeting will be a tour of the Judicial Center in Harrisburg.

March 17, 2010 will feature our Chapter's 35th Annual Exhibit Show at the Radisson Hotel in Camp Hill, Pa. Support our Chapter by attending this event and promoting it to others. Expand your networking opportunities, learn about the many products our exhibitors have to offer, and last but not least have some fun. In addition there are four seminars scheduled for the day, providing a great opportunity to broaden your knowledge on those topics and earn five of the continuing education credits needed to maintain your certifications.

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Curmudgeon's Corner

Travelogue, part 1; Cathedrals and Churches

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

My wife and I had so much fun on our European Vacation that I can't help but think about it every day. It was such a wonderful, inspiring experience that it may have made me less curmudgeonly - at least for a while. In consequence, I will occasionally set aside the Curmudgeon's Corner, and recall some of what we saw.

Churches, synagogues, and other places of worship can be found throughout America. Here in the Midwest, you won't find a town small enough to not have at least one, and some appear to have more than can be supported by the local area. Of course, the town itself doesn't include the farms that extend endlessly in all directions; I often try to imagine the weekly processions from the outlying areas to the churches. With horse-drawn wagons as the fastest means of travel, there wasn't much sleeping in on Sunday mornings!

Our larger cities have more and larger churches, and we just happen to have two major Roman Catholic churches in the Twin Cities - the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, and the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. My wife and I also have visited the Washington National Cathedral a couple of times, so even though we live in the boonies, we have been able to see a few of the biggest churches in the United States. Still, the oldest of the ones we have seen are less than a century old.

And so, when we left on our vacation (yes, I'm back to that again), we looked forward to seeing

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From the Chef's Table

MENU

Irish Buffet

at

Ceoltas Irish Pub

310 North Second Street

Harrisburg, Pa.

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, FEBRUARY 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.

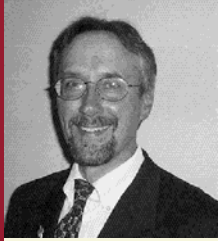
Attendees should make an entrée selection when reservations are placed.

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



Logan Myers
Hospitality Chair

Chapter Certification Study Course



Paul Brunski
CCS, CSI
Chapter
Certification
Chairman

Chapter Certification Study Course

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 29th 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 29 - April 3, 2010, and are available at Prometric testing locations throughout central Pennsylvania.

Study Course:

- Dates: January 25 thru April 5, 2010
(Monday evenings for 10 weeks. March 8th 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)
- 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: Course no. CRN 51939
- Credit course enrollment: Course No. CRN 31281

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.

Having just returned from a CSI region conference in Virginia, it was interesting to hear other specification writers talk about how they started as a spec writer. Most had a mentor who worked with them to understand specs and did it because no one else wanted to. Do you see an opportunity in your firm to fill a void? Average age of a spec writer is about 55 years young.

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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April 17th & 18th, 2010 is a Region event, L.O.S. (Leadership Orientation Seminar) which will also be held at the Radisson. This is a must for Chapter Leaders, Committee members and those who are interested in being more involved with CSI.

May 11-14, 2010 is the 54th CSI National Convention "Construct 2010" and will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia.

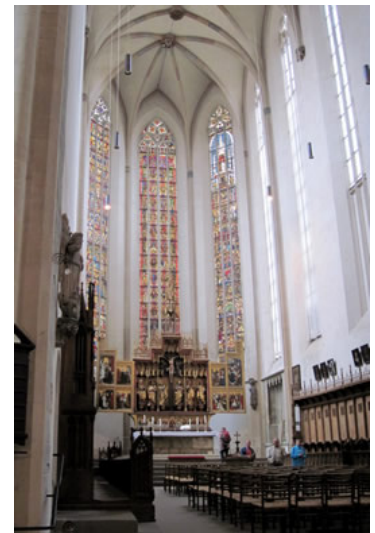
Hope to see you at the February meeting.

*Don Scruggs, CSI, CCCA
President*

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the fabled cathedrals and churches of Europe. But with only three weeks available, we had to limit ourselves to only parts of Germany and Italy, and my observations obviously are limited to what we saw.

Our first stop was Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a walled city a few hours southeast of Frankfurt. The city itself dates back to about 1100 AD, and its feature cathedral was constructed from 1311-1484. Its two towers are about 180 feet tall, and the east end of the soaring nave is lighted with a few beautiful lancets of stained glass. One of its two large altars was created by Tilman Riemen-



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schneider, who has been called the Michelangelo of woodcarvers, and the west end of the nave is dominated by a towering, 5,500 pipe organ.

Our next destination was Immenstaad am Bodensee, in southernmost Germany. Immenstaad is a resort town on the north shore of the Bodensee, or Lake Constance as it's known here. Most of our trip was by rail, but the last leg was on a large passenger ferry, which deposited us on a long pier leading into the heart of town. Looking south from Germany, you can see Switzerland from all but the east end of the lake, where it is bordered by Austria. We didn't see much of Immenstaad, as we travelled out during the day and returned each evening for dinner by the lake. One of these excursions was to Meersburg, a short bus to the west. Meersburg is a small city, most of which is centered around two old castles, but from the lake, the enormous city winery looks like it may be the more important part of town. The age of the older castle is unknown, some saying the first part was built in the seventh century, while others believe it wasn't built until the twelfth century. Either way, it's been around just a bit longer than the good old US of A.

A short distance to the east is the new Meersburg castle, which is more of a palace. It was built in the eighteenth century, but used as a castle for only a few decades, having since become the home of two or three museums. The east end of the palace contains a modest chapel, which was built for the resident prince. Along with the rest of the building, it has undergone more than one restoration, the last about twenty years ago. From the outside, you wouldn't know there is a chapel within, as the façade and height are in keeping with the rest of the building. As a result, it's a real surprise when you enter and find a tall, two-story space built in the rococo style. The walls and ceiling are stark white, overlaid with elaborate ornamentation and gilding, and most of the ceiling is decorated in colorful fresco.

After a visit to the Zeppelin museum in Friedrichshafen, we went on to Salzburg. From there, we took a day trip to Hallstatt, Austria, a postcard-sized town that looks like it was built for postcard pictures. After a two-hour rail trip through what might be the most beautiful mountains and villages in the world, we arrived at the Hallstatt station, a mere whistle stop compared to some of the terminals we saw. The station com-

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CSI President
Mike Davis,
FCSI

Mike Davis on Membership

Greetings, CSI members!

I don't know about you, but I am glad to see 2009 come to an end. I have been involved in the construction industry since 1969, and 2009 had the most damaging impact to our industry that I can remember. The company I work for had projects cancelled and was fortunate to end the year with only a 50% reduction in our volume of work from previous years.

I discuss this only to lead into my topic for this communication: CSI Membership. Why join CSI or continue membership in CSI? We talk about "the benefits of CSI membership," but what are they? Is it really worth the cost and time commitment to be a member of CSI? In the current economic situation, would I do better to invest my time and dollars in something else? My membership is up for renewal, and these questions have been on my mind for several days. I will renew my membership, but I am sure other CSI members and prospective members are asking these questions. I will try to provide some simple answers.

- **Why join CSI or continue membership in CSI?** My simple answer: How can you afford not to join CSI? Membership in CSI is not expensive. I have been a member of CSI since 1993. Until renewal in 2006, my membership was paid by my company. I left my position as a partner in a general contracting firm and took off several months to catch my breath. When it was time to renew my membership, I did not need to think twice. I believe I receive true value in my CSI membership. The networking opportunities are endless, if you make the effort. The letters "CSI" on my business card has opened many doors that might not have opened without having those initials.

Yesterday, I received a cold call from a product representative. No phone call, no advance notice. Just happened to be in town and thought he would stop by my office to check on

bid opportunities. My schedule was pretty hectic. However, when I looked at the business card handed me, I saw "CSI" following the representative's name. This is the only reason I got up from my desk and had a 20-minute meeting with this representative. If there had been no "CSI," there would not have been a meeting

- **What are the benefits of CSI membership?** Where do I start? Networking opportunities as I previously mentioned, certification programs, education programs, involvement in creating methods of handling or distributing building information... I leave it to each of you to make your own decision on this question, as we could have many different answers.
- **Is it really worth the cost and time commitment to be a member of CSI?** CSI membership is an investment. And like any other investment, if you fail to continue to make the investment, you will find the dividend shrinks. Compared to other organizations, I feel the cost of CSI membership is economical. But more than dollars, consider investing your time in CSI. I truly believe that an investment of my time in CSI has enabled

me to grow professionally at a quicker pace. In some cases, I have been able to receive instant credibility from architects because of my involvement with CSI.

We continually discuss the "grass-root members" of CSI. Folks, we are the grass roots of CSI; each and every one of us, with all our imperfections. It's the person down the hall, in the next cubicle or across the country. We are not just specifiers; we are designers, contractors and sub-contractors, building owners, product representatives, and others involved in one of the greatest professions. In short, we are the construction industry!

As you read this email, please give serious thought to your membership status in CSI. If you are not willing to grow in your chosen profession and don't want to give your time, then by all means find something else where you can commit your time and resources. However, if you are willing to grow and make a commitment, CSI has a place for you at the table. Get involved! I look forward to working with you as we work to improve our industry.

CSI President Mike Davis, FCSI, is "an Estimator for DBS Corporation" in Chattanooga, TN. He can be reached at [president@csinet.org] (PG 2010-4)

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prises a small building, a small platform, and the ubiquitous station clock. It is not, however, the end of the line, as it is across a lake from the Hallstatt, and the only way to complete the trip is by a ferry. Not surprisingly, the ferries schedule is tied closely to that of the trains.

Even though Hallstatt has only a thousand residents, it has two churches, both easily seen from across the lake and from much of the town. St. Michael's Chapel, which is perhaps fifty feet above the main street, dates back to the twelfth century. It is fa-

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Ralph Liebing,
RA, CSI, CDT

Show Me Yours and I'll Show You Mine!

Wouldn't it be interesting if, instead of a specification competition, we had a "specification comparison"? Something a little lighter, for a change, but still productive and interesting!

I think this would really be both helpful and educational for all, since we all do not write our specs in exactly the same way. This is due in part to the requirements of

our clients [public versus private versus governmental, etc.]. In addition, much of it has to do with our philosophy, our direction and our opinions.

Also, we need to understand that relatively few of us ever are sued [is that a mark of success?] and when so engaged, it is usually over some non-technical wording [attorneys love to twist words, meanings and intentions to their clients benefit, which makes suits unfair challenges to us, being basically non-legal as we are]. Failure, for whatever reason, usually is not related to bad selections and directions, but toward improper installation, or manufacturing shortcomings.

From various discussions, we can see that there are mind boggling, vast and diverse arrays of resources and reference material that any one of us has at our disposal and in which we have confidence. Recent example-- Did you ever hear of, or see SDI 127J-04 in their Technical Data Series Industry Alert? Whoa!!! Here is really deep and interesting "stuff" not all that obvious or apparent except to the deep and highly dedicated researcher. Most of us tend to run the hell out of "Search" in an effort to pick up any tid-bit that is appropriate or useful to our cause, circumstance or problem.

For all its good directions, programs and intentions, we all have not been corralled into "doing it the CSI way"-- in general principles perhaps, but not in all detail. We don't use the same fonts; we don't use the same wording; we don't express our requirements in precisely the same manner [nor

do we need to]; we tend to re-use products that have been successful for us in the past, but which are not universal with us all; our products are about as individual as our fingerprints, or the proverbial dissimilar snowflakes! It would just be interesting to see how we formulate, compile and present our specs [as opposed to just how we do-- or should--write them].

It would be neat [they still say that?] to see what others do-- don't you think? Or don't you give a whip-stitch about this? Maybe it's just me, but I like to see, glean, crib and steal what others do that makes me and my work better. I have some "heroes" and "heroines" in this business [NO list will ever be released!!!] and have come to admire [and often am amazed] what others do. Granted our practice is different from many, but then isn't your practice different too?

I think a display along with a forum for a nice, civil, non-opinioned, non-judgmental, non-pompous comparison of products [with some quiet discussion] could be beneficial and profitable to many of us. I do realize some have reached their optimized plateau and care to go no place else, but some of us, I think, always like to peek over the fence

to see what's going on elsewhere in our world. Well, just a thought-- more than likely will never occur....but, then, who knows?

Hey! Wait! I think we can pull this off! I don't perceive that we are so parochial or closeted or secretive to not allow others to see our work. Our discussions and sharing show we are open; we love to learn new things; and we are willing--always--to chip in and help others. OK! Just say where and when!

How about a tabletop display at the 2010 SHOW?; examples from various offices for viewing; only to see what others do! Might learn something [know I will]. No critiques involved, as we are not in competition to see who is closest to CSI criteria; looking at other aspects of work-- appearance, fonts, formatting, colors, styles, information, presentation techniques, etc. other than technical content!

Why not? I bet there'll be some real doozies, innovations and great insight! See you and your example there!

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mous for its ossuary, home to about 2,000 human skulls. The other church, Christ Church Lutheran, was built in the nineteenth century. Located at street level, it has a spire that appears to reach about as high as the spire on the older church.

Moving on to Firenze (Florence), we found a comfortable second floor room with a window overlooking a courtyard. Looking out the window, we could see the tops of the Brunelleschi dome and the Campanile at Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore. The basilica is visible from a great distance, though usually hidden from street level.

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In These Economic Times CSI is Still the Answer -

Inland Empire CSI is #147 West Region CSI

Riverside CA – The birth of a new CSI chapter – Inland Empire CSI (#147), drew a full house of 88 members and well wishers to celebrate the inaugural dinner meeting to Riverside CA. on January 14, 2010. The new chapter boasts 13 Professionals and 9 Industry members. Most of them work in the Bakersfield-Ontario-Rancho Cucamonga area. It is located East of Los Angeles in Southern California.

The evening began with a social hour. Members of Southern California's Producers Council came out in force with 24 table-tops. There were 5 architects/project managers who came to Riverside from the high desert (Victorville), and several more drove up from Murietta. All major architectural firms in the area were represented at the event as well as representatives from the four neighboring CSI chapters - Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego and Fresno.

Greg McAloney, CSI, presented a \$1,000 check to the new chapter as seed money on behalf of Producers Council of Southern California. Two of the area's largest architectural firms offered their facilities for future chapter meetings.

Inland Counties AIA was represented by Executive Director Florence Hagstrom, President James Horecka, AIA, and President-elect Dennis Tanida, AIA. Plans are in the works for some joint events in the future.

CSI Secretary Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, presented the chapter charter to new Chapter President John Melcher (P). CSI Director, Duane Johnson, FCSI, and West Region Director Dave Willis, CSI were also present.

The new chapter board members include: Vice President - Earnest Lauria, CSI (I); Secretary - Kay Melcher, CSI (P); Treasurer – Donald Zanzoso, CSI (P); Directors – Joe Salazar, CSI (P), Kathie Fountain, CSI (I), and Charles DiGangi CSI, (P). Chapter Advisors – Janet Piccola, FCSI (I) and Valerie Harris, FCSI (I). Chapter Chairpersons include: Membership – Jennie Guida, CSI



(I); Programs – Janet Piccola, FCSI (I); Certification- Education- Technical – Kay Melcher, CSI (P).

Efforts to organize a chapter in this area began during the presidency of Robert Molseed, FCSI, who made an analysis of the US Census to pinpoint this area ripe for a new chapter in 1992. It finally came to fruition when members within the area decided it was time for a home chapter. This new chapter has the enthusiastic support of nearby Southern California chapters like Los Angeles, Orange County, San Diego and Fresno.

Congratulatory messages to the new chapter may be sent to Chapter Secretary Kay Melcher, CSI, CCS, LEED AP – kay.melcher@stvinc.com

Story contributors include: Jan Piccola, FCSI, Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, and Kathy Greenway, CSI
By Gilman Hu (PG 2010-3)

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This shouldn't be surprising, given its size - at 500 feet long, 125 feet wide at the nave and 300 feet wide at the transept, and over 300 feet tall - it's by far the biggest structure in town. The exterior, a striking combination of white, green, and red marble, is a well-known symbol of the city. Unfortunately, we found the interior to be a disappointment after the colorful exterior. It has few windows, paintings, or statues; the highlight is the dome, which has almost an acre of painted surface. Still, despite the lack of ornamentation, the verticality of the interior and the sheer volume were quite impressive.

Come back next month, when we'll set out for the cathedrals of Rome.



Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting

Date: January 12, 2009

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill

Attendees: Don Scruggs, Jake Burkholder, John Groff, Paul Brunski, Larry Saylor, Bill Brightbill, Stu Cluck, Chris Atwood, Phil Frigm, Joel Altland, Jeff Turicik, David Shaw, Jeff Snyder, Jimmy Kinsborough, Rich Forsberg

Don Scruggs called to Order at 5:05 pm

Opening Comments: The February Ballot will be sent via email. Be sure that National has your correct email address on file.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes were approved as recorded.

Treasurer's Report: Treasure Brightbill provided both the November and December Financial Status Reports. These were both included in the current Balance Sheet. Revenue is starting to come in for the March Exhibitors Show. The AIA – CES Provider Fee has been paid in time for the 12/31/09 deadline. All bills have been paid to date.

Officer's Reports:

President-Elect: No Report

Vice President: No Report

Secretary: No Report

Past President/Advisor: No Report

Editor's Report: Editor has spoken with Bob Hinkle noting that submittals for The Choice have been very late causing problems with getting them posted in a timely fashion. The deadline for submissions to the next issue of The Choice will be ten (10) days from the date of the Board Meeting. (ie: 1/22/10 deadline from our 1/12/10 Board Meeting.) Classified Ads should be submitted to Jeff Turicik for inclusion in The Choice.

Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: No Report

Advertising: There will be no change in advertising fees. (Renewals are "dropping like flies.")

Awards: Jeff Snyder indicated that the Outstanding Chapter Award documentation has been submitted to Institute. Institute has acknowledged its receipt. Charlie Beauduy has nominated Jeff Snyder for the Institute Construction Technology Award. It was signed by 5 Board members for Charlie to send tomorrow. Committee Chairs should maintain their documentation throughout the year to facilitate Awards submission. Co-chairs should be listed on the Board Meeting Agenda. June 8th is going to be our Awards Banquet. The Calendar of Events should so note it. (Jeff Turicik will coordinate with The Choice.)

Certification: Paul The Certification Course starts January 25th. There are seven (7) Students signed up so far. A new updated PRM will be coming out shortly. Paul will offer existing copies of the PRM at a discount so that we don't have left over copies. Paul Brunski again notes that there is a "stealth special" 20% discount if one joins CSI and signs up for the Review Course and the CDT exam.

Education: We have four (4) programs lined up for the March Exhibitors Show. Co-chair Don Scruggs and Chris Atwood are finalizing the flyer and will get it to Larry and the printer. The January Program was approved by AIA for HSW & Sustainable Design credits.

Electronics: No Report

Exhibit Show: Larry Saylor has twenty (20) exhibitors signed-up so far. This is approximately four (4) behind last year at this time.

Hospitality: John Morgan indicated that we have 41 registered for the Meeting.

Long Range Planning: No Report.

Membership: Will have a booth at the show.

Programs: February will be a Tour of the Judicial Center. It will probably be on our regular meeting date, but Jake still has to confirm the date. March will be our Exhibitor's Show. April is tentatively going to be on Consensus Documents, AGC / AIA.

Publicity: Chris Atwood has issued a PR statement to both Lancaster and York Newspapers as well as the Central PA Business Journal.

Roster: Chris Atwood reports that the Roster is almost compiled and is based on Institute's December listing.

Technical: Phil Frigm published an Article in The Choice which was a reprint of an article in The Specifier. He had obtained permission from the copyright Author and CSI Specifier. (They were both very cooperative, even providing a WORD document for our use.)

Archives: Any Archival Data should be sent to John Morgan.

Director's Reports:

Charlie Beauduy: No Report

Paul Brunski: No Report

Jeff Snyder: He has had some contact with The Pennsylvania College of Technology. It might be a good idea to collaborate with them sharing information and Certification benefits, etc.

Philip Frigm: No Report

Chris Atwood: No Report

Joel Altland: No Report

New Business:

1) John Groff inquired about our participation in CSI CEN program. (We are not currently registered.) Although this would involve a completely separate registration as well as duplicate registration of each of our programs (AIA & CSI), John pointed out that it would be very beneficial to many of our members who are not in AIA such as PE's and Certified members who require documentation for renewal of their Certifications. Other Board members concurred. It would be good if we can work toward implementation in time for the beginning of our programs in September 2010.

Motion to adjourn was presented:

Motion by: Paul Brunski

Seconded by: John Morgan

Motion to adjourn was unanimously passed at 6:06 pm.



*Rich Forsberg,
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*Respectfully submitted,
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**Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute
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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 desert.
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Calendar of Events

February 9, 2010

CSI Central Pa. Chapter

Tour of the Pennsylvania Judicial Center at the Capitol Complex, Harrisburg, Pa. & Dinner Meeting. More information coming.

February 26, 2010

Final deadline to register for the CDT, CCS, CCPR and CCCA exams

March 17, 2010

CSI Central Pa. Chapter

35th Annual Exhibitors' Show - Radisson, Camp Hill, PA. Education seminars throughout the day.

March 29 - April 3, 2010

Certification exams

April 13, 2010

CSI Central Pa. Chapter

Dinner Meeting & Program "Consensus Documents"

April 16-17, 2010

CSI Middle Atlantic Region - Leadership Orientation Seminar (LOS), at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA. Go to www.mar-csi.org for event information.

May 4, 2010

CSI Central Pa. Chapter

Dinner Meeting & Program

May 11-14, 2010

CSI 54th Annual National Convention & Hanley Wood Exhibitions Construct 2010

– "Foresight is Power," co-located with the TFM Show, Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA. For event information go to www.constructshow.com.

June 8, 2010

CSI Central Pa. Chapter

Dinner Meeting & Program "Annual Awards Program"

June 10-12, 2010

AIA – 2010 National Convention & Design Exposition, "Design for the New Decade," Miami Beach Convention Center, Miami, FL.

September 23-26, 2010

CSI Middle Atlantic Region Conference,

"Preserving Our History," Annapolis, Maryland, at the Historic Inns of Annapolis. For event information go to www.marc2010.org. Hotel reservations can be made at telephone (410) 263-2641; ask for "CSI Conference" rate.

Oct, 17-19, 2010

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

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A Practical Examination of Building Information Modeling (BIM)

Presented by Central Pennsylvania Chapter of The Construction Specifications Institute

This program reprises and expands upon a well-attended CPC CSI dinner meeting program from a year ago.

The new technology called BIM is quickly establishing itself as a cutting edge approach to building in the 21st Century. BIM uses traditional data and information to create 3-dimensional, real-time, dynamic building models that represent building geometry, spatial relationships, geographic information, and system quantities and properties, while allowing realistic 3-D visualization of the building elements.

BIM models provide the potential for information to be exchanged between the design team, contractors, subcontractors, material suppliers, and owners, with each adding unique information, so that a complete picture of the project is embedded in the finished model. The ability of each entity to contribute to one comprehensive model holds the promise of greatly reducing the chance of errors, omissions, and conflicts at the jobsite.

The BIM model is also useful during the construction process. Because all design is contained in one model, problems and conflicts are more likely to be discovered in the design stage, and can be corrected before they become problems on the jobsite and result in costly change orders. Also, the model can assimilate important information about building components, such as product specifications, R-values, structural information, cost data, scheduling information, and even manufacturer's data. Imagine how useful this information could be for the construction team.

This technology is still very new, and there are still many unanswered questions about BIM. How will BIM influence and effect end-users, as BIM is not yet an industry standard? What about the learning curve associated with this technology? How will BIM affect productivity? Who has ownership of the design, and who is assuming the risk?

This program on BIM is designed to answer many of your most basic questions about this emerging technology. What is BIM? How does it work? Who is using it? What should my firm be doing to get educated about BIM?

Speaker: Brian Krause is the Regional Manager for Virtual Design & Construction for Turner Construction Company's Atlantic Region. Brian is responsible for the implementation and employee training of Building Information Modeling (BIM) and Virtual Design & Construction (VDC). Brian is currently supporting the BIM and VDC implementation for Turner on over 20 active construction projects along the east coast valued at approximately \$3.6 Billion. He started with Turner in 2001 as a Field Engineer and has worked his way through various field, engineering, and management positions on projects such as the Dulles North and West Flank Parking Garages, Howard Hughes Medical Institute Janelia Farm Research Campus, FDIC Headquarters at Virginia Square, Dulles Package 6 Automated People Mover Station, and Fort Belvoir Community Hospital. Brian holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Virginia Tech. He recently was a member of the first graduating class of the VDC (Virtual Design & Construction) Certificate Program at Stanford CIFE (Center for Integrated Facility Engineering), one of the first certificate programs of its kind.

Qualifies for two AIA/CES Learning units



Date: Wednesday, March 17, 2010

Time: 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m.

Location: Radisson Hotel, Camp Hill, PA.

Cost: \$25, Includes coffee, juice and pastries.

This seminar is presented in conjunction with the Chapter's 35th Exhibitor's Show that opens 11:00 a.m. at the same location.

Reservations are required by Monday, March 15, 2010

Reservation Form for BIM Seminar



Name: _____
 Address: _____
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(Please make checks payable To Central Pennsylvania Chapter, CSI)

**Central Pennsylvania Chapter - CSI
35th Annual Exhibitor's Show Seminar Series
Radisson Hotel – Camp Hill, Pa.
March 17, 2010**

12:30 PM – 1:30 PM: Quality Management for Masonry

Speaker: William D. Friedah, P.E., Principal Engineer, ECS Mid-Atlantic, LLC



Load-bearing masonry is often not correctly specified; similarly, construction techniques are often far from being fully compliant with code requirements and industry standards. This presentation highlights most of the more common discrepancies encountered. Code requirements will be emphasized, and participants will be provided with industry references and a quality management checklist to assist in future projects. Control and removal of efflorescence will also be discussed. *This program provides one AIA/CES Learning unit.*

2:00 PM - 3:00 PM: Curtain Wall 101

Speaker: Jeff Turicik, Architectural Sales Representative, YKK AP America



Curtain walls may be one of the most dramatic design details of a building. The wide variety of available systems and their inherent flexibility make these systems one of the most widely used and unfortunately misused fenestration systems in the market today. Participants in this session will learn about available curtain wall systems, their proper applications, and building considerations. *This program provides one AIA/CES Learning unit.*

3:30 PM – 4:30 PM: Architectural Woodwork Standards and Quality Assurance

Speaker: Craig Elias, Executive Vice President, AWI Quality Certification Corporation (QCC)



A tutorial for architects and specifiers on the new Architectural Woodwork Standards (AWS) and how to specify quality architectural woodwork, developed by the Architectural Woodwork Institute (AWI) in conjunction with the Woodwork Institute (WI) and the Architectural Woodwork Manufacturers Association of Canada (AWMAC).

Attendees will learn what's new and different about the AWS, the latest industry trends, as well as how to ensure delivery of quality architectural woodwork that meets both the AWS and project specifications.

Attendees will learn the 10 most frequent deficiencies found on architectural woodwork projects. They will also be exposed to the full scope of architectural woodwork design, grades of work, material selection, as well as fabrication, finishing and installation techniques. Numerous specific examples will be shown and discussed in depth.

This program provides one AIA/CES Learning unit

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EXHIBITORS' SHOW

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MARCH 17, 2010
11:00 A.M. - 6:00 P.M.
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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.

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