



Phoenix Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute

# Cactus Comments

## PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Publication deadline for the April 2008 issue of the Phoenix Chapter Newsletter is March 25, 2008.

Articles and items of interest should be submitted to Darlene Moore at [dablmo@hotmail.com](mailto:dablmo@hotmail.com) or Alex Devereux at [adevereux@itt-tech.edu](mailto:adevereux@itt-tech.edu).

We welcome member articles and ideas/suggestions.

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CSI PHOENIX NEWSLETTER

MARCH 2008

# CHAPTER NEWS



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## Monthly Chapter Meeting

The March Chapter Meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 12, 2008 at 5:30 p.m. at the Airport Hilton, 2435 S. 47th Street, Phoenix, AZ. Guest speaker is Robert Johnson, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP. See Page 4 for his biography. **For dinner reservations, call 602-258-7499 by February 8th at noon.** Dinner is served at 6:30 p.m. and the Program begins at 7:30 p.m.

## Monthly Technical Meeting

If you would like to join the CSI Technical Committee, their next meeting is March 11th from Noon until 1:00pm at FM Solutions; 4001 N. 3<sup>rd</sup> St., Ste. 250; Phoenix, AZ 85012; 602.824.5347. The topic of discussion is Urban Heat Island Effect—Roofs.

## CONSTRUCT2008—June 3-6, 2008

### Save the Date and Book Your Travel

CONSTRUCT2008 is just around the corner. Plan now to attend this key industry event!

- Choose from close to 100 educational sessions
  - Attend special CSI events and programs
  - Find hundreds of products and services in the Exhibit Hall
  - Online Registration opens early February 2008
- Visit [www.CONSTRUCTshow.com](http://www.CONSTRUCTshow.com) for current details and the Schedule-at-a-Glance.

# PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*Ronald L. Geren, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, SCIP  
RLGA Technical Services  
Phoenix Chapter President*

## What Does CSI Do For You?

I've been hearing it for some time now...companies are cutting back due to the downturn in construction. In turn, the cut-backs frequently include company-funded memberships in professional organizations such as the Construction Specifications Institute. If you're like me, you probably belong to several professional organizations; and, without financial support from your company, you probably couldn't continue your membership in most if not all of them.

So, if you've found yourself in that unfortunate position, you should keep a few things in mind when determining which memberships you will continue, and which ones you won't:

*Is the organization relevant to your specific line of business?* In times of fiscal belt-tightening, it doesn't make sense to continue paying for membership in an organization that has no or marginal importance to your business or job.

*Does the organization provide you with the contacts you need to do your job better?* Whether it's for career opportunities, or seeking clients and customers within your current position, a professional organization is a means of getting yourself known among your peers and those in your re-

lated business or industry.

*Does the organization provide you with educational opportunities that help improve your knowledge about your business or industry?* Whether you're new to your industry or you're a veteran, staying on top of the changes in your industry is vital. Professional organizations should provide the education through programs, seminars, conferences, etc. that ensures its members are aware of what's happening in the industry/profession they represent.

If you can answer "yes" to all three questions above when applied to an organization you belong to, then it's worth staying with that organization.

Now, before you apply those questions to CSI, let me provide some evidence to consider during your deliberation:

If you're currently a member of CSI, then there is high probability that you're in some way associated with the construction industry, either as an architect, contractor, owner, contract administrator, product representative, or engineer, just to name a few. But CSI is more than just an organization related to the construction industry, it's about communication within the construction industry: written communication, drawing communication, and spoken communication. How we relate requirements/information from one part of the project team to another is critical to project success. And

CSI is right in the middle, developing standards that organize construction data for communicating clearly, concisely, completely, and correctly.

CSI, whether you're attending a chapter meeting, participating on a committee, or sitting in on one of the many educational sessions at the CSI Convention, you're constantly meeting people from all aspects of the construction industry. The contacts you make have many advantages:

- Lead to new clients or customers
- Identify potential subject matter experts for future projects or problems
- Learn about upcoming projects
- Learn from other peoples' experiences

One of the most respected benefits of CSI is the available educational opportunities focused specifically on the construction industry. Chapter meetings provide many topics that touch on all aspects of our business. Chapters also provide special seminars focused on a particular area such as construction documents, specifications, or other technical topics. The Institute provides webinars and other internet-based educational opportunities. At regional and national conferences, CSI provides several educational topics in a variety of tracks; even entire academies are established to focus on specific construction pro-

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fessions. And last, but definitely not least, CSI has established a certification program that has benefits for all those in the construction industry.

As you can see, CSI has a lot to offer for its members. However, these benefits won't help you if you don't take advantage of them.

And now, if you must, make that dreaded decision. But I bet CSI is now near the top of the list, isn't it?

*About the President: Ronald L. Geren, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, SCIP, is an Certified Construction Specifier, and is the principal of RLGA Technical Services located in Scottsdale, Arizona, which provides specifications and code consulting services to architects, engineers, owners, and product manu-*

*facturers. A 1984 graduate of the University of Arizona, Ron has over 23 years of experience with military, public, and private agencies. You can contact the author at [ron@specsandcodes.com](mailto:ron@specsandcodes.com)*

## CSI Awareness Month: UniFormat Task Team Update

CSI has recently completed updates to all its major documents, save one: UniFormat.

For those unfamiliar with UniFormat, this is the document that organizes construction information based on building elements. Most people are probably indirectly familiar with UniFormat when they use cost estimating guides, such as R.S. Means *Assemblies Cost Data*. However, UniForma has a number of other uses, such as organizing performance-based specifications for design-build projects, cataloging standard drawing details, and preliminary project descriptions or PPDs.

UniFormat is currently being updated to reflect the changes in CSI's other updated documents such as MasterFormat 2004 and the *Project Resource Manual*. Chairing this huge endeavor is Robert J. Johnson, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP, who is coming to the Phoenix Chapter to give us an update on the purpose, goals, and progress of the Task Team.

# Speaker Biography

## **Biography of Robert J. Johnson, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP**

With more than 40 years of experience as architect, owner's representative, general contractor, and specification consultant, Mr. Johnson formed a new consulting firm, Johnson and Johnson Consultants, LLC in 2003.

Mr. Johnson is former Vice President and Director of Technical Resources for RTKL Associates Inc. In this role he coordinated technical requests from more than 800 employees in eight domestic and four foreign offices. He was active in developing corporate master specification systems, a reference detail library, and coordinating technical education programs, quality assurance programs and project management systems.

Mr. Johnson is a former president of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), former president of the Design and Construction Quality Institute (DCQI), former vice president of the design and construction division of the American Society for Quality, current Vice President of Specification Consultants in Independent Practice (SCIP), current Board Member of the Construction Sciences Research Foundation (CSRF), and current Board Member of the International Alliance for Interoperability (IAI).

Date March 12, 2008

Place Hilton Phoenix Airport  
2435 South 47th Street  
Phoenix, Arizona

Time 5:30 p.m.  
Social Hour

6:30 p.m.  
Dinner

7:30 p.m.  
Program



## Mr. Wolte Goes to Washington

### Lost souls

For as long as I can remember, we have had difficulty with our membership rosters. Not everyone has problems, of course; members of smaller chapters sometimes know everyone in their chapters, while those in the large chapters may never see some of their CSI colleagues.

To most members, this is not all that important, but there are times when we need to know who is or is not in a chapter. For leaders, it is a very important matter, as they cannot address their chapter or region members if they don't know who they are.

In the good old days of paper records, chapter membership committees had no choice but to keep their own rosters. The normal delay in updating the Institute member records made the Institute roster useless for chapter needs, and there were countless differences between Institute and chapter member records. Since then, Institute staff has moved to computer databases, and has gone through a series of hardware and software upgrades.

Unfortunately, we still have discrepancies, for a variety of reasons. As many computer owners know, it isn't unusual to see loss or change of data after upgrading hardware or software. In most cases, though, upgrading either works or it doesn't; the data is there and correct, or it's gone, leaving you wishing you had backed it up. Random, hard-to-find errors do occur, but they are unusual. The advantages of electronic

databases come at a price. Because computers *are* so good, we have come to rely on them, forgetting the old computer adage, "Garbage in, garbage out." It's easy to blame the computer for inaccurate data, but in the vast majority of cases, it is a result of human error. Here, too, it's easy to pass the buck and blame those who directly maintain the database, but it's often the members themselves who create problems or unknowingly allow them to exist.

As noted in "Santa's helpers" (last month's MWGTW), our staff at Institute headquarters is doing a pretty good job for us. Yes, they do make mistakes, but instead of blaming them for everything, I believe each chapter should accept some responsibility and verify its members' information in the Institute database. I know some chapters do work at keeping accurate records, but I suspect the majority of chapters have not been so diligent.

I recently reviewed my region's member information and found numerous mistakes and anomalies; I expect other regions will find the same. Rather than complain about the problems, I would like to see a concerted effort to update and maintain the Institute database. To succeed, all chapters must be involved.

I ask chapter membership chairs to start by obtaining the Institute member information, not for their chapters, but for their regions. As noted, there are many errors in the database, and it would not be surprising to find that some members are listed as members of

the wrong chapter, or even the wrong region. The only way to know is to match the Institute records with those of the chapters. We talk a lot about communication, but we cannot communicate effectively with our own members if we don't know who they are. We also cannot communicate with them if they don't want to listen. Membership chairs, when you get your region information, look carefully at the "don't talk to me" options. I was surprised to see how many members apparently do not want to receive information from CSI. According to the member database, of the 2,300 North Central Region members, nearly half don't want bulk mail, 500 don't want e-mail, 200 don't want to be in the member directory, and 50 don't want to be called. Skimming through the records, I found two chapter presidents, as well as two of my own chapter's committee chairs, who apparently don't want to be contacted by any means! I suspect many members don't know about those options; I do know they can be accidentally changed. A little over a year ago, after having received e-mail from Institute for many years, I got a few calls from members of my region, asking about a specific e-mail they had received from Institute. Being a member of CSI's board of directors, I was a little surprised that I had not seen the e-mail in question. After calling customer service, I was told that my member record indicated I did not want to receive e-mail from CSI. It's

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unlikely that the option changed on its own, more likely it was accidentally changed while something else was done to the record. I might have done it myself! Although they are intended to be user-friendly, interfaces with check boxes, drop-down menus, and pick lists are almost as easy to mess up as those that require text entry.

Now that our chapter membership chairs have accepted my challenge, and are working on their chapters' records (you are, aren't you?), I'll go one step further, and ask *you* to go to the Institute website to verify the information that is in *your* record. It takes just a couple of minutes, and you may be surprised at what you find. And please - when you change

jobs, move to a new location, or get a new e-mail address or phone number - please, *please* return to the database and update your records!

*Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCA*

*Institute Director, North Central Region, CSI*

- **CSI Southwest Region Conference April 24-26, Phoenix** Registration for CSI's Southwest Region Conference -- "Technology: The Times - They Are A-Changin" -- is now open at [www.csiphoenix.org](http://www.csiphoenix.org). The conference will be held April 24-26 at the Tempe Mission Palms Hotel in Phoenix. In addition to the traditional construction documents instruction provided each year during this conference, a series of education programs focused on the latest technology-driven approaches to construction will be offered. Register before March 22nd to get the best price. Register now at [www.csiphoenix.org](http://www.csiphoenix.org).

### Sponsorship Opportunities for CONSTRUCT2008 and the CSI Annual Convention

Sponsorship opportunities are available for CONSTRUCT2008 and the CSI Annual Convention. These opportunities include:

- CSI Honors & Awards Gala
  - Post-Gala Celebration
  - CSI Leader Lounge
  - Honors & Awards Reception
  - President's Leadership Reception
  - Fellows Reception/College of Fellows Meeting
- Honors & Awards Program Guide.

Go to [http://www.csinet.org/s\\_csi/sec.asp?TRACKID=&CID=30&DID=15588](http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/sec.asp?TRACKID=&CID=30&DID=15588) for a complete list of available sponsorship opportunities, or for more information.

# NATIONAL CSI NEWS

## **CSI WEBINARS**

### **Substitutions**

**March 6, 2-3:30pm ET**

The substitution process during construction is critical to the ultimate success of any project. It is of utmost importance that all members of the design and construction team clearly understand the purpose and intent of substitutions in the construction process. In this session, you will gain a better understanding of the contractual issues and practical challenges regarding substitutions in the construction industry, and become better equipped to properly participate in this critical process as a member of the construction team. Go to [http://www.csinet.org/s\\_csi/sec.asp?CID=1330&DID=14783#Substitutions](http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/sec.asp?CID=1330&DID=14783#Substitutions) to learn more or to register online, go to <https://webportal.csinet.org/Events/CalendarEventsListView.aspx> for this webinar.

### **Sustainable Solutions -- Vinyl in Design**

**March 11, 2-3:30pm ET**

This program is intended to familiarize architects and designers with the range of solutions vinyl provides for today's design challenges. It is clear that materials and products having the lowest overall environmental impacts are generally the best choice from a "green" perspective. Vinyl is a good choice for the environment in many applications. Since every project is likely to contain at least some vinyl, this session will help designers make decision about vinyl in green design. Go to [http://www.csinet.org/s\\_csi/sec.asp?CID=1330&DID=14783#Vinyl](http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/sec.asp?CID=1330&DID=14783#Vinyl) to learn more or go to <https://webportal.csinet.org/Events/CalendarEventsListView.aspx> to register online for this webinar. Visit [www.csinet.org/webinar](http://www.csinet.org/webinar) for a complete CSI Webinar program schedule.

## **Members to be Elevated to Fellowship**

CSI is pleased to announce that the following nine members will be elevated to Fellowship on Friday, June 6, 2008, during the Honors and Awards Gala at CONSTRUCT2008 and the CSI Annual Convention in Las Vegas.

- Jim Balboni, CSI
- R. Michelle Beard, CSI, CDT, SEG D
- H. Michael Hill, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP
- Duane Johnson, CSI, CDT
- Howard Levine, CSI, CDT
- Dru Meadows, CSI, CCS, AIA
- Mary Nowee, RA, CSI, CCS
- Thomas Rauscher, CSI
- Edward Smith, CSI, FAIA

Register to attend the gala and CONSTRUCT2008 at [www.construct2008.com](http://www.construct2008.com).

# Board Minutes (January 2008 Meeting)

**GENERAL**

DATE: January 9, 2008  
 TIME: 4:00 PM  
 LOCATION: The Airport Hilton, Phoenix

**ATTENDANCE** (P = Present; A = Absent)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

|                    |                 |   |
|--------------------|-----------------|---|
| Programs           | Angie France    | P |
| Membership         | Alan Minker     | P |
| Publications       | Alex Devereux   | A |
| Education          | Joe Volinsky    | A |
| Certification      | Neil Davison    | A |
| Technical          | Tim Garver      | P |
| Awards             | Carlos Murrieta | A |
| Academic Liaison   | Open            |   |
| Kenn Lockhart Fund | Neil Davison    | A |
| Fundraising        | David Spice     | P |
| Imagination Cube   | Tim Garver      | P |

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS

|                    |                   |   |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|
| President          | Ron Geren         | P |
| President Elect    | Clark Benson      | A |
| 1st Vice President | Cary Stoneman     | P |
| 2nd Vice President | Andrea Grum       | A |
| Secretary          | Mary Grace Maglio | P |
| Treasurer          | Teri Hand         | P |
| Director P 06-08   | Steve Smith       | P |
| Director I 06-08   | Tim Garver        | P |
| Director P 07-09   | Jorge Pierson     | P |
| Director I 05-07   | Bob Trimble       | A |
| Past President     | George Wadding    | P |

**PROCEEDINGS**

Meeting Opening: 4:15 PM by Ron Geren

Adoption of Agenda: Motion to accept agenda by Cary Stoneman, second by Mary Grace Maglio. Motion carried.

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion to accept December minutes by Tim Garver, second by Cary Stoneman. Motion carried

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# Board Minutes (January 2008 Meeting—continued)

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Treasurer's Report: Teri Hand

Bank has charged stop payment for check in October, will attempt to get credit. Report will be sent when bank statements arrive.

## Committee Reports

Programs: Angie France

January program will be on Downtown Phoenix Development by Donna Stevens and Eric Johnson. Meetings will remain at the Airport Hilton through May. February program is on track with various city officials.

Education: Joe Volinsky (by Ron Geren)

Most of this year's remaining educational sessions have been rolled into the SouthWest Regional Conference. A Master Format class will be held on January 29 at The Reference Library, notification to be sent to AIA members. A CDT prep class will be held in March.

Certification: Neil Davison

No report.

Fundraising: David Spice

The CSI Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th at the Vistal Golf Club with a 7:30 am shotgun start. Flyers are ready and available. A deposit of \$500 has been made with course with a guaranteed minimum of 70 people. Minimum count can be adjusted 30 days before event for full refund. Within 30 days, only 50% refund will be made. Golfer fee will remain at \$110 per golfer. Looking to get some Platinum level sponsors this year.

I-Cube: Tim Garver

Waiting for commitment for featured product sponsor.

Academic Liaison: Open

Committee still needs a chairman. Looking to someone at ITT as a possible chair.

Membership: Alan Minker

Total membership is 194, with 2 new student members. A new member luncheon will be held February 11 at The Reference Library for the 10 new members since November. A table will be set up at the SW Regional Conference for new member signup.

Technical: Tim Garver

Topic will be Heat Island Effect on Roofs. An outline has been developed and divided among 6-8 authors.

Awards: Carlos Murrieta (by Ron Geren)

Committee met in December, will pull together documentation at January 11 meeting and fax to Institute by January 14.

Publications: Alex Devereux

No report

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# Board Minutes (January 2008 Meeting—continued)

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Kenn Lockhart: Neil Davison  
No report.

Southwest Regional Conference: George Wadding

Three tracks have been developed. (1) CSI – Thursday’s program for Presidents and Presidents-Elect, Friday and Saturday for Committee chairs. (2) Technology – Product Rep Academy, CAD presentations, Unifomat presentation, ‘Common Misconceptions in Design’, Workshops. (3) Construction Information – ‘Moisture Control in Masonry Walls, ‘Exploring Specifications in BIM’, workshops, ‘Let’s Get Dirty’. There will also be a tradeshow. Conference will be at Tempe Mission Palms, April 24-26. Subcommittee chairs will be assigned prior to end of January and a flyer will be available by end-of-month. Press releases will be in Southwest Contractor and Sources & Design.

## Old Business

Student Membership Dues – Institute charges student dues of \$27. A motion was made by George Wadding, seconded by Teri Hand to establish chapter student dues of \$30 including meals. A motion was made by Tim Garver to amend motion to exclude meals but link with sponsorship program which will fund student meals. Seconded by Teri Hand. Motion passed by 7-1 vote.

Retired Membership Dues – Motion by Teri Hand, seconded by George Wadding to keep retired dues at \$65 and to include meals. Motion passed.

Follow-up on Intermediate status – need to determine when a member’s status changes from Intermediate to Associate, Professional or Industry.

## New Business

Board Vacancy - Secretary – The office of Secretary will become vacant as of February 1 as Secretary will not be renewing membership. Board will investigate filling on an ad-hoc basis month-to-month or appointing member till new elections.

Board Vacancy - President-Elect and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President – Two vacancies exist in the succession to the Presidency, as both the President-Elect and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-Presidents have stepped out of the rotation. Members will be solicited to fill positions..

## NEXT BOARD MEETING

February 13 at 4:00 P.M. at Airport Hilton.

## Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 5:35

## **Certification of Minutes**

I certify that the Minutes presented here are a true and accurate representation of the proceedings to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Respectfully presented

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Mary Grace Maglio, Secretary

END OF MINUTES

# Board Minutes (February 2008 Meeting)

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**GENERAL**

DATE: February 13, 2008  
 TIME: 4:00 PM  
 LOCATION: The Airport Hilton, Phoenix

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**ATTENDANCE** (P = Present; A = Absent)

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

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| Imagination Cube   | Tim Garver      | A |
|                    | Mike Wadding    | P |
| SWC Co Chair       | George Wadding  | P |

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| Treasurer          | Teri Hand      | P |
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Mike Wadding

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**PROCEEDINGS**

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 Adoption of Agenda: Motion made and carried to accept agenda.

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# Board Minutes (February 2008 Meeting—continued)

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Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion to accept January minutes by Terri H., second by Jorge P. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Teri Hand  
Copies of current statement sent to all members via e-mail.  
No abnormal activity on account. Current Balance: \$43,518.93

President's report: Ron Geren  
Ron Geren nominated Teri Hand for consideration as CSI Fellow for her past and continuing efforts with CSI. Motion made by George W., second by Andrea G. Motion carried.

## Committee Reports

Programs: Angie France  
Cliff Brewis is lined up to give presentation on "Unifomat" in April. George W. would like to get out invitation to local AIA chapter to have members join us for that presentation.

Education: Joe Volinsky  
Work for the SW Conference is continuing. A CDT prep class will be held in March.

Certification: Neil Davison  
No report.

Fundraising: David Spice  
The CSI Golf Tournament is scheduled for Saturday, April 19th at the Vistal Golf Club with a 7:30 am shotgun start. Dave reported that response has been good, especially from contractors. Bayer Systems is the first Platinum level sponsor.

I-Cube: Tim Garver (by Ron Geren)  
Tony Evans has agreed to arrange for a featured product sponsor from one of his product lines.

Academic Liaison: Open  
Committee still needs a chairman. Lee Orosco is moving to the area and will be invited to consider that position.

Membership: Alan Minker  
Total membership is 194, with 2 new student members. A new member luncheon will be held February 11 at The Reference Library for the 10 new members since November. A table will be set up at the SW Regional Conference for new member signup.

Technical: Tim Garver  
No report.

Awards: Carlos Murrieta  
Information for Chapter Commendation Award was submitted.

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# Board Minutes (February 2008 Meeting—continued)

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Publications: Alex Devereux

Alex reported on status of website revisions, etc. Next step will be to add the updated Directory to the website. Members are encouraged to update their info for this. Alex would like each committee chair to commit to two articles annually for publication in the newsletter.

Alex would like to investigate ways to stimulate membership and industry collaboration.

Kenn Lockhart: Neil Davison (by Ron Geren)

Ron has received check for Foundation and will get it to Steve.

Southwest Regional Conference: Mike Wadding, George Wadding

Schedule of events has been set. Interest has been good so far. Info on registration, sponsorships, etc should be on website next week. Sheriff Joe Arpaio will be the keynote speaker

## Old Business

Chapter President - Ken Martinek has agreed to return as President. Elections to be held in March.

Board Vacancy - Secretary – Mark Yarish is filling in for the balance of the year.

## New Business

Nomination Committee – Terri Hand and Andrea Grum have agreed to this assignment.

Member participation – Jorge expressed that he would like to see greater participation and attendance at meetings by all members as well as the AIA. Angie will look into how the current meeting room could be configured to accommodate visiting guests. Brief discussion on how they may be charged.

George Wadding stated that all members should be helping with membership, as it is quite an effort for just one person to carry out.

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Mark V. Yarish, (acting) Secretary

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# The Reference Library

The Reference Library conducts regular weekly breakfast and lunch meetings offering a wide range of information on various products and companies in the industry. Breakfast and lunch is provided and there is no charge for the seminars. Check out their website at <http://www.thereferencelibrary.com/main.htm> for more information. The Reference Library is located in Phoenix, Mesa, and Scottsdale.

**Phoenix February Lunch Schedule: (Location: 99 E. Virginia Ave., Suite 140, [1/2 block east of Central] Phoenix, AZ 85004)**

March 6: Buckeye Fibers, Jim Purdy, will demonstrate how to reduce concrete cracking, identify the most common causes of cracking and compare strategies to reduce cracking.

March 12: Dryvit EIFS, Rocio Israel and Mark Amen, will conduct a 3-part seminar: EIFS Technical Overview where they will review different systems available and their details; Practical Application—where and where not to use EIFS; and The Sustainability Advantage including construction cost, operating cost, environmental cost and a guide to earning LEED credits.

March 19: Westcoat, Ray Hinesly, will take the mystery out of selecting the proper type, style and system of coatings. The discussion will include epoxy, colored, textured and decorative coatings for both concrete and plywood. Also introduced will be an innovative way to waterproof with textured concrete.

March 26: Horton Automatic, John Gallas, will discuss the many aspects and considerations that should be made when designing for an automated entrance. During the presentation, he will discuss the different types of doors, codes you must consider, egress requirements, activation and safety controls as well as ADA requirements.

**Mesa February Breakfast Schedule: (Location: Marie Callender's, 865 S. Dobson, Mesa, AZ)**

March 6: Julius Blum, David Janis, will describe the use of stock components for assembly and fabrications in aluminum, bronze, steel, stainless steel, and nickel-silver. Also included will be background information on the industry and costs, with a focus on handrail systems. Additional topics will include fabricating techniques, metal finishing, applicable codes, new product and availability of further information.

March 20: Ackerstone, Marc Garrard, will conduct a seminar entitled "Why Specify Interlocking Concrete Pavers?" Attendees will learn a wealth of information as it pertains to the manufacturing, installation and limitless design capabilities of interlocking concrete pavers. A brief video showing the manufacturing process will be followed by installation methodologies/techniques. Also discussed will be how interlocking concrete pavers can be utilized to create beautiful commercial and residential hardscape designs.

**Scottsdale February Lunch Schedule: (Location: **NEW LOCATION**—Gordon Biersch, 18545 N. Allied Way [one block west of Scottsdale Road & Mayo Blvd.], Scottsdale, AZ)**

March 13: Loewen/RKF, Brad Smeltzer, will present a program that is strategically designed to educate architects and designers on the value and benefits of correctly identifying and specifying sustainable products, particularly green building specifications.

March 27: Stone Elements, Katarina Bosilic, will discuss Arizona flagstone, New Mexico travertine, and Arizona mined Onyx, covering the origin of the material, how it is quarried, cutting and manufacturing process and what can be done with flagstone, travertine, and onyx.



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