



Phoenix Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute

Cactus Comments

PUBLICATION DEADLINES

Publication deadline for the October 2008 issue of the Phoenix Chapter Newsletter is September 26, 2008.

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

We welcome member articles and ideas/suggestions.

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CHAPTER NEWS



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Monthly Chapter Meeting

The September Chapter Meeting will be held on **Wednesday, September 10, 2008**. Social Hour will begin at 5:30 p.m. Dinner and Program will begin at 6:30 p.m. The meeting will be held at the **Radisson Hotel Phoenix City Center, 3600 N. 2nd Avenue, Phoenix, AZ 85013 (602-604-4900)**. **For dinner reservations, call 602-258-7499 by September 5th at noon.** Cost is \$40.00 for non-members (cash or check only), free to CSI members and counts as one (1) AIA LU credit. This month's program is "**BIM for Building Envelope Design and Performance**". Guest speaker is Russ Sanders, AIA, of Orcutt/Winslow.

Monthly Technical Meeting

If you would like to join the CSI Technical Committee, the next meeting is Tuesday, September 9, 2008 from Noon until 1:00pm at FM Solutions; 4001 N. 3rd St., Ste. 250; Phoenix, AZ 85012; 602.265-7900. The topic of discussion is Heat Island Effect.

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We would like to thank Sheldon Wolfe (Mr. Wolfe Goes to Washington) for the many wonderful articles he has contributed to the Phoenix CSI Chapter Newsletter.

Sheldon, we will miss your wit and your expertise!

Good luck in your endeavors!

The Editor

See Page 3 for Mr. Wolfe Goes To Washington.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BIM and KEN

By President, Ken Martinek

This new approach allows us to achieve the interoperability between web-based construction products catalogues.

I don't know whether to run like you know what or embrace this new technology. Will BIM be the death of design? Or will it free designers to enrich the creative process? Is it true—will we see fewer change orders? Will it ease collaboration, enhancing the overall project quality?

All I know is that it will force me, the manufacturer, to raise the bar and provide the necessary construction automation. This new approach allows us to achieve the interoperability between web-based construction products catalogues. We will need to visit the current development of electronic catalogues of construction products, reviewing the common system architecture of web-based electronic products catalogues, followed by the development on construction products information standardization and the latest distributed-systems technologies for the communication and exchange of construction products information.

Last but not least, how about the development

of the interoperable web-based construction products catalogue and the implementation of web services in e-commerce systems to enable the sharing of construction products information?

What next? Let us all enjoy the ride!

About the President: Ken Martinek, CSI, CDT, AIA, is National Sales Manager for Arcadia, Inc. (est. 1930), a leading single source supplier of architectural building products, including curtain wall, storefront, entrance, window and interior framing. Martinek has over 30 years in the glass and glazing industry and has been a CSI industry and AIA affiliate member since 1988, supporting both the architectural and glazing community. You can contact the author at kmartinek@arcadiainc.com.

The AIA State Conference is scheduled to be held on September 11, 2008. CSI members who want to attend can do so at the member fee.

Here's the link to the flyer: <http://aia-arizona.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/07/the-next-architect-final.pdf>

Here's the link to the registration form: <http://aia-arizona.org/wp-content/uploads/2008/07/2008-registration-form.doc>



Mr. Wolfe Leaves Washington

Today was my first day in office as Institute Director for the North Central Region. Nothing went wrong today, and I am enjoying my term so far. One congratulatory message reads, "The good news is that you won the election. The bad news is that you won the election."

Those were the first and last words of the opening article in this series. Despite the promises of a number of people whose advice I sought before running for office, I soon learned that there is, indeed, politics in CSI, and "nothing went wrong today" was a phrase I would use only occasionally.

I took office at an interesting time; in the months ahead we had to deal with finding a new executive director, dues increases, a continuing loss of members, personal attacks on Board members, and a number of other distasteful events. However, difficult as some of these things were, they are a necessary part of running any organization. And, as is often the case with tumultuous times, they quickly faded into the past and life returned to normal.

Throughout my term as a director, I used these articles to tell members about at least some of what the Board was doing, the challenges we faced, and other issues of interest. Topics addressed in this series included our election process, what happens at Board meetings, conspiracy theories, conventions, scheduling problems, communications, the governance recommendation, membership decline, elections, CSI staff, the CSI wiki, and more. In this last column, I'll mention the Board's approval of a couple of important recommendations.

The first is a significant change in the Institute policy's Code of Conduct. In June 2007, the Board approved a policy change that replaced the previous Code of Ethics, comprising seven sentences with a total of ninety-one words, with the new Code of

conduct, which contains over eighty paragraphs and more than 2,500 words. In a nutshell, the new Code is pretty much the same as any contemporary policy that addresses confidentiality, antitrust, whistleblowers, conflict of interest, harassment, etc. Still, all members should review this policy.

The second change, approved in June 2008, requires CSI leaders to accept communication from CSI in any form, regardless of their personal preferences; it also requires leaders to provide contact information to members. In the past, some leaders chose to not accept certain forms of communication from CSI, or chose to not make their e-mail addresses or phone numbers available. Obviously, either of these choices interferes with communication between leaders and members, and should not be permitted.

Sadly, this series of articles was the only place some of these subjects were communicated directly to members. However, I look forward to improvement in this area. Walt Marlowe, our Executive Director, has increased communication with the members, and President Hu intends to improve communication with members as part of his effort to improve the CSI membership experience.

It's been an interesting three years, and it's time to move on. The absence of the weekly - or daily - crisis will be a bit strange, but I'm sure I'll get used to it. Fortunately, the new friends I made are only an e-mail away. I'm glad I had the opportunity to serve, and I trust I lived up to your expectations.

In closing, I ask you to keep in mind that communication is not a passive activity. Leaders must tell members what's going on and what they need to know, but members can't expect to be spoon-fed. Board meeting minutes are available on the Institute website, along with a tremendous amount of information about CSI and its activities. If that isn't enough, or if you can't find what you're looking for, don't be afraid ask your chapter, region, or Institute leaders. Remember - they work for you!

*Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA
Former Institute Director, North Central Region, CSI*

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 September Lunch Schedule: (Location: 99 E. Virginia Ave., Suite 140, [½ block east of Central] Phoenix, AZ 85004)

September 3: Cemco, Aaron Rosin, will present “Dynamic and Static Head-of-Wall Joint Fire Protection”. This course will better inform the designer on head-of-wall assemblies, as well as the various approaches to firestopping dynamic head-of-wall joints and their advantages/disadvantages.

September 10: UltraKote, Ray Christman, will be looking at EIFS systems and identifying the potential issues that could become problems if they are not corrected. He will also look at the relationship between the Design Professional, General Contractor, Applicator, and the Manufacturer as team members dedicated to quality construction.

September 17: RampDome Systems, Naomi Anderson, will present “ADA Detectable Warning Sidewalk Ramp Compliance”. A discussion regarding proper design and installation of ADA detectable warning sidewalk ramps will be conducted to provide up-to-date accessibility guidelines under the ADA and other laws. This presentation will assist architects in planning their next project that incorporates ADA truncated domes for private or public work.

September 24: PIR Sales, John Lee, will conduct a discussion and presentation on SANIGUARD, a built-in antimicrobial treatment for metal and plastic products. Learn how this unique product is effective against most common bacteria, yeasts, molds, and fungi that cause stains, odors, and product deterioration.

Mesa September Breakfast Schedule: (Location: Marie Callender’s, 865 S. Dobson, Mesa, AZ)

September 4: **No Presentation.**

September 18: ACI (Arizona Chapter of the American Concrete Institute), Jim Rogers, will discuss “Concrete Codes, Standards, and Certifications” and present several new updates to the codes and standards that govern concrete design and construction. Get an overview of how these changes may affect your building designs in the future.

Scottsdale September Lunch Schedule: (Location: Fox Sports Grille, 16203 N. Scottsdale Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85254)

September 11: The Reference Library Trade Show and AIA State Conference—Please join us at the Buttes (200 Westcourt Way, Tempe, AZ) to see a display of new products along with old products used in news ways. It’s an EXPLORATION OF POSSIBILITIES. No cost to attend!

September 25: GKD, Andy Franks and Bob Foster, present “Metal Fabric in Architecture: Form & Function”. Discover the endless possibilities of using metal fabric in architecture and the benefits of incorporating this environmentally friendly product in your future project designs. From the history of wire weaving to the structural characteristics and green attributes, learn how this product can work for you.



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NATIONAL CSI NEWS

CSI Honors Gary Betts with Distinguished Member Award



Gary Betts

ALEXANDRIA, Va. (August 21, 2008) – The Construction Specification Institute (CSI) Board of Directors has unanimously voted to honor former CSI President Gary Betts, FCSI, CCS, of Chicago, with [Distinguished Membership](#). Distinguished Membership recognizes CSI members who have performed notable services to the design and construction industry in activities related to the purposes of the Institute. It is the highest honor CSI bestows. Fewer than 50 people have received this honor in CSI's 60-year history.

After joining CSI in 1984, Betts, a member of CSI's Chicago Chapter, continually advanced the mission of CSI by focusing his efforts on improving the proficiency of the specifier and bringing an increased value to the organization's diverse membership. In addition to serving as CSI President, he was a Chapter Officer; Committee Chair at both the national and regional level; Institute Director, Vice-President and Secretary; Vice-Chancellor of the College of Fellows; and Chairman of the CSI Foundation.

After completing his term as president of the Institute in 2005, Betts continued to guide CSI, most notably by chairing two successive governance task teams for which he was honored with CSI's [Distinguished Service Award](#) in June 2008. He greatly contributed to the development and implementation of changes that will help CSI meet future challenges.

During his 24 years of service with CSI, Betts demonstrated extraordinary commitment and integrity for the construction industry. Among his many contributions were:

- Forming the Specifiers' Roundtable in Chicago
- Providing consistency and clarity in the standards and formats CSI develops – such as MasterFormat – through his creative applications
- Contributing to the development of CSI's first strategic plan
- Developing a six-week preparatory course for the certification exam in his chapter
- Creating new membership benefits and programs

Betts, who passed away Sunday, August 17, 2008, will be honored posthumously at the CSI Honors & Awards Gala, Friday, June 19, 2009, during [The CSI Annual Convention](#) in Indianapolis, Indiana.

"We are deeply saddened that we have lost such a wonderful friend and dedicated member," said CSI Executive Director and CEO Walter T. Marlowe, P.E., CSI, CAE. "Gary's service to our organization over the course of his life was incredible and his legacy will certainly live on. We're proud to include him on the elite list of Distinguished Members."

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Webinar: Construction Project Disputes from the Legal Perspective September 2, 2-3:30pm ET

This program will examine the following project disputes and how to avoid them:

- Disputes over plans and specifications, the RFI process, and the inability to come to a quick resolve
- Disputes over differing site conditions on the project
- Disputes over the contractor's access to the project and a change in construction sequencing resulting from such
- Owner withholds based on contractor's alleged delay in progressing the work of the project
- Default termination

We will set the stage and then identify the key contractual and legal provisions that lawyers work with to resolve those disputes. [Learn more](#) or [register now](#) for this webinar.

Webinar: Need to Run a Meeting? Create a Presentation? The Time to Get Comfortable is Now! September 9, 2-3:30pm ET

If you are called upon to give a presentation or run a meeting, you are presented with a rich opportunity! Business meetings are an important way for employees to communicate with one another. You will shine if you create a collaborative environment where participants are made to feel respected. If you are well prepared, participants will leave with good information and a boost in morale. [Learn more](#) or [register now](#) for this webinar.

Get a Discount When You Register For a Series of Webinars!

The "LEED Package with Ross Spiegel" includes two webinars for only \$125 (for CSI members). The sessions are:

- LEED in Specifications **September 11, 2-3:30pm ET**
- The LEED Family of Rating Systems: Understanding the Differences and Similarities **September 25, 2-3:30pm ET**

[Learn more](#) or [register](#) for this webinar series at www.csinet.org/webinar.

New Metal Roofing Webinar Series

The "Metal Roofing 101 Package with Rob Haddock" includes two webinar sessions for only \$125 (for CSI members). The sessions included in the package are:

- Metal Roofing Part 1 September 23, 2-3:30pm ET
- Metal Roofing Part 2 October 9, 2-3:30pm ET

[Learn more](#) or [register](#) for this webinar series at www.csinet.org/webinar.

Board Minutes—August, 2008

MEETING MINUTES - Board of Directors

GENERAL

DATE: August 13, 2008
 TIME: 4:00 PM
 LOCATION: The Reference Library, Phoenix

ATTENDANCE (P = Present; A = Absent)

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Technical	Tim Garver	P
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Academic Liaison	Ron Geren	P
Kenn Lockhart Fund	Neil Davison	A
Fundraising	David Spice	A
Imagination Cube	Tim Garver	P

PROCEEDINGS

Meeting Opening: 4:05 PM by Ken Martinek

Adopt Agenda: Motion to accept agenda by Brian, second by Ron. Motion carried

Minutes of Previous Meeting: Motion to accept June minutes by Ron, second by Andrea. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report: Teri provided checking and savings statements for review. Teri also

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provided information on each account balance at each institution. Teri reported that the QuickBooks entries have been completed and is ready for accountant. Teri provided the bound copy of financial info for audit committee.

Teri investigated potential of changing credit unions to offer more flexibility/accessibility to members and found out that members may also make transactions at 7-11 stores.

Teri investigated options for surplus checking account funds. At this time she has recommended a transfer of \$13 K out of checking and the purchase of a 1 year \$50K CD.

Motion made by Jay to make transfer of funds and purchase of CD, seconded by Andrea. Motion carried.

Teri distributed a proposed budget based on last year's data with some minor adjustments. Budget was discussed and a motion to approve was made by Andrea, seconded by Ron. Motion carried

Programs/Education/
Academic Liaison:

Joe Volinsky/Ken Martinek
Tomorrow's meeting will be at the Radisson. John Kane and Eddie Jones will be featured speakers. Registration for this event is very good.

Ken distributed and discussed in general the schedule of monthly programs that have been established. and alternating lunch/dinner meetings. Ken and Joe will work together to expand on programs. Next month's presentation will be on BIM Technology.

Certification:

Ron Geren provided proposal for payment of CDT exam fees by the Chapter. Presented were 3 options for student reimbursement. The favored option was to have students reimbursed for cost of exam upon successful completion. This cost to the Chapter based upon a 60% pass rate is estimated to be approximately \$1,500. The money would be provided from the Education Fund.
Motion to accept made by Teri, seconded by Jay. Motion carried

It was determined that budget would now need to be adjusted to accommodate this new item.

Ron made motion that budget be adjusted to accommodate this request, second by Terri. Motion carried.

Ron is looking into seminars, schedules and speakers for upcoming year.

Fundraising:

David Spice (No Report)

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Imagination Cube:

Tim Garver

18 persons have registered to participate in the event. Green sheet sales are continuing.

Membership:

Alan Minker

Alan reported 196 members and approximately equal distribution of member classes. Ken and Alan will have membership info at tomorrow's meeting

Technical:

Tim Garver

Awards:

Carlos Murrieta/Ron Geren (No report)

Publications:

Alex Devereux (No report)

Kenn Lockhart Foundation:

Neil Davison (No report)

Old Business

No old business was discussed.

New Business

The phone message for the Chapter number will be updated and Louis Reese has volunteered to be responsible for monitoring.

Ron was requested by National to be on editing staff for "Construction Specifier" magazine.

NEXT BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, September 10 at 4:00 P.M. at The Radisson

NEXT MEMBER MEETING

Wednesday, September 10 at 5:30 P.M. at The Radisson

Adjournment

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

Mark V. Yarish, Secretary

END OF MINUTES



PHOENIX CHAPTER MEETINGS 2008/2009

RSVP and Info: 602 258 7499

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August 14 2008 (Thursday) Lunch

Architecture, the Expression of the Materials
and Methods of Our Time

September 10 2008 (Wednesday) Dinner

BIM for Building Envelope Design and Performance

October 16 2008 (Thursday) Lunch

Masonry Materials and Methods

November 13 2008 (Thursday) Dinner

Fenestration Materials and Methods

December 11 2008 (Thursday) Dinner

Holiday Experience

January 8 2009 (Thursday) Lunch

Acoustics Materials and Methods

February 12 2009 (Thursday) Dinner

Future Cities Award Presentation

3 - D Animation, Architectural Visualization Materials
and Methods

March 12 2009 (Thursday) Lunch

CSI Experience

Indoor Air Quality Materials and Methods

April 9 2009 (Thursday) Dinner

Imagination Cube

Interior Architecture Materials and Methods

May 14 2009 (Thursday) Lunch

Total Building Commissioning Materials and Methods

June 11 2009 (Thursday) Dinner

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