

September 2011 Newsletter

September 2011 President's Message - A Prestigious Award for One of Ours By: Stephen Smith, CSI, AIA, CSI Phoenix Chapter President

Drum roll please ... Teri Hand's status with CSI will be elevated to a Fellow at Construct 2011 in Chicago!

This will be a great event for Teri as well the Chapter, but what does it mean? I was curious about this award, its history, its meaning, its members and our local chapter members who have been able to place FCSI after their names.

In 1959, the Board of Directors of CSI voted to honor outstanding individuals by creating two awards of distinction. One award elevates Institute members to Fellowship and provides non-members, whose efforts have been exemplary on behalf of the Institute's purposes and principles, with the Honorary Membership award.

In 1960, the Board created the Jury of Fellows, which consists of three Fellows and three non-Fellows. They are responsible for selecting those people who are to be elevated to Fellowship. In the 60+ year history of CSI, only 407 members have been elevated to Fellowship.

Nominees must have notably contributed to CSI in one of four categories. These categories include:

- Advancement of Construction Technology
- Contribution to the Improvement of Construction Specifications
- Contribution to Education
- Service to the Institute

Fellowship is one of the highest honors for which members of the Institute may be chosen, with the exception of Distinguished and Honorary Membership. Teri's history with CSI has been long and valuable to our Chapter.

- Teri started her membership with the Chapter on September 1, 1996.
- From 1997 to present, Teri has been on at least two committees every year.
- In 1999, Teri held her first board position as Secretary.
- In 2003, Teri was President as well as sitting on eight committees.
- Since 2006, Teri has been the Chapter Treasurer.
- From 2004 to 2006, Teri was the SW Region Institute Director.
- From 2009 to 2011, Teri was the SW Regional Secretary/Treasurer.
- From 2004 to 2006, Teri was on the Institute Board Audit Committee and Chair of the Committee in 2006.
- In 2007 to 2010, Teri was a member of the Institute Finance Committee.
- In 2011, Teri was a member on the CCCA BOKA Task Team.
- Teri passed her CDT in April, 1998 and has received numerous Chapter, SW Regional and Institute awards every year from 1999 to the present.

This article would become very long if I were to list them all!

I had to seek help from some members who have more history with the Chapter while trying to identify other Fellows that we claim in our Chapter. They are Stephen Andros, Maynard Blumer, Lee Orosco, Paul Simonsen, Gene Valentine and Werner (Dutch) Zarnikow.

CSI is a volunteer organization. These individuals have donated a tremendous amount of their time for our Chapter, our Region and the Institute. If you are going to Construct 2011 in Chicago, please take time and attend the CSI Honors and Awards Gala on Friday night, September 16th to share in the awards ceremony. Celebrate the accomplishments these individuals have achieved.

As I close out this message I would like to offer a couple morsels of thought from Harvey Mackay's article in the Business Section of the Arizona Republic on August 15, 2011. After introductions at a conference, Harvey asked one of the organizers, "And what do you do for a living?" "Wrong question, Harvey!" she replied. "It's what I do for a life that matters!" And finally, "Mackay's Moral: It's never too late to become what you could have been."

See you in Chicago at Construct 2011 and see you Friday night at the Gala!

September Monthly Chapter Meeting
Thursday, September 8, 2011

Location

Radisson Hotel Phoenix City Center
3600 North Second Ave.
Phoenix, AZ 85013

Schedule

11:30 am Networking/Table Tops
12:00 pm to 1:00pm Lunch/Meeting and Program

Program: SKY TRAIN - Linking Sky Harbor Airport to the Metro Light Rail

Presenters

Wulf Grote, PE
Director, Planning and Development
METRO

David Hensley, PE AAE
Deputy Aviation Director
City of Phoenix
Aviation Department

Reservations must be made by Sept. 6th noon. Contact Louise Rehse at 602-258-7499 or Louise@TheReferenceLibrary.com Cost for non-members is \$25. Only check or cash accepted at the meeting. Pay by credit card at the chapter web site. This program qualifies for 1 AIA LU credit.

Take the Ground Out of Play!
By: Peter Craig and Monica Rourke (Reprint permission from author)

Moisture-related flooring problems have become one of the most common and costly construction issues faced today. Estimates of the direct and indirect costs associated with such problems now range from \$300 million to over a billion dollars each year in this country alone.

[Click here.](#)

Did You Know?
By: Tim Garver

Did you know that on the CSI Phoenix Chapter website, you can advertise Help Wanted and Services in the Classified Ads, and post Press Releases on the Announcement Page?

Help Wanted

- Advertisements for open positions.
- Up to 35 word description of each position including contact information.
- Ad can be run anonymously.
- Runs 30 calendar days.
- Member: FREE
- Non-member: \$25 a month

Services

- Digital image of business card or ad of similar size in jpg or gif format.
- Size: 250x134 pixels.
- Runs 30 calendar days.
- Member: \$10/month, \$25/quarter or \$90/12 months
- Non-member: \$20/month, \$45/quarter or \$180/12 months

Press Releases on Announcement Page

- 1-2 page document.
- PDF format.
- Can have up to 2 links to email form or web site.
- Runs 30 calendar days.
- Member: \$5 a month
- Non-Member: \$10 a month

*Rates are subject to change.

CSI National Convention Construct 2012 - Phoenix

The CSI National Convention will be held in Phoenix in 2012. Brian McClure at Brian.McClure@Stantec.com and Gary Campbell gcampbell@assaabloydss.com have agreed to co-chair this convention for the Phoenix Chapter. Our chapter will be asked to help in the following events during the convention.

- Fundraising
- Exhibit Booth
- Marketing
- Registration
- Spouse/Guest Program
- Student Activities
- Technical Events/Tours

We will need committee chair people and volunteers for these events. Please contact Brian or Gary if you are interested in chairing or volunteering for any of these events and they will include you in that event committee.

We are organizing to give everyone time to consider how they would like to help in making this a very successful convention and reflection of Phoenix and Arizona. With 18,000 attendees expected, it is sure to be a very exciting convention!

Our committee will be meeting monthly to discuss and have direction in our involvement with CONSTRUCT 2012.

Visit the Chapter's CONSTRUCT2012 webpage for more information!

2011 Imagination Cube Competition

Sponsored by the Phoenix Chapter, Construction Specifications Institute, this award recognizes imaginative investigation and creative design that explore the potential of a building product(s). A different building product/manufacturer is chosen each year from within the CSI's membership and the companies they represent. This year's product/material sponsor is MAGNUM Companies.

CSI Phoenix Chapter Committee Descriptions

By: Angie M. France

Our chapter has many committees that are vital to its success. Please read over the descriptions and select a committee you want to get involved with. Contact the committee chair for details.

Academic Liaison

Interface with the local colleges and universities to present CSI-oriented educational opportunities, and to develop and support student chapters of CSI at those institutions. Committee Chair: Ron Geren (602)569-9645 Ron@SpecsandCodes.com

Awards

This committee recognizes the talent, achievements, and notable contributions to the construction industry that support the purpose of CSI. It is essential to recognize those

members and others who contribute time and effort generously. An award that conveys gracious and grateful recognition of extraordinary effort will encourage continuing contributions. An awards program intensifies member's interest, gains new members, develops new talent, and stimulates interest in CSI's growth. Members that possess good writing skill (for the purpose of writing the application of awards) and those strong in public relations are encouraged to join this committee.

Committee Chair: Carlos Murrieta (480)991-0800 CMurrieta@SSPWAarchitects.com

Calling

The Phoenix Chapter CSI has a calling committee. It is comprised of approximately 12 members. They have volunteered to make calls to a portion of the total membership roster. Each month, the Chairperson gives each committee member a description of the upcoming meeting with any changes in telephone numbers for their group. The committee member is responsible to call each member of their group, describing the meeting and taking RSVP's or giving the RSVP number to the member. It is a great way to stay in touch and to encourage attendance.

Committee Chair: Louise Rehse (602)278-7499 Louise@TheReferenceLibrary.com

Certification

This committee is dedicated to encouraging and facilitating the certification of the members through the CDT, CCS, CCCA and CCPR exams.

Committee Chair: Ron Geren (602)569-9645 Ron@SpecsandCodes.com

Education

This committee develops programs to benefit all membership classifications - professional, industry, associate, and student. This committee establishes and maintains annual allocations. Committee members with professional education experience combined with knowledge of written construction documents are encouraged to join this committee.

Committee Chair: Jill Anderson (602)258-7499 Jill@thereferencelibrary.com

Jolene Jones (602)268-8600 JJones@Twenty1Tec.com

Fundraising

Every organization needs funds to operate from. This committee's task is to present a variety of opportunities for our members to participate in. The challenge is to make these options as interesting and as exciting as possible while providing value to our members. Do you have a special knack at fundraising; have you been involved in a successful fundraising activity for another organization? This just may be your niche.

Committee Chair:

Money, Money, Money...

Committee Chair, Chapter Treasurer: Teri Hand (602)418-1268 THand@Themec.com

Golf Tournament

This committee raises money to assist the Phoenix Chapter in many endeavors throughout the year. Raffle ticket sales and an annual golf tournament account for the bulk of these funds. Twenty five percent of all funds collected are placed in a fund, for special donations, in honor of an Architect and friend to this community, Ken Lockhart. New members are invited to join this committee and get involved.

Committee Chair: David Spice (480)894-9858 DSpice@DASProducts.com

Membership

Membership is the backbone and driving force from which the Institute derives its strength and key to the success of all Institute activities. Membership provides the Institute with the human and financial resources necessary to achieve its goals. This committee develops and implements a marketing plan to recruit and renew chapter members. This committee also leads/participates in orientation programs for new members. Everyone is encouraged to join this committee. Everyone can recruit, recruit, recruit.

Committee Chair: Alan Minker (602)432-5267 AMinker@GAF.com

Programs

This committee establishes, maintains and schedules programs to benefit the membership and construction industry which are compatible with the purposes of the Institute. Any program ideas are welcome by this committee.

Committee Chair:

Media Communications

This committee publishes the chapter newsletter, roster and special publications. Public relations are also somewhat related. Any member with experience in print journalism, strong writing skills or any desire to help with these publications are strongly encouraged to join this committee.

Committee Chair: Tim Garver (602)714-7280 Tim.Garver@DunnEdwards.com

Technical

This committee has an extensive history of planning and oversight of technical activities within CSI. This management of published technical documents and keeping them up to date with industry practices and standards is truly one of the "grassroots" programs within the Construction Specifications Institute. Currently the Technical Committee is working on projects related to the building envelope and energy codes. The committee meets regularly on the second Tuesday of every month, from noon to 1:00 pm at HDR, 3200 E Camelback, Phoenix, AZ (bring your own lunch). Please consider joining us as a new member. Your ideas and input are most valuable.

Committee Chair: Brian McClure (602)707-4799 Brian.McClure@Stantec.com

CSI Phoenix Introduces New Forums Page By: Webmistress/Editor

At the encouragement of the Technical Committee, the chapter has set up a new CSI Phoenix Forums page on the chapter web site. Eight topics have been set up initially to get the conversations rolling.

- General
- Codes
- Roofing
- Building Envelope
- Membership Benefits
- Paint and Coatings
- Moisture Control
- Construction Documents

The Forums are open to members and non-members. Our goal is to involve the construction community in positive dialog about crucial issues.

[Click here to read instructions for accessing and contributing to the Forums](#)

Please log in today and contribute!