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## "Net Zero Energy Buildings"

### JOINT MEETING WITH ASHRAE ARKANSAS

#### Guest Speaker

Bill Harrison of Trane Arkansas  
Meeting Date: February 6, 2008

**That is a WEDNESDAY**

Location: Next Level Events  
(The Old Train Station)

Time: 5:30 Social  
6:00 Meeting  
6:15 Program/Dinner

Cost: \$20 Dinner and Presentation  
\$10 Presentation only



Photo Source: <http://www.nextleveventsinc.com/>

Bill Harrison, President-Elect ASHRAE will speak on sustainable construction practices and applications, and steps towards Net Zero Energy Buildings.

Bill Harrison is president of Trane Arkansas. He serves as Society President-Elect, Chair of Members Council, Advocacy Committee, and the Presidential Ad hoc Committee on the headquarters building renovation.

**Learning Units: 1 LU/HSW, 1 PDH, 1 CEH, 0.1 CEU**

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NEXT LEVEL EVENTS IS LOCATED AT 1400 W. MARKHAM ST.  
IN LITTLE ROCK

DINNER RESERVATION "NOSHOWS" WILL BE BILLED AT FULL PRICE

**RSVP BY NOON ON FRIDAY, Feb. 1st**

#### "Mission of CSI:

**Advance the process of creating and sustaining the built environment."**

CSI is a national association dedicated to creating standards and formats to improve construction documents and project delivery. The organization is unique in the industry in that its members are a cross section of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors and building materials suppliers.

From CSI Website: [csinet.org](http://csinet.org)

A MESSAGE FROM OUR INDUSTRY DIRECTOR—GULF STATES REGION  
M. KEITH WEST, CSI, CDT



Region News & Update

Happy New Year to all. I certainly hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas and welcomed in the New Year in a good and safe fashion. I also hope that you had the opportunity to slow down and catch your breath and prepare for this new 2008.

With this being 2008, there are all sorts of things that are scheduled in CSI that affect the Gulf States Region members. They start with the upcoming elections. Ballots will be distributed in February and it will list governance proposals, Gulf States Region Professional Director candidates, and Institute candidates, one of which is Mike Davis, CDT from the Chattanooga Chapter as Institute President-Elect. Review the governance information and make your own determination as to your feelings, then check the respective response, and make certain that you vote for one of the Region Director candidates, and throw a check mark at Mike Davis' name. Just make certain that you vote. All of these are very important items for CSI and its future. Make your voice heard.

Secondly, the GSR Leadership Planning Retreat is scheduled for April 18 & 19 in my hometown of Jackson, MS. It is the meeting that Region committee chairs get together and layout the plans and goals for the upcoming fiscal year. The reason that I am making mention is not to only remind the existing chairs and vice chairs of the dates, but also due to the fact that we have many committee chairs who are completing their terms, vice chairs are assuming the chair of the committee, and thus, it leaves a whole lot of vice chair positions to be filled. And with that, we, like the Marines, are looking for a few good individuals who would be interested in serving in those capacities. Many of you, like I, have been extremely active in your chapter, and hopefully your chapter has had the pleasure of new members participating. And that taking place, will allow you to offer your assistance at the Region level. Check the Region newsletter for the different committees that exist, and discuss it with some of your chapter members who have been involved in the Region (and your chapter has many), and offer your assistance. Contact myself or Kevin Corkern to discuss anything or with any questions. As the Nike ad says, *just do it*. We would welcome your participation.

And having visited the Pensacola Chapter last week, they are in full swing for the upcoming Regional Conference May 2 & 3, 2008. They have all sorts of fun things scheduled, along with some technical sessions and such, for those of us who require some continuing education units. It will also serve as a certification test site for anyone who wants to sit for one of the certification exams. If you are already signed up for the April test, you can defer to the May date and have an additional month of study time. If you have not already signed up for an exam, it is not too late, but time is running short. List GSR Regional Conference in Pensacola, May 2, 2008 as your choice of testing sites.

As you can see, many upcoming events are scheduled and we look forward to seeing you at some, or better yet, at all of these events. Please contact myself or Kevin Corkern with any questions or additional information.

M. Keith West, CSI, CDT  
Industry Director, Gulf States Region

**PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**  
MARK EDDS, CSI, CDT

January 2008

President's Message

Happy New Year!

I hope you all enjoyed the past holiday season by taking some time off to be with family and friends. But it is now a new year and it's time to get back to work! Full steam ahead!

We enjoyed great food and an informative presentation at our Jan. 8 lunch meeting at Juanita's Party Room. Thanks to Greg Poirier with Coreslab Structures for presenting his

program on architectural precast concrete to us. I've been getting positive feedback on the lunch meeting structure. We will be doing a mix of lunch and dinner meetings for the remainder of the fiscal year. If you have any input on your preference, please send me your thoughts.



Our February meeting will be a joint meeting with ASHRAE Arkansas. They will be hosting the meeting this year so make plans to attend now. Bill Harrison with Trane Arkansas, President-Elect for the ASHRAE organization, will be presenting a program entitled "Net Zero Energy

Buildings." The dinner meeting will be held at Next Level Events on Wednesday, Feb. 6, at 5:30 PM. Be sure and note that this is not our regular meeting night.

In March, we will once again have our joint meeting with NAWIC. Stay tuned for more details!

Along with this new year comes a couple of significant changes for CSI: **CONSTRUCT2008** and **Computer-based CDT Exams**.

#### **CONSTRUCT2008**

CONSTRUCT is the new name for the Annual CSI Show. In a move to control the cost of organizing the Show every year, CSI has turned the reins of this big event over to a company that specializes in organizing events of this size. CSI will be the major sponsor, but the format and content of the trade show and educational seminars will be under the management of Hanley-Wood. The CSI Annual Convention will still be held in conjunction with the annual CONSTRUCT event.

This year's event (CONSTRUCT2008) will be held in Las Vegas, June 3-6. For more information, go to the CONSTRUCT website at : <http://www.constructshow.com>.

#### **Computer-based CDT Exams**

CSI has finally moved into the 21st Century with computer-based testing for the Construction Documents Technology (CDT) certificate exam. Unlike other computer-based exams offered by many other programs, the CDT exam is only offered within a fixed time period, March 31st through April 5th. Registration for the 2008 exam closes February 29th. Paper exams will still be offered at CONSTRUCT2008.

Exams for CSI's certification programs (CCS, CCCA, and CCPR) are still paper-based, but computer-based exams are being considered depending on the performance of the CDT. Registration for these exams closes on January 31. The test date is April 5<sup>th</sup>.

To register for an exam, go to [www.csinet.org/certification](http://www.csinet.org/certification). Information on LRCSI's exam preparation courses can be found in this newsletter.

Mark T. Edds, CSI, CDT  
LRCSI Chapter President



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## Technical—Topic Submitted by Karl Hanson, CSI, CCS, CCA

**REPRINT—NEWS RELEASE**  
DATED JANUARY 2, 2008**Code Council's Green Building Findings To Be Included In International Book**

The International Code Council's green building white paper, written by Staff Architect Allan Bilka, will be included in a green building book by the Institute of Chartered Financial Analysts of India (ICFAI) titled *Green Building: An Introduction*. The book is a professional reference.

The Code Council's green building white paper provides an overview of the current green building climate, tracks the green building efforts of various organizations, and provides a general background for those interested in green building and the relationship of green building and the International Codes.

The Code Council also supports green building through its Policy Position on Green/Sustainable Communities, involvement in the development of a National Green Building Standard, a working agreement with the U.S. Green Building Council to further green building practices and more.

To read the green building paper and learn about the Code Council's other green building activities click here (<http://www.iccsafe.org/news/green>).

ICFAI is a non-profit organization involved, primarily, in imparting quality education. Presently, ICFAI offers more than 50 programs in almost all subjects of contemporary interest and utility. *Green Building: An Introduction* is expected to publish in May.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety and fire prevention, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Building safety codes used in most U.S. cities, counties and states that adopt construction safety codes are developed by the International Code Council.

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## JANUARY MONTHLY MEETING HELD AT JUANITA'S

Greg Poirier, Sales Manager for Coreslab Structures (ARK) Inc. gave an interesting and informative presentation at the January luncheon meeting held at Juanita's. The program, "Architectural Precast Concrete," covered the advantages of using precast concrete, the economy of such, as well as best design solutions for projects.

The presentation was developed in conjunction with the Precast/Prestressed Concrete Institute (PCI). This organization represents precast producers in North America and certifies plants that meet strict quality standards. The program is registered with the AIA/CES for continuing education.

Many outstanding architectural precast buildings were featured and discussed. The purpose of the presentation was to accomplish the following:

- ❖ Appreciate the unequalled design freedom of architectural precast concrete.
- ❖ Understand the initial economy of using all precast concrete.
- ❖ Determine if architectural precast concrete is the best value for your project.

Specification references were discussed, as well as their correlation to the "PCI Design Handbook." Using a short story with pictures, Greg also commented on the importance of specifications in every day situations.



Photo source: Greg Poirier  
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Office Building at 198 Inverness Drive West, Englewood, Colo.  
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MEMBERSHIP IN LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER CSI

*“Recruit, Retain, Reenergize!”*

Happy Anniversary

Renewal Reminders

(for those who have not already renewed)

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Bruce A. Faught, CCCA	1/31/2008
Roy W. Fleming	2/29/2008
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Jeff M. Marcussen, CCCA	1/31/2008
Phillip C. McColey	2/29/2008
Buddy Metcalf	2/29/2008
Chappell L. Mitchell	1/31/2008
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CSI: Strengthening the lines of communication among the four teams -- Designer, Constructor, Supplier and Owner. The national organization has more than 15,000 members, including architects, engineers, specifiers, suppliers, contractors, and product manufacturers. This organization of industry-wide membership has resulted in an improved communication and unprecedented teamwork benefiting all who are involved in nonresidential construction.

CSI Website: [csinet.org](http://csinet.org)

Little Rock Chapter Dues:

Professional/Industry/Assoc \$ 40  
 Student \$ 5  
 Retired \$ 5

Industry Dues:

Professional/Industry/Associate \$220  
 Student \$ 27  
 Intermediate \$100

SUMMARY OF MINUTES—JANUARY 2008 BOARD MEETING

**Academic Affairs:** The scholarship criteria are being reviewed.

**Awards:** The Outstanding Chapter Commendation submittal is being put together.

**Certification:** Dates for the Spring CDT classes have been set.

Next Chapter Meeting: February 6, 2008, joint meeting with ASHRAE, at Next Level Events

Next Board Meeting: February 6, 2008.



## HOW NOT TO SCREW UP

Website: [csinet.org](http://csinet.org)



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### CSI—ONLINE INSERT

**CSI's AudioCast Series "How Not to Screw Up":** In CSI's new audiocast series, "How Not to Screw Up," industry professionals share best practices they've learned in the school of hard knocks. Hear the story of "\$80,000 Firewood" or browse all of CSI's audio offerings at [audio.csinet.org](http://audio.csinet.org).

### How Not to Screw Up #73

#### How Not to Screw Up #73

When I was starting out as a general contractor, one of my first projects was a high rise office building with a multi-story underground parking structure. I had already become a CSI Construction Documents Technologist (CDT), so I had the background necessary to understand and interpret written construction documents. I reviewed all of them and everything was in order for us to begin work – looking back I'm glad I checked those documents.

First, we needed to create a temporary support for excavation. We did this by drilling a series of soldier concrete piles around the perimeter. That's when it happened...

There was a problem at the end of the block, and businesses on the street began complaining that their toilets weren't working and their sewer lines were backing up!

We discovered there was an abandoned sewer line that was not indicated on the survey for the project, and one of the concrete piles we were drilling went through it. The concrete poured for the pile filled both the pile and the sewer line. So, in the middle of winter there we were building a temporary sewer line above ground while we dug up the concrete-filled sewer line -- which of course happened to be under other utility lines. This screw-up drove up costs and time. Fortunately, we had operated according to the information concerning the existing conditions. The fault was later put on the civil engineering firm who had prepared the site survey without the sewer line information.

It's important to every company to be operating according to the same principles and practices, especially when it comes to understanding construction documents. Having the knowledge of what is right – and what isn't right – can reduce your risk on every project.

Firms can use CSI certification programs as a basis for putting the whole staff on the "same page." The Construction Documents Technology (CDT) and certification programs can ensure everyone understands the basic design and construction process – who the participants are and understand their roles, the different project delivery methods, what warranties are and are not, what quality assurance is versus quality control. These programs get everyone speaking the same language. The CDT program saved us -- it could save you too! Don't risk it –get your employees on track with the CSI Certification Programs.

*Robert W. Johnson, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA*

**Lesson Learned:** If your people have a CSI CDT and CCCA, they can verify construction documents are right so you don't get stuck pouring concrete -- and money -- down the drain.





## TIME TO CAST YOUR BALLOT

CSI ONLINE—INSERT

In February 2008, all CSI members will receive a ballot asking them to vote for their choice for the FY09 Board, which takes office July 1, 2008. CSI's Board includes nine executive committee members and 20 directors that represent CSI's 10 regions.

This year, voters have the option of voting online or by mail. **Use only one of these methods.** If multiple votes are received, only the online vote will be counted. All online votes and mailed ballots must be received at Intelliscan by **noon, March 7, 2008.** For additional assistance, contact Intelliscan at 610-935-6172 or at [pntentwig@intelliscaninc.com](mailto:pntentwig@intelliscaninc.com).

**Voting online:** Information and a link to the voting site will be posted here ([www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org)) when the election opens in February. Voters will need their member and ballot control numbers, which are listed above their name and address on their election ballot.

**Paper ballots:** Using a #2 pencil or black pen, completely fill in the oval (O) to the left of the selected bylaw or candidate(s). A return ballot envelope is enclosed.

**Each section will be counted as an individual ballot for purposes of determining results. Failure to vote on a question or a candidate will NOT invalidate a ballot.**

Source: [http://www.csinet.org/s\\_csi/sec.asp?CID=1677&DID=12693](http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/sec.asp?CID=1677&DID=12693)

[.csinet.org/election](http://www.csinet.org/election)

**Candidate profiles for those running for Gulf States Regional Director are on the following pages.**

**Other candidate information can be found on the CSI website at [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org)**

- Pressroom
- CSI Election 2008

**Please do your part and vote for the person who best represents you and your Chapter**

**Gulf States candidate profiles on following page**

**Who's Leaving the Board?** On June 30, 2008, the terms of the following Board members will expire:

- Vice President Sheryl L. Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, CCS, CCCA
- Vice President W. Richard Cooper, PE, FCSI, CDT
- Treasurer Michael M. Davis, FCSI, CDT (running for President)
- Former Institute President Edward L. Soenke, FCSI, CCS, AIA
- Northeast Region Director Michael W Debiak, CSI, CDT
- Middle Atlantic Region Director Charles H. Beauduy, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA
- Gulf States Region Director Kevin D. Corkern, RA, CSI, CCS, CCCA LEED AP, NCARB
- Great Lakes Region Director Robert C. Grabhorn, CSI, CDT
- South Central Region Frank E. Fuller, CSI
- North Central Region Director Sheldon Wolfe, FCSI, CCS, CCCA
- Southwest Region Director Ann G. Baker, RA, CSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP, LEED-AP

The Construction Specifications Institute is a nationwide non-profit technical organization dedicated to the improvement of specifications and building practices in the construction industry through service, education and research. Founded in 1948, CSI provides a forum for architects, engineers, specification writers, contractors, suppliers and others in our industry. Membership is open to all who are involved in the built environment. Please contact Chapter Membership Chairman, Melissa Aguiar, CSI, CCS, MAI, SCIP, 501-455-8193 or any chapter officer listed on page 4 of this newsletter.



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## CANDIDATE GULF STATES REGION DIRECTOR James C. Bagley, CSI, CCS, AIA

**Statement:** CSI is the most beneficial professional organization I am associated with. It is the only one where membership is open to everyone in the design and construction industry on an equal basis. The more time I invest in CSI and the more I share, the more I get back.

I would like to continue to serve in CSI. As a Director, I will honor and learn from our past experiences and the legacy that has been passed to us. I will commit the time to learn, help plan and work for the future of our members and CSI.

To maintain and grow CSI we need more members involved in more activities, and emphasis on student members, who will be taking over very soon. CSI will be here for decades to come if we recruit new members, share our knowledge and continue to serve our industry's and especially each other's needs.

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#### SERVICES TO CSI

Year Joined: 1988

Home Chapter: Montgomery

CSI Classification: Professional

#### INSTITUTE POSITIONS & SERVICES

2006-07 Specifications Competition Committee, Member

2004-06 CSI Annual Convention, Attendee

2004-06 CSI Annual Meeting, Delegate

2004-06 CSI University, Attendee

2004-05 CSI University, Speaker

2003-04 Membership Committee, Member

2002-08 Montgomery Certification Exam, Proctor

1999-01 CSI Annual Convention, Attendee

1999-01 CSI Annual Meeting, Delegate

1991-92 CSI Annual Convention, Attendee

1991-92 CSI Annual Meeting, Delegate

#### REGION POSITIONS & SERVICES

2007-08 Executive Committee

2007-08 Secretary

2005-06 Board of Directors

2003-05 Certification Committee, Chairman

2002-07 Region Leadership Retreat, Attendee

2002-03 Certification Committee, Co-chairman

2001-03 Board of Directors

1997-08 Leadership Conference, Attendee

1996-07 Region Conference, Attendee

1992-93 Leadership Conference, Co-chairman

1990-93 Leadership Conference, Attendee

1990-91 Awards Committee/Specifications Competition, Member

1989-92 Region Conference, Attendee

#### CHAPTER POSITIONS & SERVICES

Have held every office and served on every committee multiple times.

2007-08 Academic Liaison

2006-08 Immediate Past President

2006-07 Scholarship Committee, Chairman

2005-06 Awards Committee, Co-chairman

#### CHAPTER POSITIONS & SERVICES (continued)

2005-06 Chapter President

2005-06 Secretary

2004-08 Certification Committee, Chairman

2004-05 Awards Committee, Chairman

2003-08 CDT Study Course, Instructor

2003-06 Electronic Communications, Chairman

2003-04 Awards Committee, Co-Chairman

2003-04 Certification Committee, Co-Chairman

2003-04 Immediate Past President

2001-03 Chapter President

2001-02 Programs Committee, Chairman

2000-01 President-elect

1999-01 Programs Committee, Chairman

1999-00 First Vice President

1999-00 Region Conference Committee, Co-chairman

1998-06 Golf Tournament Committee, Member

1998-99 Second Vice President

1996-01 Publicity Committee, Chairman

1996-98 Board Member

1991-93 Treasurer

1991-92 1st Vice President

1991-92 Region Conference Committee, Co-chairman

1990-91 2nd Vice President

1989-90 Secretary

1988-08 Member

1988-92 Board Member

1988 Charter Member, Montgomery

#### HONORS & AWARDS

##### *Institute*

2007 Chapter President Certificate

2003-04 Certificate of Appreciation, Membership Committee

2002-03 Chapter President Certificate

##### *Region*

2005-06 Certificate of Appreciation, Certification Chair

2004-06 Honorable Mention, Specifications Competition

2004 Merit Award, Specifications Competition

2002 Honor Award, Specifications Competition (2)

2002 Honorable Mention, Specifications Competition (2)

##### *Chapter*

Certificates of Appreciation

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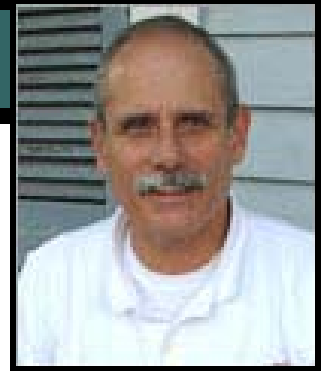


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**Statement:** The primary duty of your Institute Director is to assist, cajole, organize, and otherwise provide the opportunity for your Chapter leadership to improve their chapter programs and activities. As your Institute Director, I will listen to your concerns, ideas, and thoughts on the current and future activities of the Institute, Gulf States Region, and your Chapter. However, your input will be filtered by the years of experience gained from my service to my Chapter, the Gulf States Region, and The Construction Specifications Institute.

The other duty of your Institute Director is to communicate with and to members of CSI and in particular those members from the Gulf States Region on the activities of The Construction Specifications Institute and to return communications from the Region to the Institute.

The continuance and growth of The Construction Specifications Institute can only be enhanced by effective leadership at the Region level.

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**SERVICES TO CSI**

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 CSI Classification: Professional

**INSTITUTE POSITIONS & SERVICES**

2007-08 Certification Committee, Member  
 2007 CSI Annual Convention, Attendee  
 2007 CSI Annual Meeting, Delegate  
 2004-05 CSI Annual Convention, Attendee  
 2004-05 CSI Annual Meeting, Delegate  
 2002-05 MasterFormat Expansion Task Team, Member  
 2001-02 CSI Annual Convention, Attendee  
 2001-02 CSI Annual Meeting, Delegate  
 1993-98 CSI Annual Convention, Attendee  
 1993-98 CSI Annual Meeting, Delegate

**REGION POSITIONS & SERVICES**

2006-07 Education Committee, Chairman  
 2005 Education Committee, Vice Chair  
 2000-01 Secretary  
 1995 Region Newsletter, Editor  
 1994-95 Publications Committee, Chairman

**CHAPTER POSITIONS & SERVICES**

2008 Programs Committee, Member  
 2006-08 Awards Committee, Vice Chair  
 2005-07 Program Committee, Member  
 2004-08 Web Site Manager  
 2004-06 Academic Liaison

**CHAPTER POSITIONS & SERVICES (continued)**

2003-06 Certification Program, Instructor  
 2002-03 Planning Committee, Chairman  
 2002-03 Professional Director  
 2001 Treasurer  
 2000-01 Immediate Past President  
 1998-00 President  
 1996-98 Technical Committee, Chairman  
 1994-96 Editor and Publications Chairman  
 1992-94 Professional Director  
 1985-86 Seminars Committee, Chairman

**HONORS & AWARDS**

*Institute*  
 2004 Technical Commendation  
 1998 Chapter President Certificate of Merit & Appreciation  
 1995 Presidential Commendation Region  
 2007 Certificate of Appreciation  
 2001 Certificate of Appreciation  
 1997 Certificate of Appreciation  
 1996 Region Publication Award  
 1994 Special Publications Award  
 1994 Continuing Publication Award

*Chapter*

2004-05 Certificate of Merit & Appreciation  
 2003 Letter of Appreciation  
 2002 Albert Bear Memorial Award  
 2000 Certificate of Merit & Appreciation  
 1997 Certificate of Appreciation & Merit  
 1994 Certificate of Merit & Appreciation  
 1994 Letter of Appreciation  
 1993 Certificate of Appreciation  
 1992 Certificate of Merit & Appreciation  
 1987 Letter of Appreciation  
 1986 Certificate of Appreciation

## **Your Chapter Needs You**

### **By Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT**

The Little Rock Chapter needs the participation of every member to fill committee roles within the Chapter. Volunteers are the life blood of our organization. While we have maintained good overall membership numbers, the leadership of this chapter is reaching a point where some prior chapter leaders may be asked to “Recycle.” What we really need, is for our new members, and those who have not been as active, to “step up, move out, and get involved,” and take on the role as a committee member or chair. Realistically, the chair of any committee would normally expect to spend just a few hours per month working in their respective committee. There are some exceptions and situations requiring a little more time, but the overall time investment is minimal. But the opportunities to learn new things, meet new people, socialize and network are phenomenal. Couple this with the ability to interface with many people throughout the Gulf States Region who are working on the same committees within the other chapters, and you can see the network opportunities.

#### **Below is a description of the Committees where we need help:**

- a. Academic Affairs - The purpose is to increase recognition of CSI's values at academic institutions (UALR, UCA and Fayetteville), provide curricular and extracurricular resources essential to the educational foundation of academic institutions, and foster the relationship with academic institutions for the advancement of new knowledge in the construction industry. Need chairs for UALR and UCA.
- b. The Awards Committee - Another busy committee, the Awards Committee is very busy around the deadlines for Award Submissions and when the Awards Banquet is coming up. The purpose of the Awards Committee is to submit deserving chapter members, firms, publications and other worthy candidates for Institute , Region, and Chapter awards. Need members.
- c. Certification Committee: The purpose of the Certification Committee is to promote CSI certification for all members of the construction industry and to provide support for interested candidates by sponsoring review sessions prior to the annual certification examinations. Need members.
- d. Education: The purpose of the Education Committee is to develop continuing education programs to advance the knowledge of members and others in the construction industry. The Education Committee is responsible for establishing seminars, Continuing Education Credits, and working with university and technical institutions to offer courses as part of their curricula. Need members.
- e. Fundraising/Golf Tournament: The purpose of this committee is to maintain annual golf tournament fundraiser. Need members.
- f. Membership Committee: The purpose of the Membership Committee is to recruit new members for the Chapter and to promote retention of existing members. Need members.
- g. Programs Committee: The purpose of the Programs Committee is to select and coordinate programs for the Chapter meetings. Need members.

**Your Chapter Needs You (continued)**

**By Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT**

- h. Publications Committee: The purpose of the Publications Committee is to produce a monthly newsletter; produce a yearly roster; publicize special events and special announcements. Need members.
- i. Scholarship Committee: The purpose of the Scholarship Committee is to provide assistance to worthy students who are majoring in construction industry related curriculums.
- j. Table Top Committee: The purpose of the Table Top Committee is to gather interested vendors in allowing 5 minute proprietary time to discuss their products at the monthly Chapter Membership meeting. Need members.
- d. Technical Committee: The purpose of the Technical Committee is to direct the technical efforts of the chapter. This may be accomplished by arranging for corresponding members to Institute Committees, reviewing technical documents, writing technical articles, or coordinating technical presentations before chapter meetings. Need members.
- e. Website Committee: The purpose of this committee is to establish and maintain a local chapter website that promotes the mission of CSI and local activities of the Little Rock Chapter CSI. Need chair and members.

Why not join us and get involved. You will get a whole new view of CSI and may even find out you like being involved. If you don't want to be a committee chair, you could work on a committee. After a while, you may decide you are ready to be a committee chair or a member of the Board of Directors as a Director, Treasurer, Secretary, or one of the other Officers. Get in there and help this Chapter flourish. We need "new blood" to give us the new ideas needed in order to stay relevant to the Construction Industry as it evolves. We also need "old blood" with knowledge of the past and where we came from to keep us centered and on track. "Remembering the Past and Striving Towards the Future" is what keeps us going. Come out and join us in keeping this Chapter as one of the best. You won't regret getting involved.

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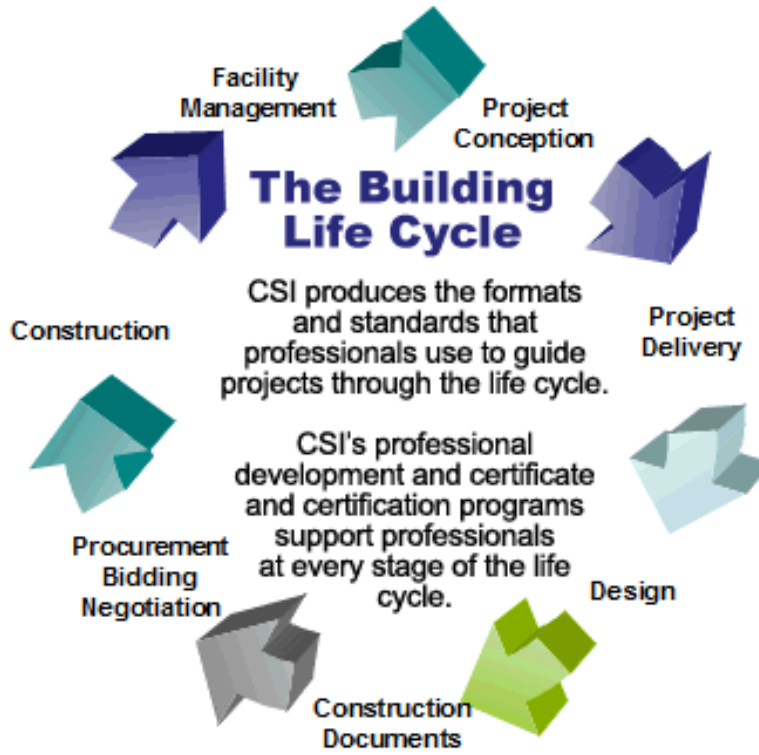


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## February 2008

Happy Valentines Day !!

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**Highlights:**

**Feb. 6**—LRCSI Chapter Board Meeting.

**Feb. 6**—LRCSI Chapter Membership Meeting—joint with ASHRAE.

**Feb. 15**—Specwork Articles Due.

**Feb. 22**—Specwork goes to print.

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