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Date: Tuesday, October 14, 2008
Location: Starving Artist's Cafe
Time: 5:30 pm—cash bar with appetizers
6:15 pm—Dinner
Cost: \$30.00

www.starvingartistcafe.net

Members are the Life of our Organization

Bring prospective members to our special meeting at the Starving Artist's Cafe. We will have Social Hour with a cash bar starting at 5:30 and then have dinner on the back patio around 6:15. Owners Jason and Paula Morrell will tell us a little about their unique restaurant and we will be able to see samples of local talent hanging on their walls. Most art is available for purchase. This is also our annual meeting to bring guests and let them know WHY they need to be a part of our organization, to keep up with new trends in the industry and our certification opportunities. As the evening winds down, we may all want to jump on the Trolley and ride through town!!! Make it a point to be there!!!

Your President, Kelly Phillips

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RSVP B Y NOON ON Friday, October 10, 2008

**September Monthly Meeting
Presentation by Jay Holstead, LEED AP, GA, ASLA**



Jay Holstead, LEED AP, GA, ASLA, gave a very informative presentation on the integration of LEED Specifications into Construction Documents.

He included a brief discussion on the environmental impact from the built environment, and an introduction of USGBC and the Green Building Rating System.

Thank you Jay for a very informative and interesting presentation!

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, Jeff Marcussen, CSI, CDT at 374-8677 or Richard Stenger, CSI, CDT at 221-9600, or any chapter officer listed on page 4 of this newsletter.

October 2008

**Happy Anniversary
Renewal Reminders
(for those who have not already renewed)
**DON'T FORGET TO RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP WITH LITTLE ROCK CSI****

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11
12	13	14 Membership Meeting	15 Specwork Articles Due	16	17	18
19	20	21	22 Specwork Print	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE
KELLY PHILLIPS, CSI

October Membership Promotion Month!!

Our membership team was charged with the task of finding something fun and interesting for our October meeting. I think you'll be pleased with the results!

We will have a dinner meeting at the new Starving Artists Café on Main Street in North Little Rock. Jason and Paula Morrell will provide us with appetizers on the patio and a special dinner. We will be able to share CSI and get a little information on local artists and see their work. The new patio will seat about 25 or so and we will also be able to choose seating inside the restaurant. Who knows, when all is said and done, some may choose to load up on the Trolley for a fun ride through town!!! There will be a cash bar available with appetizers starting at 5:30. Should be lots of fun.



A lot is changing in our industry each and every day. You'll want to be a part of the latest and greatest so CSI membership is very important. You don't want to be left behind. Be sure to invite prospective members next month and let them know we do know how to have some FUN while still getting the job done!!!

See you in October!!!

Kelly Phillips, CSI



It's a Boy !!!
Congratulations to Mark and Shannon Edds
Parker Thomas Edds was born at 2:36 PM on Wednesday
6 lbs 12 ozs, 19.5 inches.

Little Rock Chapter of The Construction Specification Institute

Summary of minutes from the August 6, 2008 and Sept 3, 2008 board meetings by Clark Wood, CSI, CCCA

August Meeting

Check for Quorum - 10 members present both August and Sept meetings.

Treasurers Report—Adjust 08-09 budget - Amended budget approved. Bills being mailed to people who have not paid for meetings.

Academic Affairs—Need chair.

Certification—Grading problems. Testing August 22 to register test September 2nd wk CDT. Testing dates for Spring will be known in Oct.

Fundraising/Golf Tournament—14 teams so far. Put together bags Aug 3 or morning of tournament. Sponsors doing good.

Publications/Newsletter—Still working on ads. Articles by the 15th.

Membership—Special Meeting in October

Programs—Veterans day special meeting.

Table Tops—Trying to get going again. None for 1st meeting

September Meeting

Treasurers Report—Budget report approved.

Academic Affairs—Allen Barnhart asked about a Fayetteville chapter. No one has talked to anyone in the past 18 months.

Awards—Billy needs information sheets.

Certification—All exams are being put on computer. This will help speed up grading. Saturday's look good for classes.

Fundraising/Golf Tournament—32 teams. Put together bags Aug 3 or morning of tournament. Set up pictures on hole 15.

New Business—Region Conference April 2009.

Table Tops—We have one for November meeting.

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Awards Corner

By **Bruce Martin**, our Region Awards Chair, and **Billy Mathis**, our Region Awards Vice Chair

Awards recognize the efforts of the lifeblood of this or any volunteer organization; it's people. Recognition is the only form of payment we, as a Chapter, Region, or Institute can truly afford. When thinking of Awards, it is never too early to begin thinking about awards on all levels – Institute, Region and Chapter. As Awards Committee chairmen, our passion should be to garner as many Awards for your Chapter and Chapter people as possible. One of the easiest Awards to win, but yet most complex of the Institute Awards to submit, is the OUTSTANDING CHAPTER AWARD. Every chapter in Gulf States Region routinely does more than enough to receive this award. All you need is documentation. Remember that the submittal form has been updated from previous years, so please go the Institute Web Site and download the most current submission form, because use of the old form will constitute immediate disqualification at the Institute level!!! If you have any problems with the download contact one of us and we will gladly send it to you. This does not mean contact us the day before the due date, we are GOOD; BUT NOT THAT GOOD!!! Special Note: This form can also be used, in an updated format without all the attachments, as the Chapter President's Region Report. Helping keep this form updated will make a great advocate for your cause out of your Chapter President.

When it comes to Awards there are three basic categories to be concerned with:

Institute Awards: No doubt each chapter has an individual or firm that deserves an Award. Carefully read the requirements for each award and you will begin to see the faces of those within the Chapter who put forth the extra effort and are deserving of that particular award. Also if you have a publication that is "above and beyond" the norm or which is unique to your Chapter, classify it and submit a nomination package. The worst that can happen with any of these is someone or something more deserving will beat you out. You will never know this, however, if you don't submit. So pick out that set of documents, event, or person and submit it!!

Region Awards: Again we all have people or sets of documents, publications, or special events that are worthy of recognition. As with the Institute Awards Program, read the requirements and send in a nomination package!!!! We, at the region level, are proud to announce our Regions newest Award – the Eugene Wetzel Award or "The Great Communicator Award". We all have that special someone in our chapter that writes letters, articles, stands up at every chapter function and has something to say GOOD or BAD about what is going on with in the Chapter, Region or Institute. Here is another way to get that person recognized at the Region Level.

Chapter Awards: Here is where the Chapter has the opportunity to show its appreciation for the hard work and efforts of its members. There is no limit to the types of Awards to be given. Most Chapters had annual awards that are given such as Member of the Year, Appreciation Awards, and Service Awards. Some Chapters also have unique awards such as Rookie of the Year or an award named after one of the Chapter Icon Members. You can also be very inventive and present other unique awards for special actions or missteps taken. After the Awards are identified, then an appropriate ceremony should be undertaken. The ceremony should be solemn and serious enough to provide the award recipients with the knowledge that their Chapter appreciates their efforts. However, don't make it a totally dull and boring affair that no one except the award recipients want to attend. Keep it upbeat, make it enjoyable.

Well we have dwelled on Awards quite long enough. We are here to help. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask us. Our e-mail addresses will be given below so we can be contacted. While we are here to help and advise, we are not here to do your work for you. If any Chapter needs advice or assistance with deciding to make an award submittal, please don't hesitate to ask. We do ask, however, that if you want to submit for one of the Specification Competition Awards, please contact Dudley directly for the requirements and guidelines. Let's get out there and make the Gulf States Region the most recognized Region in the Institute.

Your Awards Committee

You can contact Billy Mathis at 758-7443

ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2008
BY SALLY BOWEN, CSI, CCS, LEED AP

This year's golf tournament was well attended. We had 31 teams. Gustav finally exited and we actually saw sunshine before the end of the day!

The following players won awards:

Closest to Pin (#3): **David Sargeant**

Closest to Pin(#15): **Dain Spurlock**

Closest to Pin (#12): **Rick Grummer**

Closest to Pin (#6): **Richard Bailey**

Longest Drive: Jarod Lillard

1st Place: Brian Beck, Matt Morrow, Jarod Lillard and Scotty Campbell

2nd Place: Clark Wood, John Peterson, Mike Chaffee, Melissa Stickford

3rd Place: Katie Flower, Colley Burrow, Tom Fennell, Russ Britt

Bringing Up the Rear: Michael Sanders, Lance Howe, Jim Sanders and Kendall Beard



ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL GOLF TOURNAMENT 2008
BY SALLY BOWEN, CSI, CCS, LEED AP





A Message From Our Industry Director—Gulf States Region Region Update by M. Keith West, CSI, CCPR

Greetings to all. Hope all finds each of you well these days. If you have school age children, then I have come to the conclusion that we are all in the same boat. Now that school has started, family activities such as high school football games, cross country meets, band, and then throw in that extracurricular activity called school work have taken ALL of the time that we never knew that we had. So with all of this in full swing, we must still find time to attempt to keep up with work and all of the other parental duties and responsibilities that we have on a day to day basis. And of course, throw into that mix our extra activities associated with our vocation. This means CSI to those of you who are taking the time to read this. But CSI is something that is important to each of us for our own personal reasons. By being involved, each of us benefits in our own ways, and by each of us participating, others benefit by our input. So take the time to say thank you to yourself for your participation.

But let me digress and turn back the clock for a few weeks. Since I last sent something to Cindy for your newsletter, many things have taken place in our Region. The two main things were someone name Gustav and Ike. These two hurricanes affected many of our Region members in a multitude of ways. Lafayette (Acadiana), Baton Rouge, New Orleans, Gulf Coast, Mobile, and Pensacola all suffered some effects from the storms. Gustav hit the easterly chapters, while Ike targeted the westerly chapters. Truth be known, with the path that these hurricanes took, many of our other chapters not located on the Gulf felt the effects also. Baton Rouge and Lafayette took a hard hit from Ike, and as I am typing this, some of those areas are still in the dark, literally. I have heard from each of those chapters through various members, and everyone is making the best of the current situations. But as it has been shown time and time again, we are a resilient bunch of folks. We will pick up the pieces and move on in a positive direction. And in addition to that, we are a generous bunch of folks in that we do what we can to assist our friends in their time of need. As of now, I really don't know what those friends need, but the offer has been made to assist them. But when I hear, rest assured that I will share with all of you what we can do to help.

I recently have traveled and visited the Gulf Coast, Pensacola, and Memphis chapters as a portion of my job description. I am pleased to report that they are all alive and doing just fine. I am looking forward to visiting the other chapters in the region this year. I was not able to visit the Little Rock Chapter last fiscal year, but you are on the top of my list for this year. Other chapter news is that we have 4 chapters who will celebrate their 50th anniversary this fiscal year: Nashville in November, and Knoxville, Birmingham, and New Orleans in April. So when the time arrives, congratulate them for their success. They are certainly deserving.

Lastly, the upcoming Region Conference has been scheduled and plans are well under way. They got slightly side tracked due to the inconvenience of a couple of hurricanes, but progress has resumed and a registration form and information should be ready for distribution in the near future. So when it arrives, take a break and sign up and come join us for a good time, with a little education thrown in. I look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks for the opportunity of sharing information, and some of my ramblings with you. Cindy has always been gracious to allow me to do this, and I enjoy doing such. Thank her for the outstanding job that she is doing. You have a good editor in her, but you also have an excellent board that makes your chapter something to be proud of. Do your part to assist them. They will appreciate your contribution.

Till next time.

M. Keith West, CSI, CCPR (yes, I finally got it, YEA!)
Gulf States Industry Director

Information provided by
 Karen Koenig, Institute Certification Manager and
 Doyle Phillips, CCCA, Certifications Chair, LRCSI

Key Dates

Mark Your Calendars!

September 18 - 21, 2008 – West Region Conference in Monterey, CA
 September 18, 2008 – Certification Exams at West Region Conference
 September 22 - 27, 2008 – Fall 2008 CDT Exam
 September 25 – 27, 2008 – Northwest Region Conference in Seattle, WA
 September 25, 2008 – Certification Exams at Northwest Region Conference
 September 25 – 28, 2008 – Middle Atlantic Region Conference in Macungie, PA
 September 25, 2008 – Certification Exams at Middle Atlantic Region Conference
 March 30 – April 4, 2009 – 2009 Spring National Exam

Spring 2009 National Exam Update

Registration for the Spring 2009 National Exam will open in Fall 2008. All exams – CDT, CCS, CCCA, CCPR – will be administered computer-based at Prometric test centers, March 30, 2009 to April 4, 2009. Registration will be available via CSINet www.csinet.org/certification. A paper application form will also be available. More details to be announced!

Applicants will receive a separate notification approximately two months prior to the exam with detailed instructions how to schedule their Prometric test center appointment. To view the available Prometric test sites, visit the Prometric website at <http://www.prometric.com/CSI/default.htm>. Select "Locate a Testing Center". You do not need to be registered for an exam to view the available test sites.

Spring 2009 Exam Source Material Update

All exams in 2009 will reflect the updated 2007 versions of the AIA and EJCDC source documents. AIA comparison documents can be downloaded for free at www.aiacontractdocuments.org/resource_tools

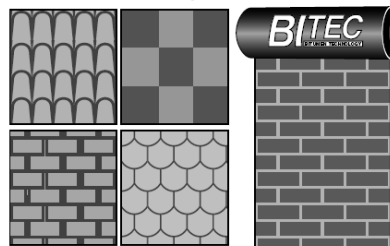
2009 exams will also be updated for 2007 versions of PageFormat and SectionFormat. 2009 Exam Study Guides, which will be available with the opening of registration for the Spring 2009 National Exam, will outline all exam source materials. Note: The Fall 2008 CDT Exam will continue to use the 1997 AIA and EJCDC source documents.

Ordering Source Materials

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WET BLANKET; THE MAKING OF A CURMUDGEON
BY SHELDON WOLFE, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

curmudgeon: A crusty, irascible, cantankerous old person full of stubborn ideas or opinions.

It's about four years since I threw my hat into the ring and ran for Institute Director. I recall thinking at the time, "When my term is done, I'll be almost sixty!" There may not be a lot of difference between fifty-six and sixty, but those round-number, milestone birthdays somehow take on added significance.

I had a short period last year - about ten days - when life was even better than usual. My first grandson was born; my son returned from an extended tour in Iraq; and I got a letter from the mortgage company saying I owed them only a little over a hundred dollars.

A short time later, everything snapped back to reality when I received a letter from the State of Minnesota, saying "Congratulations! You're old!" (Actually, it was more like "You will soon be eligible to begin withdrawals from your retirement account.") In the space of a few days, I went from a state of euphoria to the stark realization that I was, indeed, getting old.

Fortunately, at least for those who aren't sleeping their way through life, with age come experience and perspective, valuable assets that cannot be acquired by reading what others have done. And for better or worse, we also tend to more strongly defend our opinions, firm in the belief that they are founded on fact and proven in the real world.

Being part of the Baby Boom generation, I recall buying gas at thirty cents a gallon, and homes with essentially no insulation. I also recall being taught to turn out the lights and not leave the water run while brushing my teeth. Conserving resources had nothing to do with being green, but everything to do with saving the green.

My goal in elementary school was to become a scientist. After entering the University of Minnesota, I joined the popular major-of-the-month club, moving through chemistry, physics, and astronomy, finally settling down in the College of Biological Sciences. My final year was interrupted by a letter from my Uncle Sam, who invited me to leave home and move in with about a hundred other guys. I learned a lot in the next couple of years. Typing had the most immediate benefit, but having grown up in a thriving suburb, my introduction to the cross-section of society found in the draft-fed Army was an education in itself.

Although I got a late start in architecture, graduating at the age of twenty-six, it seems like I've spent my entire life in the construction industry. Along the way, I have designed geodesic domes, sold solar collectors and composting toilets, spent seven years in the University of Minnesota's Planning Department, and worked two years with the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission. In the private sector, I have worked for small, medium, and large architectural firms.

Perhaps most important, thanks to my boss at the U of M, I joined CSI, and had the good fortune to work on the Institute Specifications Subcommittee and the Institute Technical Committee. Thanks to the networking we enjoy, I now know experts of all types throughout the country. In theory, specifiers know everything; in practice, we know phone numbers, and most of mine are for CSI members.

And so, I have reached the point in my life - old enough to have accumulated a lot of knowledge about our business and young enough to still be an active participant - where I may become a curmudgeon. I have my share of opinions, nearly all of which are absolutely correct, and I'm going to write about them. Next month, I'll begin with one of my favorite subjects - "sustainable" design.

Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

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