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Location: Juanitas Party Room
Time: 11:30 am **Lunch** and Meeting
Seminar 12:00 pm Seminar
Cost: \$20 Lunch and Seminar
\$10 Seminar only

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

Todd Hartman, with Georgia-Pacific Gypsum Corp., LLC, will deliver a presentation that will include how to effectively design durable wall systems for commercial construction by protecting walls from potential damaging moisture insulation. He will explain the performance differences between paper faced and fiberglass mat gypsum wallboard technology in high moisture conditions, and explain how educated product choices and fiberglass mat design decisions can assist with moisture management.

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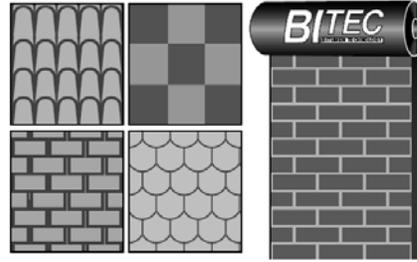
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March Monthly Meeting –Joint with NAWIC

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KELLY PHILLIPS, CSI

March Madness is upon us!! It seems the whole world has gone mad at times these days. We're watching the economy, the construction schedules and hoping the owners will still have the funds to continue the projects not only about to begin, but also those of which we're deep involved. All of this, on top of keeping our families included in daily tasks of every day life.



It is also that time of year when CSI begins to really get busy. Gulf States Region Conference is May 15th and 16th in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, with the Leadership Retreat, usually held in Jackson, MS each year, being held the day before the conference due to scheduling conflicts with the Conference. Deadline for registration is April 30th. I strongly encourage you to attend this event.



As previously stated in earlier newsletters, Billy Mathis has planned an extraordinary event for us in August. Little Rock will host the Gulf States Leadership Meeting August 7th and 8th. This will also run in conjunction with our annual chapter golf tournament. So, we need ALL HANDS ON DECK!!! If there is something you'd be interested in doing, please let Billy know. We will be calling for committee chairs and asking you to be on a team for this big event.

National Convention, Construct2009, is in Indianapolis, Indiana, June 16th thru the 19th.

Thanks to Billy Mathis for our awards submittal, the chapter once again will be receiving the Outstanding Chapter Award. Billy has done an outstanding job and looks forward to working with new chair, Melinda Jester in the upcoming year.

As you can see, Spring has indeed sprung! Buckle up and "Here We Go!!!"



Kelly Phillips
LR CSI Chapter President



Little Rock Chapter of The Construction Specification Institute
Summary of minutes from the March, 2009 board meeting by Clark Wood, CSI, CCCA
No Meeting held

Next Board Meeting—April 8, 2009 at ASCO

TECHNICAL TOPICS
BY KARL HANSON, CSI, CCS, CCCA

REPRINT—NEWS RELEASE
DATED January 28, 2009

New energy code expected to be 15% more efficient

The 2009 edition of the *International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)*—the national model energy code of choice for states, cities and counties that adopt codes—is published and now available for adoption by jurisdictions.

The IECC published by the International Code Council is tied to federal law determined by Congress and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) through the Energy Policy Act of 1992. It is the only energy code that serves as the basis for federal tax credits for energy-efficient homes, energy efficiency standards for federal residential buildings and manufactured housing, and state energy code determinations.

Recent legislation passed by the U.S. House of Representatives includes \$3.4 billion in energy assistance grants for states if the International Code Council's 2009 IECC is adopted and administered. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (HR 1) requires governors who want a share of state energy assistance grants to certify their state will adopt an energy code for one- and two-family homes, townhouses and low-rise, multiple-family buildings that meets or exceeds provisions in the 2009 IECC for residential construction, and the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1-2007, as referenced in the 2009 IECC for commercial buildings.

The 2009 IECC will produce approximately 15% in energy efficiency gains compared to the 2006 edition, according to DOE. As a result, homes and commercial buildings, including schools and hospitals built in jurisdictions that adopt the 2009 IECC, will consume less energy and help the environment by reducing emissions associated with building operation.

A U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) ruling published in the Federal register clears the way for establishing the 2009 *International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)* as a safe harbor equivalent to the ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA 90.1 Standard. The ruling says the Standard, or equivalents like the 2009 IECC, would achieve greater energy efficiency in commercial buildings compared to previous editions.

Adopted at the state and local level in 39 states and Washington, D.C., the IECC residential and commercial procedures have a strong following and a well-developed format that is simple to use and familiar to code officials. To purchase the 2009 IECC and other International Code see <http://www.iccsafe.org/2009icodes>.

New energy efficient provisions in the 2009 IECC include:

- Improved window and skylight efficiencies for homes constructed in “warm humid” and “hot humid” climates which lower energy costs during cooling periods.
- An increase in insulation *R*-values for walls, floors and basements in cold climates to achieve greater heating and cooling savings.
- High-efficiency light bulbs as a requirement in at least 50% of permanent lighting fixtures in new homes.
- New separate requirements for high-rise condominiums and apartments regarding commercial insulation and window tables.
- Radiant heating requirements for unenclosed public spaces;

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TECHNICAL TOPICS– CONTINUED
BY KARL HANSON, CSI, CCS, CCA

- Clear depiction of mechanical provisions regarding when and where a Demand Control Ventilation strategy is required.

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. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council.

Contact Steve Daggers: 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233) ext. 4212.

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http://www.iccsafe.org/news/nr/2009/0128_2009IECC.html

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

Region News Update

Hello to all. Spring is here and things such as flowers, trees, and allergies are in full sprouting, thus we are all suffering. But it sure beats the 8 to 12 inches of snow that some had to fight this winter. And with spring, trees and plants return to their growth process and new leaves sprout and they get back into a growth cycle. While I hope none of us are sprouting leaves or branches, we too get back into somewhat of a growth cycle, or at least activities that take place during the spring and summer months. So I will limit our comparison of us and trees to that.



Recent elections took place at institute for fiscal year 2010, and while some new names and positions were determined by votes, one position was already determined. Our own Mike Davis, FCSI, CDT, from Chattanooga, is going to serve this upcoming year as Institute President. We need to offer more than congratulations to him, in that we need to at least ask the question as to what we can do to assist him in this monumental task.

The Region Conference is May 15 & 16, 2009 in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. It is never too late to register to attend. I know that many of the Little Rock Chapter members are planning on attending and as always, I look forward to seeing them. I would love for some of you who have never attended one of these conferences to consider doing so. I will almost make a major wager that you will not leave disappointed. The Gulf Coast Chapter has done a stellar job in putting a wonderful conference together for us. There will be the mandatory fun things that take place, but at the same time, seminars will be held for interesting topics that will offer continuing education for those who require them. We will also be conducting both a board meeting AND an annual business meeting for all members attending. And it is in this business meeting that a vote will be taken regarding the updated Region By-Laws and the Region Operating Guide. A task team has spent countless hours in reviewing, making necessary changes to put the Gulf States Region in line with the governance changes that were voted on and approved 2 years ago. The information is available for review at the Region website. PLEASE take the time to review these changes so they can be discussed and approved at that meeting. But also, PLEASE review them and offer any comments or suggestions to your Chapter President, Kelly Phillips, who can then forward those to the task team for review and possible changes. Another set of eyes and suggestions is always welcome.

The Region Conference is the time that we take to thank those individuals in the Region who have committed many hours of time and effort to make both their Chapter and the Region a better organization for all of us. Region awards will be presented, along with the Spec Competition awards. So don't miss the opportunity to thank those, and to congratulate the winners.

Look forward to seeing you soon. Take care and thanks for your efforts toward making the Little Rock Chapter one of the recipients of The Outstanding Chapter Commendation. Congratulations to all of you.

Keith West



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LR Chapter CSI and NAWIC joint March Monthly Meeting



Curmudgeon's Corner; What if you gave a party...

Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, became a specifier in 1986. Since 1992, he has written approximately 300 articles for CSI publications, discussing construction documents and products, computers, the Internet, and CSI activities. He recently completed a term as Institute Director; before that, he served seven years on Institute Technical Committees, and created a number of websites for CSI chapters.

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

honor: a tangible symbol signifying approval or distinction; to confer honor or distinction; to regard or treat with honor or respect

Acknowledgement of effort and contribution is always important, perhaps more so in a volunteer organization. In the business world, success and achievement are rewarded by increased salary, bonuses, or other perquisites; the common measure of one's value is the paycheck. Honors and recognition may be important, but rarely do they take precedence over money.

In the world of professional organizations, there is an occasional cash reward, but in most cases outstanding work is recognized by an award, usually a plaque or other object of little actual value, presented at a ceremony attended by the recipient's peers.

The value of an award depends on a number of things: the importance of the organization making the award, the uniqueness of the award, the total number of awards presented, and so on. Even though a plaque has little intrinsic value, what it represents can mean a great deal to the recipient, the organization, or a larger community.

We need to recognize contributions, but we also need to have balance. Awards are not equal, and there is no reason they should be treated as if they were. With a plaque, or perhaps a statuette or other objet d'art as the top end, there isn't much room to work, but it still is possible to establish a range of ways to show appreciation.

It may not be politically correct, but if awards are to have value, they must reflect the degree of effort they represent. Is sitting at the registration table really equivalent to creating a new education program? Both deserve recognition, but should it be the same?

Work of short duration should be acknowledged immediately. At the basic level, a simple "thank you" is often enough. Most people don't expect a plaque for doing small jobs, but they do expect and deserve an expression of thanks. Oral expression of thanks at a chapter meeting is appropriate for the people at the registration table, and certainly for those who organized the current chapter meeting. A short written thank-you is always appropriate; some of my most treasured compliments are thank you cards and e-mails.

Formal letters of acknowledgement are good for greater contribution. These can be a bit tricky; if they come across as a form letter the impact is greatly diminished. If the work recognized in the letter is related to the recipient's job, a copy should be sent to the recipient's employer, on the organization letterhead. This will tell the employer that the employee has value in the construction industry, and promote CSI at the same time.

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Curmudgeon's Corner;

What if you gave a party ... (continued)

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

At some point, plaques become appropriate, but they should be reserved for more important awards. I'm sure the person at the registration table would agree that a stack of plaques isn't really necessary. Presenting too many awards reduces their value.

Each year, at the annual convention, CSI honors those who have made significant contributions to the organization. This acknowledges the importance of their work and allows members to attend the presentations. The highest of these awards and honors are Distinguished or Honorary Membership, the Distinguished Service Award, and the "name" awards - Andrew J. Drozda, Ben John Small, Dale C. Moll, J. Norman Hunter, Robert P. Brosseau, and Hans William Meier. I won't go into the requirements - you can read them on the Institute website - except to say that only one of each may be awarded each year.

The honor of Fellowship is second only to that of Distinguished Membership. Although there is no limit to the number of Fellowships that may be conferred in a single year, few are elected as it is an honor reserved for those who perform beyond the call of office, and who have made extraordinary contributions to CSI.

This year, we will honor nine new Fellows, and recipients of only three of the other top awards: Distinguished Membership, the Hans William Meier Award, and the Andrew J. Drozda Commendation. I encourage you to learn more about each of the awards, and to congratulate recipients in person if possible.

...and no one came?

It seems reasonable that the more significant the honor, the more dignified the attendant ceremonies would be, the more publicity it would receive, and the more members who would want to attend the presentation. Unfortunately, it is increasingly difficult to attend the convention's premier event, the President's Gala (Honors and Awards Dinner).

In 1999, the first year I attended the Gala, the cost was \$60 per person. I recall giving that quite a bit of thought as \$60 isn't a trivial amount, even today. In 2002, the Gala cost \$65, an amount that accurately reflects the increase in the Consumer Price Index (CPI) from 1999 to 2002. I don't remember all the steps in between, but last year a ticket to the Gala was \$100. According to the CPI, the \$60 I paid in 1999 would have grown to only \$80.

This year, the price has risen to \$125, a 25% increase in one year - even though, according to the Consumer Price Index, this year's ticket should be four dollars *less* than last year!

This runaway inflation threatens to kill what should be the highlight of the convention. This year I'll probably miss the Gala for the first time since 1999. I'm sure my wife and I can find an excellent dinner for less than the cost of a single Gala ticket, and with luck, get back in time to see the investiture of Fellows. Or maybe we'll just order a pizza and sit in the hall.

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CHAPTER AWARD NOMINATIONS

The Little Rock Chapter, CSI is a Volunteer Organization. Being such, the only real method we have to recognize those individuals, organizations, or firms who have given this Chapter, the Gulf States Region, and/or the Institute their time, efforts, and support, is to recognize them with Awards. June is historically the time when our Annual Awards Banquet is held and starting now till May 18th is when we ask for your help in identifying those individuals deserving of recognition. As we did last year, the Awards Committee is sending out these requests for nominations early to give everyone plenty of time to nominate someone they feel are deserving of recognition. Please help us honor those who have been the lifeblood for our chapter for the past twelve months.

Please mark your ballot and fax or email (refer to bottom of the Submission Form) back to the Awards Committee **prior to May 18, 2009.**

CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD – *This award is presented to outgoing chapter board members, officers, and committee chairmen at the end of their term of service to the chapter.*

CHAPTER ORGANIZATIONAL CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION - *This award is presented to an organization, firm, or association that has rendered significant service to the chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration*

ROOKIE OF THE YEAR - *This award is presented to an individual who has rendered distinguished service to the chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration and who has not been a member of CSI for more than 18 consecutive months.*

MEMBER OF THE YEAR - *This award is presented to an individual who, above all other chapter members, has rendered distinguished service to the chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration.*

CHAPTER CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION “JOB WELL DONE” AWARD - *This award is presented to an individual who has rendered significant service beyond that expected of a member to the chapter in the advancement of the Chapter’s objectives or in the Chapter’s administration..*

CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE “LEADING THE WAY” AWARD – *This award is presented to an individual who has rendered distinguished service to the chapter in the advancement of its objectives or in its administration.*

LEO JOSEPH HIEGEL PRESIDENT'S AWARD - *Presented to any member of the Chapter for distinguished contributions to the chapter. The President of the Chapter selects and presents this award.*

ALBERT R. HIBBS MEDAL - *For loyal and dedicated service to the Chapter through contributions to CSI at Chapter, Region or Institute levels. This is the highest award the Chapter gives to a member. Note: (This award solicits nominations from the Chapter, and then is judged by a jury of past recipients)*

BETTY C. HAYS MEDAL - *This award is presented to an individual who has been identified as living up to the Ideals and Standards actively displayed by Betty Hays, FCSI, CCS, SCIP. While this is a Chapter Award, contributions to CSI can be at all levels (Chapter, Region, and/or Institute). “Leading by Example”, this individual will be one recognized throughout the Chapter, Region and even Institute for Chapter Activities and is one who is considered a “Primary Support Pillar”.*

Albert R. Hibbs Medal Supplemental Information:

Award Description: Presented to any Chapter Member for loyal and dedicated service to the Chapter through contributions to CSI at Chapter, Region or Institute levels. This is the highest award the Chapter gives to a member.

1. Nominee's full name: _____

2. Nominee's address: _____

3. Nominee's principal occupation: _____

4. Distinguished service to the construction industry on which the nomination is based:

5. Statement of Nominee's leadership, spirit, loyalty, and other qualifications which best display his/her contributions to the Chapter.

6. Attach supporting documentation as necessary to support the nomination and any letters of endorsement which would support this person's nomination.

Betty C. Hays Medal Supplemental Information:

Award Description: This award is presented to an individual who has been identified as possessing the Ideals and Standards actively displayed by Betty C. Hays FCSI, CCS, SCIP. While this is a Chapter Award, contributions to CSI can be at all levels (Chapter, Region, and/or Institute). Leading by example, this individual will be one recognized throughout the Chapter, Region and Institute for service to CSI and is one who is considered an outstanding leader. Just as Ms. Hays demonstrates structure, follow through, and completion, the metal award is a required and completed process in its own right.

1. Nominee's full name: _____

2. Nominee's address: _____

3. Nominee's principal occupation: _____

4. Distinguished service to the construction industry on which the nomination is based:

5. Statement of Nominee's leadership, mentorship, and other qualifications which best display his/her adherence to the standards as displayed by Betty C. Hays FCSI, CCS, SCIP

6. Attach supporting documentation as necessary to support the nomination and any letters of endorsement which may also be received.

The Committee of One
By Gilman Hu, FCSI , AIA
President, Construction Specifications Institute

Institute President Gilman K. M. Hu, FCSI, AIA, is an architect in private practice in Honolulu, Hawaii. Since joining CSI in 1967 as a charter member of the Honolulu Chapter, he has served in many offices, and has been a member of the national Awards Committee, Nominating Committee, and Jury of Fellows. He also is the founder and publisher of The Fellows newsletter, which is distributed to CSI's Fellows.

Are you a member of a committee of one? Is it because...

1. You feel that only you can get the job done the way you want it done?
2. Everyone is too remote and it is easier to do it yourself, because by the time you finish telling someone what to do and how you want it done, you could have done it yourself?
3. You are new to this organization, and you don't know whom to ask for help?

Here are some possible answers to those questions:

1. Try delegating your work. Divide it into smaller assignments. Share your goals and limitations. Set a deadline for completion or review. You might be surprised what your team members can come up with.
2. No one is too remote in this age of technology. E-mails, cell phones, scanning, etc., cost almost nothing and are almost instantaneous.
3. Ask! Whoever gave the assignment to you will help you put your team together. Never accept an assignment with the expectation that it is for you to do it by yourself.

A committee, with its many members, can allow you to get work done without getting burned out. And while you're getting your assignment done, you get to network! Remember, the whole often is greater than the sum of its parts.

When you do things by yourself and you have too much to do, you are not doing yourself any good. It becomes difficult to separate volunteer work from your career, and you can't get sick or take a trip. You are not doing your chapter any good either, because you are not training your replacement. CSI wants you to help, and to have a pleasant, positive experience doing it.

Think about it. Do you still want to be that committee of one?

The health of an organization is usually determined by how decisions are made and how these decisions are carried out by its members.

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