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AUGUST 11, 2009 CHAPTER MEETING

Tilt-Up Construction



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1220 South Main
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Source: <http://www.juanitas.com/annex.html>

Date: Tuesday, August 11, 2009
Location: Juanitas Party Room
Time: 11:30 am **Lunch and Meeting**
Seminar 12:00 pm Seminar
Cost: \$22 Lunch and Seminar
\$12 Seminar only

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

Tilt-Up Construction

Presented by: Ramon Yanez, Dayton Superior

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JUNE ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Little Rock Chapter

The Annual Awards Banquet at the Little Rock Club was a success, once again, thanks to Billy Mathis and Sally Bowen who worked tirelessly to make the event a top-notch, fun-filled evening .. running smooth as silk...and congratulating all those who so deserve to be congratulated. Thank you Billy and Sally for your commitment to the Little Rock Chapter.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CINDY TONEY, CSI, CDT, LEED AP

Well , we passed the gavel, it's official...and I am privileged to serve as your president for the year 2009-2010. We have an exciting year planned for you so I hope you are ready for the ride—starting off with hosting the Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting on August 7th and 8th. Members from 16 Chapters (**Nashville, Acadiana, Birmingham, Knoxville, New Orleans, Memphis, Chattanooga, Mississippi, Shreveport, Baton Rouge, Montgomery, Gulf Coast, Pensacola, Mobile Bay, Huntsville**) will be arriving in Little Rock on August 7th.



The meeting (and the year) kicks off with our 11th Annual Golf Tournament on Friday morning, August 7th, at the Country Club of Arkansas. Anyone who has played in the Little Rock CSI golf tournament in the past knows that it's a great time, and well organized, thanks to Sally Bowen and Allen Barnhardt. We have a host of prizes and goodies for all participants, but most importantly you will have the camaraderie.

Of course the Leadership meeting is planned for those in CSI throughout the Region who have managed to find their way into a leadership position... whether it be as an innocent volunteer who can't say "no," or whether they were roped in, dragged in or hogged tied to a position. They will be here to learn about the new role they are taking on and how to perform their duties more efficiently. .. in an effort to serve our members better. But it's also open for any member who would like to learn more about leadership.

Many of our vendors will have table top displays highlighting their products and they will be available to enlighten us on new and innovative products. I would encourage those of you who plan to attend the event from any of the 16 Region Chapters to stop by these booths and introduce yourselves.

The Membership Drive will begin the next big event for us and you will be hearing more in weeks to come. Just to give you a little taste of what's to come. ... On October 13th (Tuesday) we will have our Membership Meeting at Murry's Dinner Playhouse to "kick-off" the two-week membership drive to follow. We will begin the meeting early at 5:00 to introduce CSI to our guests... with a very short "what will CSI do for you," and a dynamic speaker line-up to start the evening before the dinner and play. We hope to have an outstanding program, as well as fill up the 60 seats reserved for us. Seating is first-come-first-serve so make your reservations early for some of the best seats in the house. If anything, it might answer the questions you were always wondering about what CSI is all about . The play, "Murdered To Death," is said to be hilarious.

Remember to make reservations for the October 13, Membership Meeting at Murry's Dinner Playhouse 5:00 pm sharp. See flyer on page 15 for more information. Members who bring a guest who joins within the two-week membership drive, will have their name put into a drawing for a special prize.

See you at the Leadership Meeting and then the Membership "Dinner Playhouse" Drive.

Cindy Toney, CSI, CDT, LEED AP
LRCSI Chapter President



Curmudgeon's Corner; Convention Report

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

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

snob: one who disdains people or things considered inferior

I recently saw a comment referring to this year's convention as "great." My initial inclination was to agree, but it got me thinking about what a given convention might mean to different attendees. My first convention was in 1990, and I have been to most of them since. I enjoyed every one, but, as you might expect, some were more memorable than others. For me, five conventions stand out: Chicago '90, San Diego '91, San Francisco '94, Dallas '01, and Las Vegas '02.

The 1990 Chicago convention was my first. About fifteen members of the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter chartered a bus and rode down together, and some of us shared rooms. The keynote speakers were Studs Terkel and Willard Scott, and programs included Editing On-Screen, Integration of CAD Drawings and Specifications, and CSI Format for Mechanical and Electrical Specifications. I couldn't believe the show floor; I felt like a kid in a candy store! This was the pre-Internet era, and everything was distributed on paper, so every booth was stocked with boxes of literature. By the time I reached the end of the first aisle I knew I wouldn't be able to get everything back to the hotel. An experienced conventioneer came to the rescue, telling me to take only the most interesting brochures, as the exhibitors were happy to send literature. (See my March 2003 TechNotes at <http://snipurl.com/nk1gy> for a few interesting scans of 1990 memorabilia.)

When I went to San Diego in 1991 I expected and got more of the same. There are two reasons it's on my favorites list: It was my first visit to California, and I found out why everyone wants to go there; and I received my first Institute award that year, for creating a keyword index to the Manual of Practice. Also, it was the first time I was invited to an exhibitor-sponsored dinner, this one on a double-deck boat tour of the harbor. As I watched the daylight fade and the moon rise, I wished I had brought my family along, and vowed to bring them to a convention.

1994 was another year of great memories because of San Francisco itself, and because I brought my family. Since then, my wife has always accompanied me, and one or both of our children managed to go along a few more times. I think this was the year I became aware of how many members I knew in other chapters, and meeting them became a major part of attending conventions.

The 2001 convention in Dallas was a high, with a couple of Institute awards. The best thing was that it was the one and only time my wife attended the opening ceremonies, where awards were presented at that time. I was president-elect for my chapter that year, so my wife and I hosted the chapter hospitality suite. One night we must have had fifty people in the room! Finally, there was Las Vegas in 2002, where I received my Fellowship. It was our biggest family trip, with both children, their spouses, and my wife's mother. We stayed in a great two-story apartment across the street from the Hilton, with an outdoor pool and *no* slot machines.

Looking back, it's easy to see that the relative greatness of a convention depends a lot on what happens there. I'm sure this year's first-timers, award recipients, and new Fellows will long remember Indianapolis, while those who have been to many conventions may not.

Although one thing or another has occasionally been less than expected, I have never been to a bad convention. This year, as usual, I found information about a number of new or changed products that I put to use immediately, again demonstrating the value of the exhibit hall.

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Curmudgeon's Corner; Convention report

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Another thing I have learned from CSI trips that you shouldn't be too ready to snub a host city. The location definitely can improve the convention experience, but the programs and exhibits are useful regardless of where we go. I admit I have on occasion had reservations because of things I had heard - I didn't want to go to LA (too much traffic, too much smog), and I had little interest in going to Las Vegas because I'm not a gambler. In each case, I'm glad I went, as both cities were amazing, and each had something unique to offer.

I had been to Indy before, for a bi-region conference in 2002. Even though I am a Hoosier by birth, I had no expectations one way or the other, as all the time I spent in Indiana was either in the Fort Wayne area or near Columbus. We had a heck of a good time at that conference, and I was impressed by all the city had to offer. There is even more there now than seven years ago, yet many museums, the zoo, a beautiful canal parkway, and other attractions are within walking distance of each other. If you didn't go this year because Indianapolis wasn't sophisticated enough for you, you missed a great experience. Don't make the same mistake next year.

The 2010 convention will be at the Philadelphia Convention Center, 11-14 May.

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Board Meeting Minutes By Sally Bowen CSI, CCS, LEED AP

Little Rock Chapter CSI
Minutes from the June Board Meeting—June 4, 2009

Awards: There are 39 people signed up for Tuesday's dinner so far. One scholarship recipient will not be able to attend, and we are waiting to hear from the other.

Website: Mark has been keeping everything up to date, and asked for suggestions.

Membership: A motion was made to order CSI pins.

Programs: We have speakers lined up through May.

Scholarships: One was awarded to a student at UALR, and one to Fayetteville. The letters have been sent, and the checks will be sent around August 1.

Next Chapter Meeting: June 9, 2009, 5:30 P.M.

Next Board Meeting: July 17, 2009, Cindy Toney's house

Prepared By: Sally Bowen
Little Rock Chapter CSI

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A Message From Our Industry Director—Gulf States Region

by M. Keith West, CSI, CCPR

Here's a question for you.

I am curious to know if you are aware that there is going to be one heck of a party being held in your hometown August 7th & 8th. If not, then you better get with the program. I will tell you that a certain group of people have been planning this party for well over a year and their time and efforts should not, and will not be in vain. I promise you that. This party has another name which happens to be The Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting. That certain group of people has been led by Billy Mathis, and whoa baby, has he (and his committee) been busy. They have all sorts of fun things planned for those who are fortunate to attend. And for those who at this time are saying they will not be able to join the group, you better reconsider. It appears that this party may very well be one that will be discussed for many years to come, and for you to not be able to say, "Heck I was there", would be a shame. So if you are one of those who presently are saying that, then I strongly ask you to reconsider. You really don't have far to travel to get there. It is taking place in your own hometown, thus familiar stomping grounds.



Now on a serious note (even though I was very serious about the above information), you really need to be involved in this meeting if you are not already doing so. This meeting provides information to the Region (thus the Chapter) members on all of the committees that operate, that will assist them both at the Region level, but more importantly, at the Chapter level. The majority of CSI members never become involved in any level other than at their home Chapter. And I certainly understand that fact. Home Chapter is just that, home, but also the location in which you earn your living in this construction industry. Familiar faces, familiar people, places, and the comfort of familiar surrounding are something that we all are more at ease in. And that is just normal for all of us.

The reason I am sharing this thought is that there is no better place than the comfortable surroundings of home and familiar faces to be at ease by being involved. If you have not been involved in the Little Rock Chapter by being anything other than a member, then you really are missing out. Missing out by being associated with people common in the construction industry, who can assist you in your vocation, but also, you share your expertise in your specific field. It is a win / win situation for all involved. Little Rock is a great place to work and live, and truth is, you probably know the majority of the members of the chapter. But by not sharing your expertise, you, and the Little Rock Chapter members are losing out. So consider becoming involved. You will not be sorry for taking those steps.

Now back to the Leadership Meeting. You really need to attend and really have the pleasure of meeting other Region members from our other 15 Chapters. They may very well be the basis of the earlier statement "Heck I was there".

Look forward to seeing you there.

Keith

CONVENTION UPDATE-CONSTRUCT 2009

by Michelle Christen

Construct 2009

Construct 2009 was held June of this year in Indianapolis. Having never traveled to the city, I was more than a bit surprised to encounter such a delightful venue. Shops, restaurants, hotels and the Convention Center were very centralized for easy access. For those traveling to this destination in the future; I would certainly recommend a lovely carriage ride through the central downtown area and its historical architecture.

Construct 2009 co-located with TFM; provided vendors representation from across the nation in a multiplicity of products and services. In addition, the exceptional education series was extremely informative, and provided enlightenment on a number of industry hot topics such as BIM and GreenFormat.

The Little Rock Chapter was recognized with other GSR Chapters in the Annual Meeting in receipt of the Outstanding Chapter Commendation. Students from the University of Tennessee –Knoxville received first place in the judging of the student competition, as well, as first place in general membership voting. The annual awards banquet was well attended and former President Gary Betts was memorialized, and presented with the Distinguished Lifetime Member Award. Nine (9) new Fellows were inducted in the ceremonies, which were hosted by Little Rock Chapter Member – Edith Washington.

If you were among those not fortunate to have attended this year's Construct 2009, you missed a great convention! However, planning for next year's convention to be held in Philadelphia has already commenced, and is sure to be increasingly more satisfying.

Michelle Christen



CONVENTION UPDATE-CONSTRUCT 2009

by Michelle Christen

Region Conference – Annual Business Meeting Report.

On May 16th, the Gulf States Region held its Annual Business Meeting in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The meeting was called to order by Director Keith West and all Chapters of the Region had representation in attendance. After introductions and miscellaneous housekeeping items were announced, the business agenda commenced. Previous minutes from the August 2008 meeting were not available; and the item was tabled until the August 2009 meeting to be held in Little Rock.

Region Officer and Committee Chair reports were given to update the membership on continued progress of Region initiatives. Immediately following; Instituted Director Keith West, presented business motions ratified by the Board, the day preceding at the Region Board of Directors Meeting. Among the notables; was that a Region scholarship has been approved to start in FY 2010, and the unanimous decision of the Board to submit to the Region for voting an accelerated implementation of the Region's newly proposed governance restructure.

Taking up new business, Director West reminded the membership that the issues coming up for discussion under new business; were outlined and distributed electronically for review in accordance with the Region's bylaws. Kevin Corkern gave an update to the by-laws revisions, previously sent to the Institute for review. Discussion on the matter called the question of alternating membership classification and resolve met that until such time there is an omission of the industry classification by Institute the document remains as per motioned by the Board. The question was called by Phil McDade and the Region as represented approved unanimously the by-laws revisions.

Revisions to the Region's Operating Guide have been drafted and submitted to align with the Institute. Question was raised regarding the Region's funding of our own Officers. Floyd Sterling discussed where the Region's funding will come from; as in the form reimbursement coming from Institute will be a part of a dues increase forthcoming. Motion from the Board to accept the revisions to the Region Operating Guide was unanimously accepted by the membership.

The accelerated implementation of the transition to the new structure; for the purposes of aligning with Institute was presented, and heavily contested by a select few. Throughout the discussion on the issue; it was noted that the accelerated implementation was not all together necessary, but would serve in the best interest of the Region members and the current Region Directors. The purpose for the suggested acceleration was to place additional leadership in the current mix; to assist with Region duties and management. Stated reasoning behind the recommendation; was that the current Institute Director's by way of the Institute transition will now be tasking additional Institute assignments and not management of Region affairs. After lengthy discussion and "Robert's rulings"; a substitute motion to accept nominations at the August Leadership meeting, and to place nominees on the Institute ballot for general membership voting in the spring was passed by the majority.

General announcements were conducted and the meeting adjourned.

Michelle Christen

Awards Corner

By Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT

The 2009 Little Rock Chapter, CSI, Annual Awards Banquet was held on the evening of June 9th 2009 at the Little Rock Club, high atop the Regions Bank Building. It was an evening of good friends, good food, and recognition. While there were many winners and I will list them all a little later, I wanted to take a little time to recognize one member who took home some heavy hardware. Mark T. Edds, CSI, CDT, Past President, current Website Manager, and a overall Jack of All Trades was honored with five awards that evening culminating in his being honored as the latest recipient of the Albert R. Hibbs Award and Medal. Mark, being the humble and unassuming worker bee that he is, was listening as we all were as Doyle Phillips read the criteria for the Award and then provided a personal introduction of the winner. I was standing near Mark while Doyle was reading the accomplishments which led the Jury of Past Winners to select this year's winner. When Doyle announced Mark's name, he was in utter shock and almost at a loss for words, which as those who know him does not happen often. Mark is one of a special breed of member, someone who can be depended on to tackle any challenge, take on any problem head on, and provide solutions. There could not have been a better person to join the ranks of this Award winners.

Another surprise which occurred at the event was the presentation of a Birthday Cake with three candles to Ms. Jan Sanders, FSCI, by her two children Michael Sanders and Michelle Christen. While neither Jan nor her kids would divulge her real age, it was said that she was celebrating being just one year older.

As the ceremony progressed, many people were recognized for their efforts. As each Award was read off and presented by the Chapter President, Kelly Phillips, there was a real sense that we were recognizing the "cream of the crop" of current Chapter Members, providing an example for all other Chapter Members to emulate. Not only were these people recognized, but their accomplishments were also read off. Many were involved in multiple activities, ran or worked on multiple committees, and almost all had or are serving roles as Officers and Directors for the Chapter. With new and potential members present, these role models stood out as a shining example of what can be accomplished. The Awards presented are as follows:

The First Award is the CHAPTER SERVICE AWARD which is presented as recognition of those Chapter Members who have given freely of their time as either an Officer or Director and are rotating off of the Board of Directors this year. This year the awards were presented to:

Mark Edds, Richard Stenger, and Karl Hansen

The next Award is the CHAPTER CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION – "JOB WELL DONE" AWARD. These awards are given to members of the Little Rock Chapter who have been nominated and recognized by their peers for their efforts with Chapter Functions, fulfilling Chapter Roles, or for taking on responsibilities in support of Chapter Activities. This year the awards were presented to:

Mark Edds, Cynthia Toney, Kelly Phillips, and Sally Bowen

Next up was the 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. This was a hotly contested award this year with three deserving organizations nominated. This year the Award was presented to:

TME, Inc.

Awards Corner

By Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT

Next up was the CHAPTER DISTINGUISHED SERVICE - "LEADING THE WAY" AWARD. This Award is presented to Chapter Volunteers, again nominated and recognized by their peers, for taking on tough "Leadership" roles or assignments and, using their knowledge, experience and their professionalism, pushing these accomplishments to the Next Level. This year the Awards were presented to:

Billy Mathis, Cynthia Toney, Lori Hagen, Mark Edds, Kelly Phillips, and Sally Bowen

Next up was the MEMBER OF THE YEAR AWARD. This Award is presented to any member for significant contributions to the chapter and its goals throughout the fiscal year. As with the Organizational Award, this Award was hotly contested with four outstanding Chapter Members being nominated. A Jury of Members was brought together and each was evaluated and the overall winner was selected. This year the Award was presented to:

Billy Mathis

Next up was the LEO JOSEPH HIEGEL PRESIDENT'S AWARD. This Award is presented to any member of the Chapter for distinguished contributions to the chapter. This award is a little different because the Chapter President nominates and selects those Chapter Members who have provided the greatest impact on the Chapter during the current Fiscal Year. This year the Awards were presented to:

Cynthia Toney, Lori Hagen, and Mark Edds

Last but not least was the presentation of the ALBERT R. HIBBS AWARD and MEDAL. This Award is one of the two highest awards presented by the Little Rock Chapter to its members. This Award is presented for loyal and dedicated service to the Chapter through contributions to CSI at Chapter, Region or Institute levels. Additionally, while this award solicits nominations from the Chapter, Nominees are judged by a jury of past recipients. This year the Award and Medal were presented to:

Mark Edds

After all of the Awards were presented, then the serious business of installation of the upcoming Fiscal Year Officers and Directors was undertaken. Your Chapter Officers and Director are listed below:

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Director, 2-year Professional – Melinda Jester
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Director, 2-year Industry and Associate – Mark Edds
Director, 1-year Industry and Associate – Veronica Lilly

Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT

LRCSI Awards Chair—FY 2009

June 2009—Awards Banquet





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LRC SI Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

5:00 PM - Introduction to CSI
6:00 PM - Dinner
7:45 PM - Curtain

Murry's Dinner Playhouse
6323 Colonel Glenn Road
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Members, be sure and bring a guest to this Annual Membership Meeting! We're sure to have a great time, and this will be a great opportunity for potential members to learn more about CSI! New members who join during LRC SI's two-week promotional period (Oct. 13 - 27) will receive a **50% discount on national and local dues**. *Industry, professional and associate members only - intermediate and student members are not eligible for this promotion.*

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