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Date: Tuesday, June 9, 2009
Location: The Little Rock Club
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6:15 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Awards Ceremony
Cost: \$35 per person



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June 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

KELLY PHILLIPS, CSI

Well, the time has come to say goodbye. Thank you for allowing me to once again serve the chapter as your president. It would definitely not have been such a great year without your awesome board.

Region Conference in Ocean Springs was a good meeting and a lot of business was conducted. I strongly encourage you to attend any of the conferences, meetings and conventions you can in order to get a clear understanding of our organization. CSI IS the leader in the construction industry.



Billy Mathis is working diligently on the Leadership meeting to be held August 7th and 8th at the DoubleTree Hotel. We will also hold our Golf Tournament that Friday morning and will need your help in running the tournament along with the rest of the meeting Friday afternoon and Saturday. If we all can participate a little, then none will have to carry the entire load. Please do what you can to help.

Our awards banquet will be held June 9 and I hope you can all share in expressions of gratitude to your chapter members who have served so well this year.

See you at the meeting!!! Don't forget your door prizes for Leadership!!!!

Kelly Phillips, CSI
LRCSI Chapter President



Little Rock Chapter of The Construction Specification Institute

Summary of minutes from the May 6, 2009 board meeting by Clark Wood, CSI, CCA

Quorum—yes—Minutes of April meeting approved. Officer report sent to Institute.

Treasurer's Report—Working on coding expenses. Treasurer's Report approved.

Academic Affairs—Kiem Kirkpatrick: No students at next meeting due to finals.

Awards—Billy Mathis/Sally Bowen: Awards Banquet will be at the Little Rock Club. Invitations will be sent out soon. Send invitations to directors via email

Certification—Doyle Phillips: Changes to CDT exam. Expanding to add green and BIM. Possible summer class for special company. Offer as a CE class. Add instructors.

Golf Tournament/Fundraising—Sally Bowen: Start at 8 a.m. Morning only tournament. We will put individuals on teams.

Media Promotions – Mark Edds: Press releases will be sent out on certifications and new officers.

Newsletter—Cindy Toney: Need more sponsors. We are going to set up bulk mail. We need to set up a committee for advertising. Table until July.

Leadership Conference—Billy Mathis: Registration form to be ready for Region. Print website address on some item to pass out at Region. Also need a Golf Registration to include. Need a total of 100 packets. What is the cost going to be? Based on Budget - \$150.00. Committees are being set. Have a sign up list for the next meeting. Will be emailed to board.

Media Promotions—Press releases will be sent out on certifications and new officers.

Old Business—Scholarships are being reviewed.

New Business—Someone needs to run the Golf Tournament. Kelly will take over. Mark will do flyer.

Next Chapter Meeting: Awards Banquet, Tuesday, June 9, 2009

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, June 3, 2009 at ASCO Hardware, 12:00 PM.

TECHNICAL TOPICS

BY KARL HANSON, CSI, CCS, CCA

REPRINT—NEWS RELEASE
DATED May 21, 2009

Code Council, ASHRAE Guidelines Aid Energy-Efficient Construction, Help Governments Secure Federal Funds

The International Code Council and the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air- Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) have teamed up to publish the *2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)* and the *ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1- 2007, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings* in one book. The new publication results in a powerful document that government can use to qualify for federal energy grants, and a guide for the construction industry to build or retrofit homes and buildings to be more energy-efficient.

The decision to create the joint publication resulted from the recent “economic stimulus” legislation passed by the U.S. Congress, known as the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA). The Act establishes an energy efficiency goal of 90 percent compliance with the IECC and Standard 90.1-2007 in all 50 states by 2017. In establishing this goal, the federal legislation recognizes the 2009 IECC and Standard 90.1-2007 as *the* energy efficiency benchmarks for residential and commercial buildings.

Because the Code Council and ASHRAE documents complement each other, publishing them in one book benefits architects, designers, engineers and code officials. It makes it easier to choose between design options, and ensures new and renovated buildings are in compliance with the latest references and local building safety codes.

Experts agree increasing energy efficiency in the built environment is an effective way to reduce energy use and carbon emissions. Residential and commercial buildings use more than 70 percent of electricity consumed in the United States, and small increases in building efficiency can achieve major energy and carbon emission savings, according to the Code Council and ASHRAE.

“As green and sustainable design have become increasingly central to the definition of building safety, our charge—and it is, I believe, the great professional calling of our generation—is to establish what role building codes should play in facilitating, promoting and regulating energy efficient buildings and this expanded concept of safety,” said Council, CEO Richard P. Weiland. “We are pleased to partner with ASHRAE to serve the goals of our government and the needs of our planet.”

“Since being published more than 30 years ago, Standard 90.1 has been one of the building industry’s most important benchmarks for energy efficiency,” Jeff Littleton, ASHRAE executive vice president, said. “The publishing of the standard and the IECC as one document will build on that strong history, driving the development of more energy efficient buildings and building codes.”

To purchase a copy of the *2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC)* and the *ANSI/ASHRAE/IESNA Standard 90.1- 2007, Energy Standard for Buildings Except Low-Rise Residential Buildings* as one publication, visit www.iccsafe.org/IECC90.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety, fire prevention and energy efficiency, 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.

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CERTIFICATION—Changes on the Horizon for CDT Exam

By Doyle Phillips, CSI, CCCA, CPE

Changes on the Horizon for CDT Exam

Next available dates for taking Certification Exams

- ✦ June 16, 2009 – CONSTRUCT2009 & The CSI Annual Convention Exam
- September 21 – 26, 2009 – 2009 Fall National Exam
- * Early registration deadline is July 21, 2009

CDT Exam Updated for Fall 2009

CSI is updating its certificate exam for the Construction Documents Technology (CDT) program. The changes will be reflected in the Fall 2009 CDT certificate exam.

The CDT Certificate program has provided the construction industry with a valuable credential for more than 20 years. It provides a comprehensive overview for professionals who write, interpret, enforce or manage construction documents, including architects, engineers, contractors, contract administrators, material suppliers and manufacturers' representatives. The CDT credential demonstrates one's knowledge and understanding of construction documents and the project lifecycle.

To maintain the program's high standard of quality, CSI and Prometric, a testing and assessment provider, conducted an analysis of the CDT Certificate exam. The analysis evaluated the relevancy of its content in relation to the comprehensive knowledge and skills that construction professionals need to write and manage construction documents.

As a result of this analysis, test specifications (weighted content areas) have been updated to reflect the results of the analysis and to more accurately describe the knowledge being tested.

The new CDT exam in the Fall will incorporate the following new topics:

- Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- Integrated Project Delivery (IPD)
- Green Building – GreenFormat™ and Sustainability

The new topics will be included in the "Fundamentals" category. That category represents 8 percent of the questions on the exam. The exam will continue to be 100 multiple-choice questions. To pass, candidates still must receive a grade of 75 percent or higher.

The analysis conducted by CSI and Prometric also produced information that will help CSI develop better exam preparatory materials. For the new topics covered in the Fall exam, the study guide directs candidates to resources that include publications of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the U.S. General Services Administration and the American Institute of Architects, as well as CSI. A new CDT prep course is also in development and is scheduled to be available this summer. The intent is to make the course (a webinar series) convenient and easily accessible to all candidates.

2009 Exam Source Material Update

It is critical for candidates to have the correct source material in studying for the CSI Certificate/Certification Program exam. Candidates must be able to successfully understand, interpret, and apply knowledge from the source materials in

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Certifications continued.....

By Doyle Phillips, CSI, CCCA, CPE

order to pass an exam. Source materials are not included in the examination fee, but are available for purchase through CSI, AIA, and EJCDC member organizations. Source materials may also be available for loan from local libraries, industry firms, colleges, CSI chapters, or colleagues.

The CDT exam offered this Fall will test candidate's knowledge and understanding of the following source materials:

- [Project Resource Manual - CSI Manual of Practice \(PRM\)](#)
- [MasterFormat™ 2004 Edition](#)
- [GreenFormat](#)
- [SectionFormat/PageFormat](#)
- [UniFormat™ \(1998 edition\)](#)

- AIA A201-2007 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction
- AIA A101-2007 Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor
- EJCDC C-700-2007 Standard General Conditions of the Construction Contract
- EJCDC C-520-2007 Suggested Form of Agreement Between Owner and Contractor for Construction Contract (Stipulated Price)
- [EPA \(PDF\)](#)

- GSA BIM Guide (visit www.gsa.gov/bim and select "3D-4D-BIM Overview")

- [AIA IPD Guide](#)

All exams in 2009 (CDT, CCS, CCCA, CCPR) will reflect the updated 2007 versions of the AIA and EJCDC source documents. AIA comparison documents can be downloaded for free at <http://www.aia.org/index.htm>.

2009 exams have also been updated for 2007 versions of PageFormat and SectionFormat. The 2009 Exam Study Guides outline all exam source materials. An Addendum to the 2009 Exam Study Guides may also be downloaded from www.csinet.org/certification. The purpose of the Addendum is to help candidates be aware of the kinds of changes that have occurred. The Addendum is only an overview of some major points and is not a substitute for studying the new documents themselves. Candidates are strongly urged to obtain and study the new primary source documents, rather than relying on the PRM or on older versions of the documents. This is the only way to be sure of studying correct and up-to-date information.

Ordering Source Materials

The PRM is available online at www.csinet.org/projectresourcemanual. You can place bulk orders for The Project Resource Manual-CSI Manual of Practice for certification study programs. Chapters receive a 10-30% discount off the CSI member price when ordering in bulk. Contact Member Services at 800-689-2900 (M-F, 8:30am - 6pm ET) for details. Contact the American Institute of Architects for AIA source materials at (800) 365-2724 / <http://www.aia.org/index.htm> and the National Society of Professional Engineers for EJCDC source materials at (703) 684-2800 / <http://www.nspe.org/ejcdc/index.html>.

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Doyle Phillips

LRCSI Certification Chair – FY 2009

Curmudgeon's Corner; tough times

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

submerge: to be engulfed in or with something

I don't understand the sudden interest in people entering the workforce. We've had them ever since Joe Caveman kicked his kids out of the cave and told them they had to work for a living, and we will have them until we enter the world of Matrix. When I graduated from college - after walking ten miles each day, into the wind, uphill, both ways - I decided where I wanted to work, paid them a visit, filled out an application, and had an interview. The time being the mid-'70s, I then went to the next office on my list, and so on until, three months later, I found a job - and it wasn't with an architectural firm.

We're in a similar situation now; lots of empty desks and more applicants than jobs. Is it realistic to expect employers to go out of their way to beg someone to work? Unless you have a very special skill or talent, I'm not sure why they would even in good times, but this year, and for some time to come, it's not a seller's market.

From the employer's perspective, people just out of school - especially architects - aren't all that valuable. They may have book learnin', but few have practical knowledge or useful experience. Many years ago, after hiring a couple of people from the local architecture mill, I turned to the Dunwoody Institute, a vo-tech whose graduates were productive within a couple of days. I know, there's a difference between a "big D" Designer and those who "only" produce drawings. But if you are more concerned about staying in business than getting on the cover of a magazine, you don't need a lot of Designers. The majority of design firms and contractors are successful because they concentrate on producing good buildings that work, rather than trying to achieve star status.

emerging professionals

What are emerging professionals, and why do we suddenly have them? From what I can tell, they are nothing more or less than recent graduates or other people new to a profession. Do we really need a committee to study this to death and come up with a five-page definition? Isn't this just a new name for something we've always had? I think kids don't go outside to play enough; turns out they have NDD - nature deficit disorder. Like all good architects, the stacks of paper on my desk are my filing system, and I have one deadline after another. Guess what - after all these years, I just learned that I have SWS - stacking work syndrome. Tired of bad websites? You probably suffer from MRS - mouse rage syndrome. Looking for a job? You're an emerging professional!

Perhaps all we're seeing is manifestation of the natural tendency to seek out others in similar situations, which now is aided greatly by the many means of communicating and forming virtual groups. In the good old days, just like today, we hung out with each other in college and for a while after graduating, but the only way it could be done was to physically meet or to stay in touch with newsletters. Today, we can communicate instantly, form virtual groups, meet in cyberspace, and tweet each other to death.

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Curmudgeon's Corner; tough times (continued)

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

Shortly after getting my first job as a specifier, my boss took care of all the needs I had as an emerging professional - he suggested I join CSI. He didn't really say I had to, though in those days most of us took suggestions from our employers a little more seriously than seems common today. He didn't beg me, either; he assumed I should have enough responsibility for my own career to look into it and take advantage of what CSI offered. But he cared enough to point me in the right direction.

One interesting aspect of being a professional is that "emergence" has no end. Dedicated professionals will find that after emerging comes submerging - becoming immersed in their profession. You don't know half what you need to know when you graduate, and the longer you work the more you will realize how little you know, until you finally accept that you will never know all that you should. Also, being a professional isn't limited to those jobs that require a license. Any person who is committed to learning a job and doing it as well as possible is a professional, whether that job is architect, engineer, specifier, mason, glazier, or roofer.

So what is it we expect CSI to do for emerging professionals? Most CSI members I know already are willing to help anyone who has a problem, and many do so regularly. Although someone may come up with a great scheme for helping people new to a construction profession, in the end it will depend on those individual members who make themselves available to help. And that is as it should be; each of us is responsible for "paying forward" the help we had when we entered and as we matured in our professions.

As Teddy Roosevelt said, "Every man owes part of his time and money to the business or industry in which he is engaged. No man has a moral right to withhold his support from an organization that is striving to improve conditions within his sphere."

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A Message From Our Industry Director—Gulf States Region

by M. Keith West, CSI, CCPR

End of the Fiscal Year Note:

Well, here it is the end of the current CSI fiscal year and time to wrap another one up for the history books. This year has been a very busy one for CSI and all of us as members. The governance change is here, like it or not, and amazingly, this is actually the second year of a three year transition. One more to go, and we will have survived the transition, and actually be better because of it. It is just that inevitable change that all of us have trouble dealing with. Not just in this CSI transition, but life in general. We would all like for our lives to stay between the lines and not have to experience any bumps in the road. But truth is, we deal with those bumps and curves on a daily basis in our everyday lives. And we all find a way to adapt and deal with it. Changes in CSI are no different. We will all survive the change, and as I said earlier, but better individuals and be part of a better organization because of it.



June is the time that most Chapters, Regions, and Institute honor and say thank you to those who have served (and survived) the year. Little Rock will be doing that this month, so take the time out of your busy schedule and attend the festivities. Visit with your friends and enjoy the evening. For those of you who are members and have not been able to attend on a regular basis or not, take the time to join in this function. I think you will see how much time and effort your President, board, and committees have done this year. They all will receive a much deserved thank you for a very successful year in the Little Rock Chapter of CSI. Hopefully it will show you that your Chapter has many members who make it the great organization that it is, and that you will consider assisting them in those efforts. You will not be disappointed.

The Gulf States Region just completed our Region Conference and thanked those people who have participated this year and made it the best Region in the Institute (and yes, I am extremely biased, but rightfully so). Speaking for many, I know a good time was had by all in attendance. Thank the Gulf Coast Chapter for hosting this very successful conference. We had the pleasure of being joined by Gilman Hu, Institute President, and his lovely wife Ruth. We have been fortunate over the past couple of years that Gilman and Ruth have been able to join us at Gulf States functions, so they were deservedly named official members of The Gulf States Region.

Institute will be hosting the conference this month in Indianapolis. Our own Mike Davis will be sworn in as Institute President for next fiscal year. If possible, come join us in both supporting and assisting Mike in the upcoming year.

I want to thank the Little Rock Chapter, and your wonderful Editor, Cindy Toney, for allowing me to contribute a monthly update to your newsletter. It has been a pleasure on my part, and hopefully it has provided you with current information, or at least a little humor in my rantings and ramblings. I look forward to being able to continue this for the upcoming year.

Take care,

Keith

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I’M BRINGING SEXY BACK

Them Other Boys Don’t Know How to Act

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My mother always told me, “You never get a second chance at a first impression”. If you could use one word to describe CSI, what would it be? I bet that fresh, new, or even sexy didn’t even come *close* to crossing your mind. Most people within the industry get the impression that CSI is just a bunch of old specifiers. Is that the kind of first impression we want to make?

It’s about time this old specifier gets a face-lift, and you – the Emerging Professional, are up for the challenge! Maybe you’re the only Emerging Professional in your Chapter, maybe you have a small posse or even a whole committee; what ever your status is, your ready to be noticed, ready to get others involved, ready to bring sexy back.

But --- you’re facing a problem --- you can’t get Emerging Professionals to join your CSI Chapter. Here are a few helpful ideas to get others motivated:

1. **Ask your Board if you can start an Emerging Professionals Committee.** What’s the purpose of having a committee with only one Emerging Professional? You have to start somewhere! Even if you are the only Emerging Professional, you can ask other members to join. Working with a diverse team can help the “seasoned Professional” understand what we, as Emerging Professionals, are like and how we think, while we can learn from there many years of experience in CSI.
2. **Get ready for your first Emerging Professionals program!** Ask every member to list all the Emerging Professionals, Interns or young Architects, in their office, and then use this list to help determine what type of program you are going to offer. Good advertising is the key... always use the ‘F’- word... that’s right... FREE. Some of my other favorite ‘F’- words to use when advertising an event are FRESH and FUN.
3. **Spice up the Chapter meetings!** This can be a great way to get people involved and/or fundraise for an Emerging Professionals event. Some examples include raffles, funniest tie contest, best work joke, shooting hoops (mini- goal and foam balls) for a prize, and many more. Try to think outside the box when coming up with ideas. You can also spice things up at your Chapter meetings by inviting Emerging Professionals from other organizations like AIA or USGBC to join the meeting for FREE. Make sure to coordinate this with your Board, as some meetings include a cost for food.
4. **Advertise, advertise, and more advertising!** The best way to get the word out about your new Emerging Professionals committee is to let people know. If you have a newsletter, write up a short article about what you are planning to do that month, and who to contact if a member knows an Emerging Professional. Talk to your web-publications committee about adding a separate page or space for information related to events or programs.

These are just a few ideas for getting and keeping Emerging Professions involved in your Chapter. Make sure to get those “seasoned Professionals” involved on your committee, as they are most influential on your current members, and can provide you with the tools you will need to be successful.

It is disappointing to think that some Chapters might not have *any* Emerging Professionals to start a committee. I want to challenge these Chapters to find a “seasoned” member willing to take this on until you have you have found an Emerging Professional to lead.

Good Luck!

[Even if you hate it... rate it!](#)

DOIN' INDY?

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DOIN INDY?

By Ralph Liebing, RA, CSI, CPCA, CBO

About sixty days from now, in Indianapolis, Indiana, in the heart of America, there will be a gathering of the faithful, the involved, the dedicated, the loyal, the inquisitive, and -- yeah, I'll be there, wandering around in sheer awe of the goings-on!

Guess it will be like Baltimore or Chicago, but yet different. Smaller venue and changed surroundings -- different perspective but the same resolve to greet old friends, talk, eat, and venture to new events to see new things. Would guess it will not be Vegas-like although I wasn't there. Should be more comfortable, friendlier, real world, and quieter, with less glitz.

Maybe in the middle land where travel costs are moderate because distances are not so long, there will be a more settled and work-like atmosphere. Oh, I am not dissing what has gone on in other years and other places, but various little birdies around my ear tell of a "different" show, if you permit me the term.

I know for fact that student efforts will see new emphasis and hooray for that. Baltimore was a valiant effort and had great results, but those in Indy have new and different plans, and seek to raise more interest and expose new directions and results. Perhaps this will be the new bar for future student/show efforts and allied yearlong efforts. We'll see!

Some will chase the little white ball, and will attend the minor league baseball games - usually those whose lives are somewhat removed from upper level professional ball. Some will stand in open mouth awe at the oval where the Indy 500 is run; some will travel to Columbus, a most intriguing story of modern/contemporary architecture, unique in concept and execution (some of the best architecture in the country by some of the most celebrated architects of years past).

Many will gather to be educated in some of the latest information - BIM, green construction, etc. Others will look to more mundane sessions on contract documents, etc. But each will find something of interest. (I wonder, too, what topics didn't make the cut, but that's another story.) What is to be presented will be well done, and informative.

Many will simply "meet and eat" (remember the old radio show of Duffy's Tavern where "the elite meet and eat"?). New electronic friends will suddenly be there, in the flesh, for arm pumping, hand squeezing, and close proximity cheek kissing. Some will marvel at weight loss; other will be silent on hair lost! But glad hearts all; war stories, traded experiences, mutual interest topics, and some of the greatest talk in the world - and yes, some of it may, just may, involve specs!!

See you there? Hope so! Remember though, some folks around are newer and don't have the lasting, over-the-years relationships, so check out the chest high name tags and find some new names you've heard of - or never heard of - and approach them. You might come away with new ideas, a new face to remember - and yet another new, good experience to tuck away - a gift from Indy!!!

Mid-June - be there!

Philosophy of an Awards Chairman

By Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT

Many people ask me what it takes to be the Awards Chair for a Chapter. The only things it really needs is a good sense of organization, a willingness to charge forward and put forth the nominations for awards, and some skill in the preparation of the nomination packages and the manipulation of words within those packages. Basically, be a good writer, be willing to see which category of an awards program the actions of individual or groups of Chapter Members fits in, and take the bull by the horns and get the packages done and submitted.

As the Vice-Chairman for the Region Awards Committee, I am committed to making the Gulf States Region the most "Awarded" Region in the Institute. What that takes, is good nomination packages which recognize our many outstanding Region Chapter Members. While I cannot write the packages for the entire Region, I can provide people with the knowledge and the tools whereby they can submit the packages and get the recognition where it is deserved. I would like to see the Gulf States Region take 25% or more of the awards given each and every year.

On the Chapter Level, I am looking for at least two to three Institute Level Award Nomination Packages, a minimum of three Region Nomination Packages and whole bunch of Chapter Nomination Packages for the work being done here by the talented and dedicated members of the Little Rock Chapter. What that means to you the member is that when I call for some information, I need you to respond and provide the information quickly and accurately so that we can then prepare the packages necessary and get them in by the deadlines.

So my philosophy is to get as many people recognized as possible, help the Little Rock Chapter and the Gulf States Region become the exception to the rule in awards, and to give every person we can, the just rewards for their efforts.

Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT

LRCSI Awards Chair—FY 2009

Happy Anniversary

Renewal Reminders

(for those who have not already renewed)

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May 2009—Region Conference in Ocean Springs, Mississippi



Keith West



Lori Hagen, Gilman Hu, Cindy Toney, and Kelly Phillips



Gulf Hills Hotel



Institute President Gilman Hu

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Phil McDade, Floyd Sterling, and Richard Cooper



Keith West and Michelle Christen



Doyle and Kelly Phillips



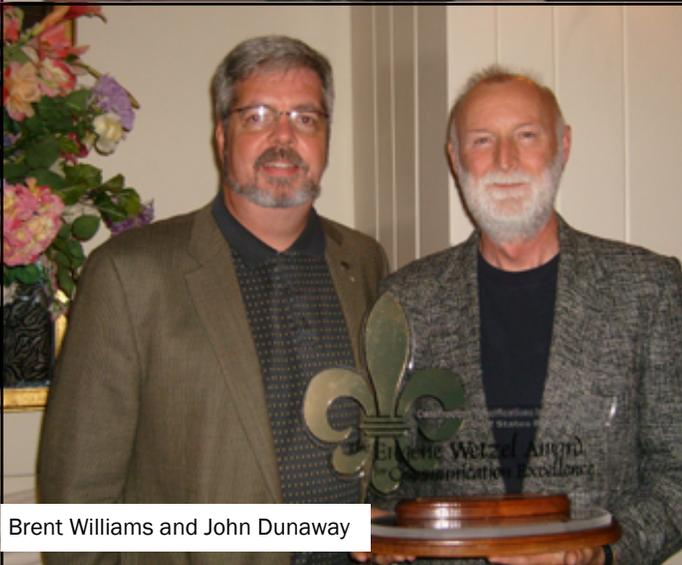
The Spectones



Doyle Phillips and Billy Mathis



Robert Swan and Keith West



Brent Williams and John Dunaway



The Eugene Wetsel Award



Michelle Christen, In-coming Institute President Mike Davis, and Lori Hagen



Cindy and Mike Toney

REGION CONFERENCE REPORTS (TO KEEP YOU INFORMED)

Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Several of your representatives (Little Rock Chapter officers and board members) attended the Region Conference in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. As is the tradition with our Chapter, and probably other Chapters as well, attendees report on the Seminars, meetings and presentations that are attended, so that the members of the Chapter, who don't attend, can be privy to the information and experience. Here are a few reports, (on this and next page). Others will, hopefully, follow in the next issue of this newsletter.

Gulf States Region Leadership Holds Annual Planning Session

Ocean Springs, MS was the location of the Gulf States Region planning session that took place May 14 – 15, 2009. The region officers and all committee chairs were encouraged to be present and provide their input. The purpose of the meeting was to review the progress of each of the committees during the past year and to set individual committee goals for the upcoming year.

This year all committees were represented except for fund raising and education. The region as a whole established the new goals for those committees. After breakout sessions were conducted on Thursday afternoon, all the individual committee goals were established.

On Friday morning the group established the overall goals for the region. These are the goals that apply specifically to all committees and chapters within the region. The past year was very successful in many regards, but it was determined that a lot more work needed to be done to continue to build upon the strength of the Gulf States Region.

We should all be very proud of the leadership that our region has at its helm. There are always opportunities to serve when you are ready to take that next step in your involvement with CSI. The more you get involved, the more you receive in return.

Doyle T. Phillips, CCCA, CPE, CPC
LRCSI Certification Chair – FY 2009
GSR Certification Chair – FY 2009 - 2010

Green Roof Education

Region Conference Report – “Green Roof Education” – Lori Hagen, CSI, CDT

Gulf States Region Conference was held in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, May 14th-16th. I attended the continuing education seminar, “Green Roof Education,” presented by John Robinson with Sika Sarafill Roofing Systems and the CSI Atlanta Chapter. He explained that Green Roofs are vegetated roofs or eco-roofs, which means thick layers of living plants that are installed on conventional roofs. He also explained the different types of green roofs, the advantages, and the components of green roofs. Another interesting thing that he mentioned was Electro-Field Vector Mapping, which is another way of testing for leaks, instead of performing a flood test. This was an interesting seminar to attend.

Lori Hagen, CSI, CDT
Vice President LRCSI
Programs and Table Top Chair—FY 2009

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Ocean Springs, Mississippi

Gulf States Proud.

For those of you who could not attend the Gulf States Region Conference, you missed an excellent set of programs and an outstanding Awards Banquet. As usual, the Little Rock Chapter was honored on several fronts. Please see below for the Awards Presented this year. When you see one of these individuals, please let them know how proud you are of their accomplishments.

Bishop Award

Mike Davis- Chattanooga

Eugene Wetzel Award

John Dunaway- Mississippi

Certificate of Appreciation

Billy Mathis- Little Rock

Mark Edds - Little Rock

Continuing Education

Robin Vasa- Chattanooga

Special Programs

Mississippi Chapter

Continuing Publication

Cynthia Toney - Little Rock

Cindi Brooks - Chattanooga

Special Publications

Chuck Bryd- Mississippi

Chapter Membership Awards

Knoxville – Largest Student Membership Increase, Largest Overall Increase, Largest Percentage Increase

Little Rock – Largest Non-Student Membership Increase

Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT
Awards Chair—FY 2009

Region Board Meeting

The Region board meeting was held May 15th in Ocean Springs, Mississippi. The meeting was lead by President Keith West with Vice President Robert Swan at his side.

Floyd Sterling moved we establish a Region scholarship program which was passed unanimously.

The big topic of the meeting, and entire weekend, was the Governance issue. It was brought before the board for us to vote to elect Kevin Corkern as Region president and Floyd Sterling vice president. This motion was due to the fact the new Institute structure provides VP Robert Swan with new Institute duties thus vacating leadership for the Region. Needless to say, this was a very hot topic for most in the room. The board agreed it would be best for the Region to proceed accordingly, however it was also agreed this was an important issue that really should be taken before the membership. It was then things became interesting. We could vote to proceed with membership in attendance or overall membership when we returned home.

I felt this was an important issue that should have been addressed and finalized so the Region could move forward. This is a move and change that will have to take place and we had two qualified candidates stepping up for leadership. This was an example of democracy at work. The board was wanting to take the lead, however the concern of not allowing the membership to know what was taking place, seemed most important.

I'm sure this will again be addressed in August. Make yourself aware of the Institute changes coming and let your new president know your thoughts and concerns.

Kelly Phillips, CSI
President, LRCSI

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