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**JANUARY 2010 CHAPTER MEETING**

**Joint meeting with ASHRAE Arkansas**  
**ACT 1494-Energy Code for State Agencies and Higher Education**



**Date:** Wednesday, January 6, 2010  
**Location:** Camp Aldersgate  
**Time:** 11:30 am **Lunch** and Meeting  
**Seminar** 12:00 pm Seminar  
**Cost:** \$20 Lunch and Seminar

Learning Units: 1 PDH (certificates attainable for AIA LU and CSI)

**ACT 1494—Energy Code for State Agencies and Higher Education**

This month's presentation will be given by Ed Ellis with the Arkansas Energy Office. He will discuss the ACT 1494 (energy code for state agencies and higher education).

The speaker for the technical session will be Mike McClellan with Trane Arkansas concerning updates in the Arkansas Mechanical Code.

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**CAMP ALDERSGATE IS LOCATED AT**  
**2000 ALDERSGATE ROAD**  
**LITTLE ROCK**

**We will meet in the Commons Center—a wood and stone building behind the Administration Building**

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# JANUARY PROGRAM AT CAMP ALDERSGATE

## Directions to Camp Aldersgate:

From downtown take 630 to Shackelford—turn left.

Turn left on Kanis Road.

2nd Right on Aldersgate.



## NOTE FROM BILLY MATHIS—AWARDS:

January 15, 2010—Deadline for the Institute Awards and the Region Bishop Award. The remaining Region Awards are all due March 1, 2010. For more information on available Region and Institute Awards contact:

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## Academic Affairs

by Kiem Kirkpatrick, CSI, CCCA

Five UALR Students have applied for one available paid intern position. The firm may consider taking on more than one intern.

If your firm is interested in hiring an intern, please contact Kiem Kirkpatrick at [kkirkpatrick@tme corp.com](mailto:kkirkpatrick@tme corp.com).

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### CINDY TONEY, CSI, CDT, LEED AP

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all of you !

The Little Rock Chapter of CSI has had a great 2009 thanks to our members, committee chairs, committee members, officers, and board members. Hopefully this positive growth and success will flow into 2010 and beyond.

Our membership drive at Murry's Dinner Playhouse in October was a hit. We had several new members sign up and we are so excited to have them on-board. Further along in this newsletter you will find some of the new members and a little information about them, thanks to Kay Young, our new Membership Chair, who has done wonders with the Membership Committee, with lots of new ideas like featuring new members in the newsletter. ...so when you see them at the next meeting, please introduce yourselves and welcome them warmly. We've also had other new members join sporadically throughout this past year, as well as student members, and we hope to highlight them in the upcoming months.



Our next meeting will be held jointly with ASHRAE Arkansas. ASHRAE has set up a great program at Camp Aldersgate, which will be given by Ed Ellis with the Arkansas Energy Office on the ACT 1494 (energy code for state agencies and higher education). The technical program will be given by Mike McClellan with Trane Arkansas regarding updates in the mechanical code. The meal will be catered by Whole Hog Café.

In February we will look forward to a new direction for CSI Institute, in regards to voting - your votes will be taken online. For those of you who do not have an email address listed at CSI Institute, there will be hard copies mailed. If you do have an email address listed with them, please check to see if the email address they have for you is correct. You can contact any one of the officers to assist you in this.

Keep your eyes open for Scholarship and Award opportunities with the Little Rock Chapter, as well as Region and Institute. There's a plethora of information and opportunities out there for those who take the time to obtain it.

See you at the next Chapter Monthly Meeting !

Cindy Toney, President Little Rock Chapter FY 09/10



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## Curmudgeon's Corner; Return on Investment

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCA CCA

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*maintain: to keep in an existing state of repair; to preserve from failure or decline*

To celebrate our sixtieth birthdays, my wife and I took a three-week vacation in Germany and Italy, beginning in mid-September. Before that, our foreign travel had been limited to a trip to Puerto Morelos, Mexico in 1998 and a CSI/CSC convention in Winnipeg in 2006. Our longest vacation had been ten days, so this was quite the adventure for us.

One of the major contributing factors was my work schedule. For the first time in the last thirty years, there was a hole! Despite the economy, I had been working overtime, so to see a couple of weeks with nothing scheduled was a bit of a shock. Hmm, what to do? Work anyway, and lose the vacation time? Stay home and try to catch those pesky gophers? Or - hey! here's an idea - do something you've talked about doing for twenty years!

And so, in just a few weeks, we planned our trip. At first we were going to play it safe and take a short trip to England, but we quickly decided to make the most of the opportunity; we added a third week and began planning a tour of the continent. Our list of cities continually expanded and shrank as we alternately added interesting sites, then cut things to avoid the "if it's Tuesday it must be Belgium" syndrome.

We were a great team, both in planning and execution. We split the itinerary, with Linda focusing on Italy and I on Germany. Once we had that more or less settled, she worked more on accommodations, while I worked on transportation. By the time we left, we knew where we were going and when, with one exception - but that's another story.

The weather could hardly have been better. We had one misty morning in Immenstaad, and light drizzle on our last day, in Limburg. Otherwise, all sun and light breeze, enhanced with the occasional glass of wine. We relied primarily on rail transportation, with a couple of bus trips and a few cruises thrown in for variety. I can't say enough about the rail system, especially in Germany; there was no comparison with my Amtrak experiences. In short, it was as perfect a trip as I can imagine.

Of the many remarkable things we saw, the most pervasive was the sheer age of the buildings and artifacts. Coming from a country just over two hundred years old, I couldn't help but think about the fact that every place we went had a history many hundreds of years longer than ours. It was an odd sensation, sitting in a restaurant that was doing business long before Columbus set foot on North America. In Pommern, Germany, we toured a winery that had been in the same family since 1610. In both Germany and Italy, we saw countless buildings that were centuries old, yet still in use today.

In some areas, I was struck by the apparently poor condition of buildings that were not in obviously poor areas. The paint was peeling, the roofs were damaged, and some had holes in the walls. Yet there they stood, still serviceable after hundreds of years. The secret of their longevity? They were built of stone, concrete, and plaster.

In many parts of Italy, I was amazed by the countless terraces built to allow agriculture on the steep slopes. In a dark, lower-level room in Rio Maggiore, I found a room-sized museum that showed how the terraces were built. While most of the masonry construction we are familiar with uses manufactured masonry units and mortar, the terraces I walked among were built of dry-stacked, rough-cut stone. This method of construction requires both the meanest grunt labor and sophisticated artistry; the mason had to carry each stone to its location on a steep hill (often 70 degrees), then choose the right combination of stones that would produce a stable wall with a relatively smooth, planar surface. According to the information I was able to find, the terraces in this area contain more than ten million cubic yards of stone. (For an aerial tour of this area, go to <http://snipurl.com/tdkfq>. The scenes of Manarola and Rio Maggiore include a good view of the terraces surrounding those cities.)

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## Curmudgeon's Corner; Return on Investment

CONTINUED FROM PREVIOUS PAGE  
by *Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCA CCA*

Although logic tells us our world is built on the past - the inspiration, artistry, genius, and brute labor of our predecessors - it's easy to forget what has gone before and accept everything we see as normal. If we occasionally took the time to reflect on the wonders around us, or the long chain of events that led to their creation, we might better appreciate what we have, and plan better for the future.

It's interesting to consider what I saw in the context of "sustainable" design. I'm pretty sure the Europeans weren't terribly concerned about sustainability, yet they built cities that survived to this day with essentially no maintenance. Not that they necessarily had that in mind, but when you build with stone, you're building for the long haul! Those ancient structures have proven to be impervious to all but the worst disasters, and it hasn't mattered that someone forgot to paint them for a few years - or a few hundred. They also demonstrate the recyclability of stone; many a castle has contributed material for the construction of a newer building.

Unfortunately, stone buildings can't be built fast enough, and they require too much labor to be affordable in today's world. Modern construction relies heavily on complex technology for production of materials and labor-saving equipment, and for maintenance and operation of building systems. Our challenge is to create materials and systems that make better use of existing resources, require little maintenance, and will either last a very long time or be easily reused or recycled. Instead of designing for performance on the day of occupancy, we must evaluate the total cost of each material and system, including maintenance and replacement, and base our decisions on the life cycle cost of the entire facility.

Without maintenance, I wonder, how many twentieth century cities would be intact and in use a thousand years from now?

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## Board Meeting Minutes November 2009 Meeting

### NOVEMBER 09 BOARD MEETING

#### SUMMARY OF MINUTES

Academic Affairs, Awards, Education, Media Promotion, Programs, Table Tops: No reports.

Certification: Certification classes will be held on Saturdays in February and March.

Membership: We have 10 new members! Kay Young plans on having an article in the newsletter each month featuring a new member.

Fundraising/Golf: We are finalizing the numbers from the golf tournament.

Planning/Operating Guide: The committee is meeting and revising the Operating Guide.

Newsletter: Cindy Toney needs help folding and applying mailing tabs and bulk mail postage.

Technical: Karl Hansen sent an article for the next newsletter.

Website: Mark Edds will update the website with the new members.

Leadership Meeting: Billy Mathis submitted a Leadership Meeting Guide to be included in the Operating Guide to the Operating Guide Committee.

Storage of Archives: The board is reviewing options for storage of archives.

Insurance: Veronica Lilly discussed options for insurance of the board members.

Bulk Mail: Permit has been established and is ready to go.

Scholarship Committee has been established.

Finance Committee: Members are Clark Wood and Lori Hagen.

Awards: Suggestions for new awards should be sent to Melinda Jester.

Institute Webinar: New webinar presented by the Institute on new financial guidelines.

Approved Nominations for Institute Awards: Michelle Christen—Robert P. Brosseau; Doyle Phillips—Hans Meier; Little Rock Chapter—Outstanding Chapter Commendation; Cynthia Toney—Continuing Publication.

Approved Nominations for Region Awards: Michelle Christen—Robert Bishop; Billy Mathis—Publication Award for the Special Event Guide.

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# TECHNICAL TOPICS

## BY KARL HANSON, CSI, CCS, CCCA

**CALIFORNIA GREEN BUILDING STANDARDS CODE SERVES AS KEY RESOURCE FOR NEW INTERNATIONAL CODE**

REPRINT—NEWS RELEASE  
DATED September 15, 2009

California's first-in-the-nation Green Building Standards Code will help guide new green code regulations for commercial buildings worldwide. The International Code Council has announced it is developing a new code for commercial buildings entitled the International Green Construction Code, and will use the current California Green Building Standards Code as a key reference document.

"California continues to lead the nation and the world in protecting the environment and fighting climate change," said Governor Schwarzenegger. "I am proud that our efforts to reduce energy consumption and carbon output serve as an example for the rest of the nation and the world, and I applaud the International Code Council for recognizing that we must take action now to fight global warming."

A committee of twenty-nine experts, including Dave Walls, the Executive Director of the California Building Standards Commission, will meet throughout 2009 to draft the International Green Construction Code which will be presented for public comment in the Spring of 2010 with publication for adoption in 2012.

ICC Chief Executive Officer Richard P. Weiland said, "California frequently leads the nation on innovation, and we expect that their Green Building Standards Code will provide a key resource as we develop the IGCC for national and international usage. The IGCC is an important new opportunity for state and local governments to adopt a regulatory framework that will assist everyone from architects and builders through the code officials who will need to enforce its provisions."

The International Code Council published the California code earlier this year, and it went into effect on August 1, 2009. The ICC plans to conduct training in the state and provide exams for professional development around the California Green Building Standards Code.

"We know that jurisdictions like California are already utilizing their new state code to address the same concerns about ensuring green construction practices that will truly promote a sustainable work environment," said Weiland.

In 2008, the Governor announced the adoption of the country's first statewide Green Building Standards Code by the California Building Standards Commission. The adopted 2008 code is currently a voluntary standard and will become mandatory in the 2010 code.

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Reprinted from: International Code Council News Release dated September 15, 2009.

[http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/News Releases/0915\\_California.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/News_Releases/0915_California.pdf)

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# New Member Spotlight (new members from membership drive)

By Kay Young, CSI, CDT, Membership Chair

Our membership campaign this year was a roaring success with 10 new members! We all enjoyed the night at Murry's Dinner Theatre of fun and fellowship. Every CSI member is on the membership committee that is why this drive was so successful. Thank you to Doyle Phillips, Michelle Christen, Cindy Toney, Jan Sanders, Ken Hunt, Billy Mathis, Melinda Jester, Kay Young and Sally Bowen for promoting CSI. **Say hello to our new members!**

## Laura Kirk-Archway Graphic Designs



Laura Kirk

I have been with Archway Graphic Designs since 2001 when I joined the team as a part-time bookkeeper. Since then I moved into a full-time position as the office manager, estimator and now in my current position as Project Manager. I have had the opportunity to work on several high profile projects, including Mount Magazine State Lodge, ADEM – Arkansas Department of Emergency Management, ADEQ – Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality and River Market Tower and played a key role in developing our architectural sign division and promoting the new division and products in the architectural community. I have my Arkansas Real Estate license and worked as a Realtor from 2005 – 2007. I have been married for 18 years to Jason Kirk and we have two children, Brandon, 15, and Hayley, 10. We live in the country about 30 minutes south of Little Rock where until five years ago we owned and operated, with my father, a 2500 acre farm. I am on the committee for American Cancer Society's Relay for Life and volunteer several times a year at fundraisers for Camp Aldersgate.

## Bart Lusk- Archway Graphic Designs

I am a 1999 graduate of Little Rock Catholic High. I graduated from Ole Miss in 2003 with an art degree and a minor in business. After returning to Little Rock, I started working for Oxford Graphics as t-shirt designer. I eventually took over the graphic design and production management for their large format printing department. At the beginning of 2006 I moved to Archway Graphic Designs where I am currently the graphic designer and production manager. I have been married to my wife; Leigh, since 2005 and we had our first child, Olivia, in August of 2009.



Bart Lusk



Lakisha and Curtis Lee

## Curtis Lee - AMEC Earth & Environmental, Inc.

I am a 29 year old native of Baton Rouge. My wife, Lakisha, and I moved to Little Rock in 2005. While receiving a degree in Construction Management from UALR, I did kitchen and bath remodels as a licensed general contractor. I am the Construction Manager Onsite Superintendent for AMEC at the Little Rock Air Force Base Medical Clinic. In my spare time we enjoy traveling, outdoor activities and remodeling.

## Mark Foreman - Hilti Corporation

I am a Fastening and Protection Engineer for the Hilti Corporation covering Oklahoma, Arkansas and parts of Missouri. My wife, Lynette, and I live in Tulsa, OK and have two children, Andrew and Abby. I am a graduate of The University of Alabama in Birmingham, with a degree in Civil Engineering. I am also a member of the Tulsa Chapter of CSI. I enjoy outdoor activities including hiking, camping and fishing.



Mark Foreman



Jerome Sorensen

## Jerome Sorensen, AIA, LEED AP—WER Architects

I am a licensed architect originally from the metropolitan Detroit, MI area. I graduated with a Bachelors and Masters degrees from Lawrence Technological University in Southfield, MI. My background is strongly rooted in the construction administration and coordination of the SMEP design trades with architectural into the construction documents. I moved to Little Rock in May of 2009 to head the Construction Administration department at Witsell Evans Rasco Architects Planners. I have interests in sustainability, historic rehabilitation and antiquities.

## New Member Spotlight (new members from membership drive)

By Kay Young, CSI, CDT, Membership Chair



Brandon Baird

### Brandon Baird – Southwest Solutions Group

I have been involved with space efficient storage planning and workflow designs for the past 5 years. I have been a space consultant for Southwest Solutions Group in Little Rock since 2007. Southwest Solutions Group is your local representative for the Spacesaver Corporation and can provide turnkey assistance with AutoCAD drawings and specifications. Spacesaver is the largest mobile high-density manufacturer in the U.S.

I graduated from the University of Texas at Arlington with a degree in marketing in 2005. I am very active in the community and church with my wife Heather and daughter Sarah.

### Buck Van Hooser – Prestressed Casting Company

My wife Kathryn and I live in Springfield, MO. I have one daughter, Antoinette Martin, & one son, Carson. Kathy has one son, Justin. All three are married and two have given us our 2 grandchildren. Kathy lost a beautiful daughter, Jennifer, a few years ago. Kathy is deploying on her 4<sup>th</sup> tour of duty to the Middle East. She is a Chief in the Naval Reserves and serves proudly. I attended Drury University in the mid-70s in business, economics and marketing. I am the business developer for Prestressed Casting covering the states of AR & MO. Cruiser, our Yellow Lab, has trained with the FEMA Canine Search and Rescue unit attached to the Nebraska Task Force. Unfortunately, we are not able to commit the time that it requires to be certified so we provide support to grow and maintain the certified training site that is based in Willard, MO. I am very active in my community and spend a lot of time outdoors, bicycling, motorcycling and sailing. I am honored to be a member of the Little Rock chapter of CSI.



Buck Van Hooser and Cruiser Van Hooser



Mike Gilbert

### Mike Gilbert - Gilcon, LLC

I attended the University of Southwestern Louisiana and Delgado College. At Delgado I received an associate of Applied Science degree (2yr) in Civil Engineering Technology. After moving to Arkansas from New Orleans in 1993, I married my wife Cathy in August of 1994. I have worked for SSI, CDI and May Construction in Arkansas. I started Gilcon in January of 2009 after leaving May Construction. Gilcon, LLC provides independent owner representation on construction projects, working with subcontractors and contractors to assist in dispute resolution. I like to play golf and more golf!

### Fred Wright- Sherwin Williams

I am a Central Arkansas native. I graduated from University of Central Arkansas and have been with Sherwin Williams for 25 years. I cover the state of Arkansas as their commercial coating representative. My wife Jana and I live in Little Rock with our two sons, Jacob and Joshua, who are attending UALR. I love golf!

### Dave Robertson Jr.- Prestressed Casting Company

I have over 20 years experience in the precast industry, working as a Project Coordinator, Estimator, and Technical Advisor for the use of Precast/Prestressed products in commercial construction. My current focus is on technical advice for using precast during early design phases, and implementation of sustainable practices utilizing the LEED system. I also currently serve on the Ozarks Technical Community College Workforce Advisory Board, on several committees for the Springfield Contractors Association, and am the current President of the Springfield Contractors Association.



Dave Robertson

## Certification Preparatory Courses—CDT and CCA

By Jonathan Lowrey, CSI, CDT

The Little Rock Chapter of CSI is proud to announce the upcoming 2010 Certification preparatory courses.

As a member of CSI and holder of a CDT, I can assure you that this is the most effective way to enhance your overall knowledge of construction related documents, the form and function of these documents, and the contractual relationships between the Owner, Architect, Contractor, and Subcontractors.

The courses are instructed by the very best that the local industry has to offer including: Architects, College Professors, Engineers and Contractors.

\*Construction Document Technologist preparatory courses will be held on the following Saturdays: Feb. 6<sup>th</sup>, Feb. 20<sup>th</sup>, March 6<sup>th</sup>, and March 20<sup>th</sup>

\*For those with a CDT, the Certified Construction Contract Administrator preparatory courses will be held on the following Saturdays: January 30<sup>th</sup>, February 13<sup>th</sup>, February 27<sup>th</sup> and March 13<sup>th</sup>

The exam will be administered the week of March 29<sup>th</sup> through April 3<sup>rd</sup> at a local Prometric testing center.

So if you know of someone who wants to enhance his or her career, then please don't hesitate to take part in this wonderful opportunity offered by the local CSI chapter.

Early Exam registration is offered at the CSI website at [csinet.org](http://csinet.org) under the certification tab.

If you have any questions or would like to know more please don't hesitate to contact:

Jonathan Lowrey	<a href="mailto:jlowrey@baldwinshell.com">jlowrey@baldwinshell.com</a>
Doyle Phillips	<a href="mailto:dphillips@baldwinshell.com">dphillips@baldwinshell.com</a>
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\*Please note that the Preparatory Course is a separate cost in addition to registration for the Exam.



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## Education Corner

By Michael Sanders, CSI, CCS, CCCA, MAI, LRCSI Education Chair  
Doyle Phillips, CSI, CCCA, CPE, LRCSI Certification Chair

### THE LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE PRESENTS

#### Seminar Series 1

#### “CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT FUNDAMENTALS AND FORMATS”

(completely revised for 2010!!)

The Little Rock Chapter CSI (LRCSI) will sponsor Seminar Series 1 of the Construction Practice Series: Documentation, Representation, and Administration, entitled “Construction Document Fundamentals And Formats”, which is scheduled to begin February 6, 2010. Classes will meet every other Saturday (**Feb. 6, Feb. 20, Mar. 6 & Mar. 20**) on the campus of UALR, ETAS Building Room 233, from 8:00am to 3:30pm. The registration cost for the complete seminar series is \$195.00 (\$150.00 for LRCSI Members) and includes seminar handouts. (The Project Resource Manual must be purchased separately.) Each daily seminar may also be attended individually for continuing education purposes. The registration cost for each individual Saturday session (6 credit hours each) is \$75.00.

This seminar series is excellent as a study aid for the CDT Examination. It also provides basic employee training in construction documentation, formats, and the life-cycle process, and is also an informative Continuing Education offering.

24 educational contact hours are available (24 AIA LU HSW, 24 PDH, 24 CEH, 2.4 CEU)

#### Seminar Series 4

#### “BASIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION”

The Little Rock Chapter CSI (LRCSI) will sponsor Seminar Series 4 of the Construction Practice Series: Documentation, Representation, and Administration, entitled “Basic Construction Contract Administration”, which is scheduled to begin January 30, 2010. Classes will meet every other Saturday (**Jan. 30, Feb. 10, Feb. 27 & Mar. 13**) on the campus of UALR, ETAS Building Room 233, from 8:00am to approx. 3:30pm. The registration cost for the complete seminar series is \$195.00 (\$150.00 for LRCSI Members) and includes seminar handouts. (The Project Resource Manual is available to be purchased separately.) Each daily seminar may also be attended individually for continuing education purposes. The registration cost for each individual Saturday session (approx. 6 credit hours each) is \$75.00.

This seminar series is excellent as a study aid for the CCCA Examination. It also provides basic employee training in the construction contract administration process, and is also an informative Continuing Education offering.

24 educational contact hours are available (24 AIA LU HSW, 24 PDH, 24 CEH, 2.4 CEU)

For further information and/or registration forms contact:

**Michael L. Sanders**, CSI, CCS, CCCA, MAI; LRCSI Education Chair at 501-514-2791,  
([S2KMichael@conwaycorp.net](mailto:S2KMichael@conwaycorp.net)), or

**Doyle T. Phillips**, CSI, CCCA, CPE; LRCSI Certification Chair at 501-374-8677, [dphillips@baldwinshell.com](mailto:dphillips@baldwinshell.com)



# The Construction Specifications Institute

## NOMINATION FOR THE GULF STATES REGION STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP



### Statistical and Supporting Information

#### *Instructions:*

**The deadline for submission of the application will be March 1, 2010.**

Applications will be addressed to the Gulf State Region President:

Robert B. Swan, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA  
Mathes Brierre Architects  
201 Saint Charles Ave Ste 4100  
New Orleans, LA 70170-4100  
Tel. (504) 586-9303

E-mail the application, in PDF format, to the Gulf States Region Awards Chairman:

Mr. Bruce Martin  
[bmartin@dillardconstruction.com](mailto:bmartin@dillardconstruction.com)

It shall be the responsibility to the applicant to ensure that the application was properly transmitted and received by the awards chairman.

*Provide statistical information and supported documents listed on this form. Attach additional pages as necessary. Sequence information as follows:*

1. **Nominee's full name**
2. **Nominee's address, phone and e-mail**
3. **Nominee's date of birth**
4. **Nominee's institute of higher learning and address**
5. **Nominee's curriculum major and year of study**
6. **Nominee's grade point average and point scale**
7. **Faculty member's full name and department**
8. **List honors, awards, achievements, CSI participation, and other attainments of the nominee**
9. **Attach an original typewritten 500- to 750-word essay on ONE of the following topics:**
  - a. **Design as it relates to the development of construction documents**
  - b. **How does the quality of construction documents relate to the constructor or the construction process?**
  - c. **What is the role of construction documents as defined by the Project Resource Manual – CSI Manual of Practice, in improving quality of the construction process?**
10. **Attach an original typewritten letter, signed by the Nominee, certifying: that the essay is the work of the nominee; that nominee has at least one year of school remaining before graduation; and that nominee releases essay for publication by CSI.**

# Guidelines for 2010 Student Scholarship in the Gulf States Region

The Gulf States Region Student Scholarship has been established to present a one time monetary disbursement to a college student attending a college, university or vo-technical college within the Gulf States Region.

The scholarship's first presentation will take place in fiscal year 2010.

## Purpose:

The purpose of the scholarship is to aid and assist a student with their financial needs while attending college.

## Requirements:

Any student attending a university, college or vo-technical school within the area defined as part of the Gulf States Region may qualify. The student must be classified to be in their junior or senior year or within two years of finishing their education, but have at least one year of school remaining. The student must be majoring in a construction related curriculum.

Whereas membership in CSI is not required, it is highly recommended.

## Advertisement:

The scholarship competition will be advertised through all the region chapter presidents and chapter academic affairs chairman, in turn it will be their responsibility to get the word out to the schools within their area.

## Award:

The recipient will be presented a one time cash award in the amount of \$500.00.

## In addition:

The student will be given a one year student membership into CSI.

The Region will invite and pay for registration and two (2) nights of hotel to attend the Gulf States Region annual meeting in the spring where the scholarship will be presented to them at the annual awards and recognition dinner.

## Submission:

The guidelines for the scholarship will follow those set forth in the Dale C. Moll Student Activity Fund. (see attached)

**The deadline for submission of the application will be March 1, 2010.** The application will be addressed to the Region President, but submitted to the Awards Chairman, where it will be distributed to those people on the selection committee.

## Address to:

Region President 2010:  
Robert B. Swan, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA  
Mathes Brierre Architects  
201 Saint Charles Ave Ste 4100  
New Orleans, LA 70170-4100  
Tel. (504) 586-9303

## E-Mail to:

Gulf States Region Awards Chairman  
Mr. Bruce Martin  
[bmartin@dillardconstruction.com](mailto:bmartin@dillardconstruction.com)

It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to ensure the application is properly transmitted and received by the awards chairman.

## Selection:

The selection committee shall be made up of a committee consisting of the Region President, Region Vice President, Region Academic Affairs Chairman and the Region Academic Affairs Vice Chairman.

After reviewing the applications, each selection committee member will then rank each submittal as first, second or third with points being assigned to those three levels of ranking. First ranking equals 3 points, second equals 2 points and third equals 1 point. The application with the most total points will be the recipient of the scholarship. In the event of a tie in total points, the Region President will have the final say.

The decision of the committee will be final.

## Presentation:

The presentation of the scholarship will be made at the awards dinner at the annual region meeting to be held on April 16, 2010.

The submission of the selected recipient will be displayed at the meeting as well.

**END OF GUIDELINES**

## 2010 Gulf States Region CSI Competition

The Gulf States Region CSI Competition recognizes and rewards technical excellence in written construction documentation and other categories related to Construction. You may enter "anything" that is related to Construction. Previous entries have included books, books on CD, computer programs, documentation of the work of a Mexican Architect, animated walk-throughs, Historic Surveys and even a town plaza. Look at what other participants have accomplished in the past 7 years:

<b>281</b>	<b>Entries</b>
<b>46</b>	<b>Honor Awards</b>
<b>171</b>	<b>Total Awards</b>

We are especially excited about opening our competition to "students" again this year and judging them along with all other entries (see below). ***Remember, you can't win if you don't enter!***

To see some of the winners from the 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2009 Gulf States Region CSI Competitions, go to:

<http://earchitect.tripod.com/competiton/index.html>

### **2010 Gulf States CSI COMPETITION CATEGORIES:**

- **CATEGORY A - Project Manuals:**

*Requirements:* Three (3) copies of each entry. Limit one free entry per person in this category. Additional entries are \$75 each.

- **CATEGORY B - Manufacturer's Product Binders:**

*Requirements:* Three (3) copies of each entry. Limit one entry per person in this category.

- **CATEGORY C - Outline Specifications, Short Form Specifications, & Preliminary Project Descriptions:**

*Requirements:* Three (3) copies of each entry. Limit one free entry per person in this category. Additional entries are \$75 each.

- **CATEGORY W - Models:**

*Requirements:* At least three (3) photographs each of the overall model, one or two details; and a check for \$75\* with each entry.

- **CATEGORY X - Renderings:**

*Requirements:* Submit one copy of each rendering and a check for \$75\* with each entry.

- **CATEGORY Y - Websites:**

May be a website for an individual, a design firm, a manufacturer, an association, or an organization. *Requirements:* Submit a one page letter giving the URL any other information you would like the judges to consider and a check for \$75\* with each entry.

- **CATEGORY Z - Other Presentations and Creative Ideas:**

May be anything you are proud of and would like to share with the design community that does not fit the other categories, from a report to an animated walk through, as simple as a building detail or as complicated as a well-presented design-build proposal, or as unusual as software to automatically co-ordinate CAD and specifications.

MAY NOT BE the design of an entire building (there are design awards for this type of entry) or a complete set of working drawings.

*Requirements:* Three (3) copies and a check for \$75\* with each entry. Call if the entry is not a printed document or is more than 100 pages.

### **STUDENTS:**

Students are encouraged to enter any work they have done. Student entries will be judged along with all other entries. The project can be hypothetical. If there are 5 or more student entries, there will be a cash award of \$250.00 for the best student entry. If 12 or more students enter, there will be an additional second place award of \$150.00. A student's work in a team project is acceptable (include a note of exactly what you did along with the names and addresses of the other team members).

\* = The first entry (in Categories W, X, Y, and Z) for each student is free and each additional entry is \$25 (in lieu of \$75). A student must be registered at a University in pursuit of a professional degree.

### **AWARD LEVELS:**

- **Honor Award:** CSI's highest award, recognizing outstanding achievement.
- **Honorable Mention:** Exceptional entries with limited deficiencies.
- **Merit Award:** Entries that use new or unusual approaches or handle specific conditions in a particularly effective manner.

### **GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

- The Competition is open to everyone – membership in CSI is not required.
- Entries in Categories A, B, and C must have been produced after January 1, 2009. Entries in Categories W, X, Y, and Z do not have a time limit.
- **Deadline for submittals is a Monday, February 15, 2010 (postmark).**
- Where applicable (see detailed requirements above) enclose a check payable to "Gulf States Region CSI." Multiple entries will be accepted.
- Decision of the judges will be final.
- Entries will not be returned. CSI GSR will not be responsible for lost or damaged entries.
- Winning entries will receive one award framed certificate. Additional certificates and frames are available for a nominal fee.
- Awards will be presented at the Awards Banquet of the 2010 Gulf States Region Conference in Shreveport (date TBA).

SUBMIT ENTRIES BY MAIL OR DELIVERY SERVICE TO:

**GSR-CSI Competition  
Chris Young, Performance Architecture  
650 Poydras St., Suite 2800  
New Orleans, LA 70130**

If you have a question, call Chris at 504-799-3009 or email him at: [young@perfarch.com](mailto:young@perfarch.com)

**Chris Young, CSI, CCS, NCARB  
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