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**JOINT MEETING WITH USGBC  
MARCH 2010 CHAPTER MEETING  
SUSTAINING GREEN: WHAT ARE THE TRENDS?**



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**Date:** Tuesday, March 9, 2010  
**Location:** [Next Level Events](#)  
**Time:** 11:30 am Lunch and Meeting  
**Seminar** 12:00 pm Presentation  
**Cost:** \$20 Lunch and Seminar  
\$10 Seminar only

**Learning Units: 1 AIA LU HSW, 1 PDH, 1 CEH, 0.1 CEU**

The March Monthly Meeting will be held jointly with U.S. Green Building Counsel. The presentation will be given by Ms. Kirby Davis with LATICRETE International.

**Program Information:**

Do you consider yourself to be a knowledgeable green building professional? In this complicated and rapidly changing arena, it is difficult to stay apprised of all the trends. Most people find it very challenging to cut through the green haze and determine the facts versus the marketing hype. With every passing second there seems to be a new discovery that might be drastically changing the world of green building. Add to that the fact that sustainability is a global issue, and the sum total is 1000's of issues that are swirled together in a big green knot. This fun and fact filled CEU is designed to help pull through a few of the major driving threads from that knot. The CEU begins with a global overview of architectural trends in green building, rating systems and standards development. The world of building product certification is discussed and resources are identified. A brief history of green building laws in the US is then presented with a focus on how they are affecting the green building rating systems.

Program Information Provided by Speaker - Sustaining Green: What Are the Trends Insert, Laticrete International (J-037)

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Please RSVP by NOON ON FRIDAY, March 5, 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Board	4	5	6 CDT Class
7	8	9 CSI Monthly Meeting	10	11	12	13 CCCA Class
14	15 Specwork Articles Due	16 Reg. Conf. Hotel Reg. Deadline	17	18	19	20 CDT Class
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 CCCA Class
28	29 CDT/CCCA Exam	30 CDT/CCCA Exam	31 CDT/CCCA Exam	Reg. Conf. Early Reg. Deadline		

**FEBRUARY 2010 BOARD MEETING-SUMMARY OF MINUTES**  
 Submitted by Lori Hagen, CSI President-Elect 2009-2010

**Certification/Education:** It was reported classes would be starting February 6<sup>th</sup>. The schedule of classes was revised due to the weather.

**Regional Conference:** Scheduled in April/Shreveport: Contact President Cynthia Toney if you plan to attend.

**National Conference:** Scheduled in May/Philadelphia: Contact President Cynthia Toney if you plan to attend.

**Newsletter:** It was reported that Laura Kirk is the new Editor for the Spec Work Newsletter.

**Nominating Committee:** It was presented the Board the Proposed Slate of Officers for the 2010-2011 Board. It was voted and passed of the Proposed Slate of Officers for the 2010-2011 Board. The Slate of Nominations will be presented at the March Chapter Meeting to the Chapter. Nominations from the floor will be called and the Chapter will vote on the Slate of Nominees.

**Institute Elections:** The electronic ballots were sent out today. It included proposed bylaw changes and board positions.

**Billing:** It was voted and passed to move toward a cash/credit process and no billings for chapter meetings or golf tournaments. The President will present the proposed change at the upcoming meetings. It will not go into effect until the August Chapter Meeting.



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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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

Well the snow storm managed to get the best of our February monthly meeting however, our guest speaker, Steve Jordan with Paperless Environments, has graciously agreed to move his presentation to a later meeting this Spring.

On Tuesday March 9th, we will have our first joint meeting with U. S. Green Building Council. The presentation will be given by Kirby Davis, with Laticrete International, on how to specify ceramic and stone tile within the "green" environment. Since many projects are moving in that direction, this will be a good one for all of us to attend and learn.

On April 16th and 17th, the Gulf States Region Conference will be held in Shreveport, Louisiana, hosted by the CSI Shreveport Chapter. We have included a registration form in this newsletter for those of you who would like to attend the conference, as well as the golf tournament on Friday morning. Please let me know if you are interested in attending so we can divvy up the funds to help defray the cost for those attending. We will need an accurate head-count by March 15th.

We must not forget the National Conference coming up May 11 - 14, 2010. The conference has been moved up a month from it's typical June date. It will be held in Philadelphia, at the Pennsylvania Convention Center. You can find more information at: <http://www.csinet.org>.

We have a slate of officer/director nominations that will be presented to the membership at the March monthly meeting, however, if you are interested in a position, or know of someone who is, please let us know.

By now you have received your ballots from CSI at the Institute level. If you have not voted, please do so... your vote is important ! Deadline is March 3rd.

See you at the March monthly meeting !


Cindy Toney, CSI, CDT, LEED AP  
LRCSI Chapter President FY 09/10





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CSI lapel pins can be purchased for \$10 at regular Monthly Meetings.

## Travelogue, part 1; Cathedrals and Churches

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCA

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*My wife and I had so much fun on our European Vacation that I can't help but think about it every day. It was such a wonderful, inspiring experience that it may have made me less curmudgeonly - at least for a while. In consequence, I will occasionally set aside the Curmudgeon's Corner, and recall some of what we saw.*

Churches, synagogues, and other places of worship can be found throughout America. Here in the Midwest, you won't find a town small enough to not have at least one, and some appear to have more than can be supported by the local area. Of course, the town itself doesn't include the farms that extend endlessly in all directions; I often try to imagine the weekly processions from the outlying areas to the churches. With horse-drawn wagons as the fastest means of travel, there wasn't much sleeping in on Sunday mornings!

Our larger cities have more and larger churches, and we just happen to have two major Roman Catholic churches in the Twin Cities - the Basilica of St. Mary in Minneapolis, and the Cathedral of St. Paul in St. Paul. My wife and I also have visited the Washington National Cathedral a couple of times, so even though we live in the boonies, we have been able to see a few of the biggest churches in the United States. Still, the oldest of the ones we have seen are less than a century old.



West End of St. Jakob, Rothenburg,  
Showing Organ

And so, when we left on our vacation (yes, I'm back to that again), we looked forward to seeing the fabled cathedrals and churches of Europe. But with only three weeks available, we had to limit ourselves to only parts of Germany and Italy, and my observations obviously are limited to what we saw.

Our first stop was Rothenburg ob der Tauber, a walled city a few hours southeast of Frankfurt. The city itself dates back to about 1100 AD, and its feature cathedral was constructed from 1311-1484. Its two towers are about 180 feet tall, and the east end of the soaring nave is lighted with a few beautiful lancets of stained glass. One of its two large altars was created by Tilman Riemenschneider, who has been called the Michelangelo of woodcarvers, and the west end of the nave is dominated by a towering, 5,500 pipe organ.

Our next destination was Immenstaad am Bodensee, in southernmost Germany. Immenstaad is a resort town on the north shore of the Bodensee, or Lake Constance as it's known here. Most of our trip was by rail, but the last leg was on a large passenger ferry, which deposited us on a long pier leading into the heart of town. Looking south from Germany, you

can see Switzerland from all but the east end of the lake, where it is bordered by Austria.

We didn't see much of Immenstaad, as we travelled out during the day and returned each evening for dinner by the lake. One of these excursions was to Meersburg, a short bus to the west. Meersburg is a small city, most of which is centered around two old castles, but from the lake, the enormous city winery looks like it may be the more important part of town. The age of the older castle is unknown, some saying the first part was built in the seventh century, while others believe it wasn't built until the twelfth century. Either way, it's been around just a bit longer than the good old US of A.

A short distance to the east is the new Meersburg castle, which is more of a palace. It was built in the eighteenth century, but used as a castle for only a few decades, having since become the home of two or three museums. The east end of the palace contains a modest chapel, which was built for the resident prince. Along with the rest



Meersburg Chapel Altar



of the building, it has undergone more than one restoration, the last about twenty years ago. From the outside, you wouldn't know there is a chapel within, as the façade and height are in keeping with the rest of the building. As a result, it's a real surprise when you enter and find a tall, two-story space built in the rococo style. The walls and ceiling are stark white, overlaid with elaborate ornamentation and gilding, and most of the ceiling is decorated in colorful fresco.

After a visit to the Zeppelin museum in Friedrichshafen, we went on to Salzburg. From there, we took a day trip to Hallstatt, Austria, a postcard-sized town that looks like it was built for postcard pictures. After a two-hour rail trip through what might be the most beautiful mountains and villages in the world, we arrived at the Hallstatt station, a mere whistle stop compared to some of the terminals we saw. The station comprises a small building, a small platform, and

the ubiquitous station clock. It is not, however, the end of the line, as it is across a lake from the Hallstatt, and the only way to complete the trip is by a ferry. Not surprisingly, the ferries schedule is tied closely to that of the trains.



Hallstatt; Lutheran Church to Left of Center, St. Michael's to the Right

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Even though Hallstatt has only a thousand residents, it has two churches, both easily seen from across the lake and from much of the town. St. Michael's Chapel, which is perhaps fifty feet above the main street, dates back to the twelfth century. It is famous for its ossuary, home to about 2,000 human skulls. The other church, Christ Church Lutheran, was built in the nineteenth century. Located at street level, it has a spire that appears to reach about as high as the spire on the older church.

Moving on to Firenze (Florence), we found a comfortable second floor room with a window overlooking a courtyard. Looking out the window, we could see the tops of the Brunelleschi dome and the Campanile at Basilica di Santa Maria del Fiore. The basilica is visible from a great distance, though usually hidden from street level. This shouldn't be surprising, given its size - at 500 feet long, 125 feet wide at the nave and 300 feet wide at the transept, and over 300 feet tall - it's by far the biggest structure in town. The exterior, a striking combination of white, green, and red marble, is a well-known symbol of the city. Unfortunately, we found the interior to be a disappointment after the colorful exterior. It has few windows, paintings, or statues; the highlight is the dome, which has almost an acre of painted surface. Still, despite the lack of ornamentation, the verticality of the interior and the sheer volume were quite impressive.

Come back next month, when we'll set out for the cathedrals of Rome.

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Hallstatt; Lutheran Church to Left of Center, St. Michael's to the Right,  
Salt Mine Restaurant Top Center

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Hallstatt Train Station

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# TECHNICAL TOPICS

## BY KARL HANSON, CSI, CCS, CCCA

### International Code Council CEO Calls for Using Strong Codes in Haiti Recovery

REPRINT—NEWS RELEASE  
DATED January 13, 2010

#### *Use of building safety codes results in fewer injuries and lives lost*

Richard P. Weiland, Chief Executive Officer of the International Code Council, has issued the following statement regarding the Haiti earthquake and the necessity of using stronger codes in the rebuilding effort. The International Code Council is a non-profit, membership organization composed of code officials ranging from building inspectors to fire suppression officials, along with architects, engineers, developers and building owners, and others involved in the building safety community. The Code Council develops model codes which have been adopted in all 50 states, and are either adapted or used as resources around the world including nations in the Caribbean, Central and South America, Asia and the Middle East. The family of International Codes includes specific sections addressing natural hazards, which are regularly updated in coordination with U.S. federal agencies and reflecting current data and field experience. Mr. Weiland's statement is below.

“On behalf of our members and our organization, we extend support and prayers to the people of Haiti, and for the efforts underway to respond to the devastating impacts of the earthquake. In particular we are thinking of our colleagues in the building safety community, as they develop strategies to rebuild from this incredible devastation. As Haiti moves in the coming days and weeks from the challenges of immediate response to those of short-term and long-term recovery, we encourage the smart application of proven seismic safety principles to rebuild Port-au-Prince and other Haitian communities. We know that damage, fatalities and injuries from earthquakes can be reduced by code adoption and enforcement. Effective codes, such as the International Codes enforced throughout earthquake-prone areas in the U.S., require certain design and construction approaches that acknowledge hazards and the risks they pose. The many members of the Code Council who work in seismically active regions know firsthand the value of these codes and the techniques to ensure their effective enforcement. While building to newer codes may result in slight increases in construction costs, studies show that every dollar spent on building safer and stronger prevents four to seven dollars in future losses.

“We stand ready to support the efforts of the U.S. State Department and other federal agencies, along with the United Nations and other international relief organizations, to make sure that Haiti is rebuilt in a manner that creates disaster resilience. The seismic provisions of the International Codes are regularly updated to reflect the latest knowledge about earthquake dynamics and building behavior, and can function as an important tool in the Haitian recovery effort. We can provide written materials, subject-matter expertise, and professional development to ensure a safer and more sustainable Haiti.

“The events in Haiti once again teach us that any effort involving rebuilding should require construction that utilizes the best available information on codes and code enforcement. Events of similar magnitude result in different impacts based on how a nation and community approach their management of the built environment. Our codes are intended to protect people inside buildings by preventing collapse and allowing for safe evacuation. Structures built to the most modern codes should resist minor earthquakes without suffering damage and ride out severe earthquakes without collapsing.”

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[http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/News Releases/Advisory-011310-Haiti.pdf](http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/News%20Releases/Advisory-011310-Haiti.pdf)

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**THE LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER CSI PROPOSED BOARD ROSTER FOR  
FISCAL YEAR 2011 (JULY 2010—JUNE 2011)  
BY MARK EDDS, CSI, CDT**

**Little Rock Chapter CSI Report to the Chapter**  
March 2, 2010

**Committee: Nominating FY2010**

Chairman: Mark Edds (Past President)  
Committee: Cynthia Toney (President) ; Doyle Phillips (Past President)  
Guest: Lori Hagen (President-Elect)  
Advisors: Michelle Christen

**1.0 Primary Goals and Objectives for Fiscal Year:**

1.1 Submit a slate of FY2011 Board Members to the Chapter for consideration and election.

**2.0 Actions Taken to Achieve Primary Goals and Objectives:**

2.1 The LRCSI Nominating Committee recently completed its work in regard to the FY2011 Board of Director nominations for next year's leadership. The Nominating Committee was Chaired by Mark Edds (Past President) and consisted of Cynthia Toney (President), Doyle Phillips, and Michelle Christen. Lori Hagen (President Elect) sat in on the Nominating Committee meetings as an invited guest for her input.

The Nominating Committee finalized a slate of proposed Board Members for FY2011 (July 1, 2010-- June 30, 2011) by unanimous consent. The following list of CSI-Little Rock Chapter Board Members for FY2011 will be presented to the Chapter Members at the March 9, 2010 regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting.

We, the FY2010 Nominating Committee of the Little Rock Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute, do hereby nominate the following slate of Officers and Directors for the FY2011 Board of Directors, and request that same be placed on the Official Ballot to be issued by the Chapter.

President	Lori Hagen, CSI, CDT	
President-Elect	Tim Davis, CSI, CDT	
Vice President	Jerome Sorenson, AIA, CSI	
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Director: 1-Year Professional	Melinda Jester, CSI, CCS	
Director: 2-Year Industry/Assoc.	Kara White, CSI, CDT	
Director: 2-Year Professional	Porter Brownlee, CSI, CCCA	
Past President	Cynthia Toney, CSI, CDT	

2.2 The committee directs the Chapter to follow the Chapter By-Laws in calling for nominations from the floor during the March regularly scheduled meeting of the Chapter membership.

2.3 Official Ballots will be printed with the final list of candidates resulting from the actions of the membership at the March 9, 2010 regularly scheduled Chapter Meeting. Official Ballots will be mailed Thursday, March 25, 2010 to Chapter Members in good standing as of March 15, 2010. The deadline for receipt of submitted Ballots by the Teller Committee is set for Wednesday, April 14, 2009 at 5:00 pm. Official Results will be available after that date.

END OF REPORT



## Education Corner

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

### SPRING SEMINARS IN PROGRESS

**(Individual Saturday Sessions still available for CE credits!!)**

The Little Rock Chapter CSI (LRCSI) Seminar Series 1 & 4 of the Construction Practice Series: Documentation, Representation, and Administration, are currently in progress. Classes are meeting for EACH COURSE on ALTERNATING Saturdays **now through March 27** on the campus of UALR, ETAS Building Room 233, from 8:00am to approx. 3:30pm. Each Saturday session of either Seminar 1 or Seminar 4 may be attended individually for continuing education purposes. The registration cost for each individual Saturday session (6 credit hours each) is \$75.00. (48 hrs advance notice required for printed materials).

Both of these seminars are excellent as study aids for the CDT & CCCA Examinations. However, each of these valuable seminars are designed to also provides basic employee introductions to basic construction document fundamentals, or in the construction contract administration process, and they each, also, prove to be an informative, information-packed, Continuing Education offering.

6 educational contact hours are available per daily session (6 AIA LU HSW, 6 PDH, 6 CEH, 0.6 CEU)

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