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## LRCSI April Chapter Meeting



# Building Information Management The End of Close-Out Documents?

Presented by: Thom Schwetye

### Learning Objectives:

1. Understanding what information a facility manager really needs
2. Understanding how the facility manager accesses information
3. Understanding and navigating building information management
4. Understanding how to capture and deliver building information

Continuing Education: 1 AIA LU Hour, 1 PDF, 1 CEH, 0.1 CEU

Cost: \$20 per person

Reservations are due by noon on Monday, April 8. Payments can be made online [HERE](#). Contact Kara White at [whitekdeane@yahoo.com](mailto:whitekdeane@yahoo.com) or 501-765-5250 with questions.

## MISSION OF CSI:

**“Advance the process of creating and sustaining the built environment.”**

“CSI is a national association dedicated to creating standards and formats to improve construction documents and projects delivery.

The organization is unique in the industry in that its members are a cross section of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors and building materials suppliers.”

From CSI Website: [csinet.org](http://csinet.org)

# President's Message

## Leadership Seminar on Fundraising:

One of the critical components of a nonprofit organization is to be able to raise sufficient funds that ultimately will benefit its members. Every donation, whether it be from advertising, lunch meetings, tournaments or member dues, is an important piece of what makes our organization possible. One of the reasons our supporters contribute is because they believe in the CSI mission. Our acknowledgement of these individuals or companies is sometimes the only tangible return of their investment. In order to strengthen our fundraising for our Chapter, we need to familiarize ourselves with our sponsors and help them see how their contribution benefits and improves our industry and our professions.

Jerome Sorensen, AIA, CSI  
WER Architects Planners  
CSI Little Rock Chapter President 2012

## Regions Report:

The draft of the totally revised Gulf States Region Operating Guide is currently located on the Gulf States Region website for individual review and comment. Please take some time to review this document. A lot of effort went into the document to bring it up to date and only with many eyes can we make sure we didn't leave anything out.

Please make plans to attend the Gulf States Region 2013 combined Conference and Leadership meeting located in Baton Rouge Louisiana April 25, 26, 27, of 2013. CONSTRUCT 2013 will be held in Nashville, TN September 24-27, 2013.

The Construction Specifications Institute is a nationwide non-profit technical organization dedicated to the improvement of specifications and building practices in the construction industry through service, education and research. Founded in 1948, CSI provides a forum for architects, engineers, specification writers, contractors, suppliers and others in our industry. Membership is open to all who are involved in the built environment. Please contact Chapter membership Chairman, Kare White or any chapter officer listed on the "Officer, Directors and Committee Chairs" page of this newsletter.



# PER-SPEC-TIVES

OTHER PERSPECTIVES, OPINIONS, EXPRESSIONS, IMPRESSIONS, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ABOUT THE NOBLE PROFESSION OF SPECIFICATIONS WRITING-- OPEN FOR, AND SEEKING DISCUSSION

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## THE DOG AS SPECIFIER

by Ralph Liebing, RA, CSI, CDT  
Cincinnati, OH

“WOOF”! Bow-Wow! or “ARF”, as your dog may choose!

Clear; concise; complete; correct-- Good Lord, the dog is a Specifier!!!

No preamble; no opening act; no trumpeted entrance; no front-end; no introduction-- it's a prompt and valid response! And if those nearby are smart, they will transfer the bone, or open the door for the dog/specifier. We can learn a lot from that interaction

Age, and locale cause much the same type of responses; “yup and nope”; “depends”; “I don't knooooo” [remember Pa Kettle?]. Movie [and maybe real life] cowboys talk like that [Eastwood, Fonda, Wayne, etc.].

Verbosity [yes, I did look that one up] and spec writer are or should be mutually exclusive! Of course, in keeping with the 4 Cs. But looking at our canine friend again, we see unequivocal answers-- no hesitation; certainly unbiased; pointed; certainly imperative.

Problem is there is no written record! The bark response is there-- then gone! Now some dogs through training can sniff out drugs and even cadavers, but we need one to sniff out construction defects-- to enforce the specifications! Well, there are some that can track wrong-doers so there appears to be some possible help right there.

Another problem is the lack of construction knowledge and how to put buildings together. From a cause and effect angle the dog works, but anything subjective or decisive we lose 'em! Too bad but they just are cut toward right and wrong and don't care to deal with grayed shades between. And then of course, until some harm comes to the dog, he is friend forever-- something that, in construction, cuts both good and bad. We do need that business sense.

The dog can establish territory but the “puddle” will never replace the batter board-- too impermanent! The dog would have no hesitation in project meetings to fall asleep if bored-- but will immediately react to any raised voices or other adverse “signal”. The dog, too, prefers the come-and-go door, much like the doorless cubicle! But in the end the dog just speaks well to a point but not to enough points. His/her specifications claim to fame is the sharp, clear response-- a lesson to be learned!

So we say stuff like “Paint walls”-- some of you REALLY like that kind of talk!!! But what if we say, “Paint vertical walls”? Boy, oh boy, those of you who can still jump will leap 'pon that six times over; but hold on!!! This is a “gotcha” because--- on this project some walls were set with lasers and are askew-- and to be finished differently from them verticle walls!! Gotcha!

Much like the dog-- a clear crisp response! But then, like with dogs you have to watch out for those “extraneous circumstances”-- uuhhhh, you know what I mean!

# March 2013 Minutes

## LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER OF THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

Board Meeting Date: March, 19 2013

Meeting Time: 12:00 PM

Meeting Location: WER Office 901 W. Third Street, Little Rock, AR 72201

Attendees:

President: Jerome Sorensen

- Call to order.
- Welcome and Opening Remarks.
- Quorum Check

Secretary: Wendell Poore

- Presentation of Minutes from Last Board Meeting.
- Discussion & correction
- Voting on minutes:
- Correspondence presented.

Treasurer: Jan Sanders

- Financial Report.

Old Business:

A. Close of Fiscal 2011 Records: Jan to work on. 10/9- Sanders still in progress. Requesting files from J Lowery in PDF format for file conversation. Sorensen emailed to Davis & Christen to assist. Not all receivables have been deposited into account. Jan has also requested split financial registry for Quicken from Tim. = OPEN

B. Andrew Heigel as Member Emeritus: Approved 9/18. Check has been issued and the le as Institute has reinstated Andrew as a member. Andrew should now be listed on the CSI role as "Member Emeritus". Laura Kirk is to check. Jan Sanders to review registry to see if it is up to date. =OPEN

C. Andrew Heigel and Betty Hayes elevation to Member Emeritus: Jan has spoken with Andrew and he is "technically" already a Distinguished Member. Now that Andrew is reinstated as a continuing member and elevated to Member Emeritus, Billy Mathis, who is on the Institute Awards Committee, will look into the possibility of getting Andrew's Award Certificate changed to reflect the new designation for the award ie. Distinguished Member. Jan has spoken with Betty. Betty wishes to wait to clarify the requirements for Distinguished Member status before she accepts. Jerome is to follow up. = OPEN

D. D. Phillips Fellowship submittal: Deadline is March 2013 = OPEN

# March 2013 Minutes

E. 2013 Officer Election: Secretary to begin compiling ballots. Tim Davis to begin compiling potential candidate by end of December for recommendation to Board on January 8th, 2013. Elections to be sent out and completed by February 12, 2013. Nominating Committee to present candidate to board by March 12th. JS to coordinate with Tim Davis. = OPEN

F. Sponsorship: Jerome is to follow up with Kay. = OPEN

G. Education Classes & Certifications Chair. Currently no teachers. JS voiced concern at trying to find replacements and new teachers.

H. Awards Banquet preparations. Mellissa is currently injured, but need to confirm if banquet in June is still on schedule.

I. Chapter Participation

New Business:

A. CSI Chapter Report Form: Due March 20th.

B. Chapter Dues Update to Institute: Provide by April 1st.

C. Scholarship Reports:

D. Regional Meeting in Baton Rouge, LA: Discuss who will be attending, chapter reimbursement. Deadline for early registration March 30th.

E. Newsletter update:

F. Golf Tournament:

G. Fundraising:

H. Quarterly CEU Seminars:

Committee Reports:

A. Electronic Communications= Chapter website is now using CSI micro site as hosting page. Investigating how to use committed chairs to populate website's information. Jerome is to follow up.

B. Membership

C. Programs/TableTops

Upcoming Events

· April 9th Board meeting 10:30 am

· April 9th Chapter meeting 11:30 am.

Meeting Adjourned



A Letter from your Gulf States Region CSI Officers

Dear GSR Members,

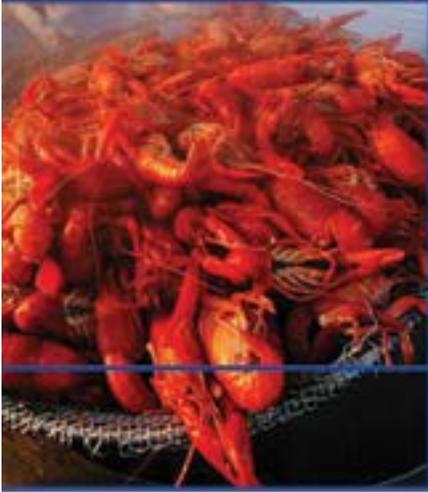
What is Special about this Year's Region Conference/Leadership Meeting?

This is the most common question we have gotten this year and one which deserves a response from the leadership. Most years we have a Region Conference close to the end of the fiscal year and a Leadership Meeting at the beginning of the new fiscal year. In light of the fact that Construct 2013 will be located in Nashville this year, the Region Executive Committee and the Board of Directors voted to consolidate the Region Conference in Baton Rouge with the Leadership Meeting that would have been held in Knoxville in August. This should allow more GSR members to attend the Institute Convention in September. With the gracious acceptance of the Baton Rouge Chapter to host both events, the Region Conference will include our Leadership Meeting.

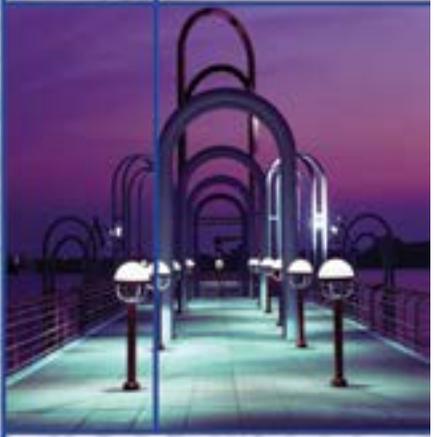
The registration for this joint event is \$280.00. This may seem a bit higher than the norm until you consider that this registration is for an event that will fulfill the functions of separate meetings normally held in different fiscal years. The cost of this special event is actually within our usual fiscal year expenditures. The registration also includes all meals in the cost. The only other expenses will be travel and hotel which will still be less than attending two separate events. Most Chapters budget funds for members to attend both events so, taking this into consideration, the cost of both events can be split between FY2013 and FY2014.

The Baton Rouge Chapter has worked hard to make this combined GSR event come together and function properly. They managed to do this by essentially adding one half day of training which would add just one more night onto your stay. Leadership Sessions will happen on Friday morning and other Leadership meeting events will be woven into the rest of the schedule. To get the most from the event, existing and future Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs should attend and come prepared to learn. This special event will provide not only the continuing education required to renew credentials but also provide valuable CSI training needed by our Chapter and Region leaders. There will be some changes to the way training is conducted so come energized and prepared to learn. GSR members who attend will insure the success of this ONE TIME consolidation. We want to see as many of you as possible in Baton Rouge. Let's make this an event to celebrate as a BIG success for the Gulf States Region.

John Dunaway, President  
Billy Mathis, Vice President  
William Sundquist, Secretary  
Randall Lewis, Treasurer



Announcing  
 The 2013 CSI Gulf  
 States Region Conference  
 &  
 Gulf States  
 Leadership Meeting  
 Combined in 1 Location



Join the Baton Rouge Chapter in making this historic event successful for 2013. The Region Conference and Leadership Meeting will be combined for 2013. The event dates April 25, 26 & 27. These are all day events. Open registration will be Thursday April 25, 2013, Starting at 3:00 pm.



Come join us for Golf, Crawfish Boil with entertainment, Awards Banquet, plus Leadership Learning Tools, and Educational Seminars.



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