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Little Rock Chapter CSI Scholarship Winner Announced

It is my honor to announce that the Little Rock Chapter, CSI is presenting the FY2016 Ray Echols Scholarship to Sierra L. Peterson, pursuing an Interior Design Degree at the Fay Jones School of Architecture at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Arkansas. Ms. Peterson is regarded by her peers and the Faculty of the Fay Jones School of Interior Design as “one of their most highly regarded students in the program” and as someone who has compiled a distinguished academic record. Ms. Peterson maintains a 3.47 GPA and has demonstrated through the application for the Scholarship, that she is someone to be watched in the future. Congratulations to Ms. Sierra Peterson, the Little Rock Chapter’s FY 2016 Ray Echols Scholarship Winner.



Jeff Lisenby, Ray Echols Scholarship Committee Chair, presents the Ray Echols Scholarship Certificate and Check for \$500 to MS. Sierra L. Peterson

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.”

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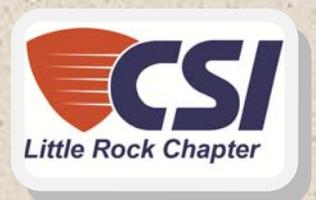
PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Well here we are at the beginning of the 2nd quarter of this fiscal year and the Little Rock Chapter is still plugging along. Our membership, while not growing is also not shrinking and we are bringing in new members every month. As most of you should know by now, the monthly programs are beginning to pick up steam and attendance is approaching 20 on a fairly regular basis. I want to take this moment to thank Baldwin and Shell for graciously allowing us the use of their conference room for these presentations and I would like to thank all of you who have been attending on a regular basis. As we continue to grow attendance, we bring in better and more interesting programs. The one this month was from Clark Dietrich and taught us just what the difference was between Traditional and Equivalent (or EQ) Steel Studs was. While that does not sound exciting, just think that if the wrong studs are used, the whole structure of your building could be in jeopardy. With that in mind, this presentation takes on a whole new meaning. Next month, we are bringing in Morrison Shipley who will be talking to us about Utilizing 3D Laser Scanned Data within the BIM Workflow. They will also be demonstrating their 3D Laser Scanning equipment. This one should bring in a big crowd which is why we have partnered with the Drafting and Design Technology Department at Pulaski Technical College to present the program on their Campus. This one should be very interesting.

I just returned from CONSTRUCT2015 where I was joined by 5 other members of the Little Rock Chapter. We saw the new Fellows of the Institute Investiture Ceremony, we witnessed the Awards of all types being given out including our own Outstanding Chapter Commendation which I picked up for the Chapter. There were somewhere around 200 or so vendors and product representatives with booths on the Product Show floor which opened our eyes to both new technologies and improvements to existing technologies in a process that can only be experienced and not described. I, along with the other Little Rock Members, thoroughly enjoyed the whole experience as evidenced by the articles contained later in this newsletter.

But enough about the past, where are we going you ask? Right now the Little Rock Chapter is on an upswing in both membership and activities. With the new programs we are expanding our reach; with our new members coming on board to leadership roles, we are gradually beginning to see a "changing of the guard" and while this is a good thing overall, this is not an excuse for the more seasoned members like me and you to drop our participation. We need mentors and we need committee members, and we need volunteers to help with activities. Once such activity is our upcoming Golf Tournament. As most of you know, our Tournament, which was scheduled originally for October 9th has been postponed to April 29th, 2016. This tournament is vital to the continued operation of this Chapter as it funds two things, our Student Scholarship and our Chapter Budget. When the call comes out early next year, I hope many of you will step up and either play or work on the team making the tournament successful. At any rate, we will be providing much more information in the coming months.

Speaking of the Leadership, as some of you may know, I am running for Institute Director from the Gulf States Region. This is a great honor for me and the Chapter and I will be working with the Institute Board of Directors to set the course for the CSI into the future. I am looking forward to this. This also means, however, that I cannot be as active as I am now in the Local Chapter. I will, however remain as the Past President and Mentor to our next President and I am taking over as Publisher of the Chapter Newsletter. I am asking for all of you to examine your current situation and see if you can give a few minutes a week to CSI. If you can, then we need your involvement. Committee Members and Chairs, Board Members, and Officers alike will be needed in the coming year. I am working fervently to start the process of getting volunteers to fill key positions and set the Chapter up for continued success, but I will need your help. When I call on you, please seriously consider my request to serve the Chapter. I would not ask if I didn't think it possible for you to fulfill the duties and responsibilities I will be talking to you about. That should just about cover it for this edition. See you at our meetings.



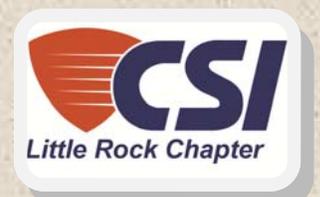
YOUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT WORK

Old Business carried over from the previous Fiscal Year.

- a. 2014 Golf Tournament Final Report: While we had a successful tournament, we did have a bit of difficulty collecting a few final sponsorships. This was completed and the item was closed in September 2015.
- b. Financial Audit: Status of the financial audit. – The internal audit of the Chapter Books was completed with no issues noted. David Bradke assumed full control of the finances of the Chapter as Treasurer for the Little Rock Chapter as of August 15, 2015.
- c. Fall 2015 LRCSI Golf Tournament: We have had an interesting road of this topic. We started the Fiscal Year by setting the date of October 9th as our target date for the Tournament. However, the closer to the date we went, the more tournaments and other challenges were noted so we were forced by circumstance to change the date to April 29th, 2016. We will be getting much more information out on this.

New Business brought to the Board since July.

- a. Program Opportunity: “Applications and Benefits of Using 3D Laser Scanning During Construction”. This is happening on Friday, November 13th, 2015. I am hoping to have well over 100 students, members, and others at the presentation. Please distribute the flyer attached to this newsletter to whomever you feel could benefit.
- b. LRCSI Storage Reduction Task Team: Formed with Jerome Sorenson as the Chair. The Task Team has been tasked to review the hard copy information currently stored at Sanders 2000 and make recommendations on consolidation, coordination and destruction of same. This Task Team is expected to be complete sometime before December 15, 2015.
- c. Construct 2015, St Louis, Missouri. Billy Mathis, Jerome Sorenson, Cindi Toney, Katherine Flower, Kate Donovan (New Member from Cromwell) and Tiffany Henry (New Member from Cromswell) all attended CONSTRUCT 2015. The Chapter approved a stipend of \$350 each for Jerome, Cindi Kate, and Tiffany. Billy’s travel is covered elsewhere by the Budget and Katherine’s expenses were covered by her company.
- d. Restructure of Board Director – Billy Mathis is looking to restructure the Board of Directors to assign each Director to a logical grouping of Committees so that the Director can act as the Board Liaison for the Committee. This is under study at the moment and will be better briefed and discussed in the future.



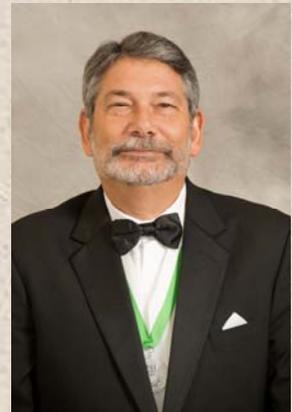
Gulf States Region
Has
Three New Fellows of the Institute



Jimmy Lail, FCSI



Floyd Sterling, FCSI,
CDT



M. Keith West, FCSI,
CCPR



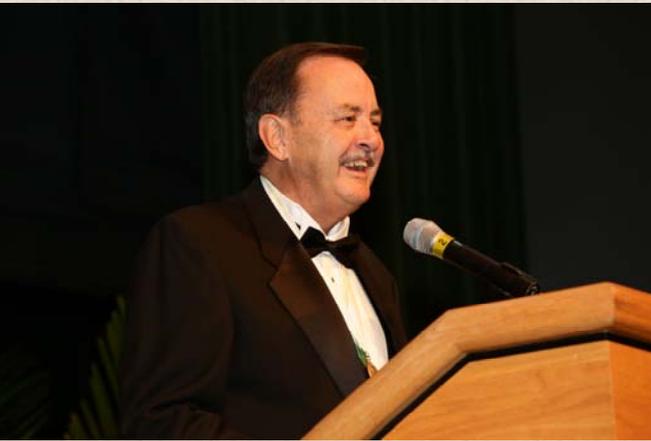


For those of you unable to attend the Fellowship Induction Ceremony, you missed a wonderful program.

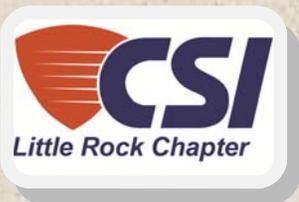
Phil McDade introduced Keith West, Cathy Proctor introduced Floyd Sterling, and Mike Davis introduced Jimmy Lail. It was a very solemn and formal ceremony that bespoke the seriousness and level of the induction.



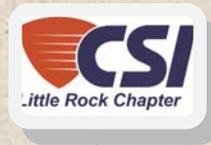
Here is a little fact that I was unaware of until after the program. The inductees were not aware of who was introducing them during the ceremony. As you can imagine, not knowing which or how many of the skeletons buried the three introductions would include, the three inductees below were very worried. But in keeping with the decorum of the occasion, no skeletons made their appearance.



Jimmy, Floyd and Keith all enjoying the spotlight at the after party.



Educational Questions



Construction Documents Technologist (CDT) Series

According to the AIA-A201, Article 9 Payments and Completion:

1. The contractor shall pay each subcontractor the amount he is entitled no later than ten *seven* days after receipt of payment from the owner. *That seven-day period crops up a lot in this document! And remember, according to Paragraph § 8.1.4: "day" as used in the Contract Documents shall mean calendar day unless otherwise specifically defined.*

True or **False**

2. Upon request of a subcontractor the architect will, if feasible, furnish to him payment related information on his portion of the work completed, but limit information to:
- Owner and architect action upon the amounts requested in the application for payment.
 - Contractor stated percentage of completion.
 - Contractor stated amount requested.
 - All of the above.**
 - None of the above.
3. If the architect withholds certifications for payment due to the failure of the contractor to properly pay a subcontractor:
- The owner may pay the subcontractor directly.
 - The owner may issue joint checks to the contractor and subcontractor's equipment suppliers.
 - The owner may issue a joint check to the contractor and subcontractor, and then notify the architect to reflect the payment in the next certificate for payment.**
 - All of the above.
 - None of the above.
4. Once a certificate for payment is issued, the owner will pay the contractor as stipulated in the contract documents and notify the architect payment was made.

True or False

Please refer to the CSI's [Project Delivery Practice Guide](#), [Construction Specifications Practice Guide](#) and [Construction Contract Administration Practice Guide](#) for industry standard knowledge, understanding and guidance for the production, use and administration of construction documents...and the resources for this *weekly program*.



FY 2015 Outstanding Chapter Commendation

Presented to the

Little Rock Chapter

October 2, 2015

Robert W. Simmons, FCSI, CCPR
FY 2015 President

Members of the Little Rock Chapter

I am proud to announce that the Little Rock Chapter has received its 12th Outstanding Chapter Commendation from the Institute. I will proudly walk across the stage at the upcoming Institute Awards Ceremony to accept our Award. This Award would not have been possible without the help and commitment of the Board of Directors and the Members of the Little Rock Chapter who have worked hard to bring the Chapter out of its small slump and start it back on the road to being one of the preeminent Chapters in the Gulf States Region as well as the Institute. As we move forward this Fiscal Year, I would like to remind you that the Little Rock Chapter has a presence in Facebook and Linked-In and need every member and anyone else interested to come and join us by adding the Little Rock Chapter to their friends and groups. We need many more people linked up with us electronically as we will be moving to make these one of the many ways the Chapter communicates with its Members and those who may be interested. Come see us and drop a



The Other Gulf States Region Award Winners



John Dunaway, CSI, CCD

Communications Award—Video for the Robert V. Bishop Award.

Communications Award—Gulf States “Leader” Newsletter



Memphis Chapter, CSI

Communications Award—Memphis Chapter Website

Communications Award—Memphis Chapter Newsletter “The Memphis PerSPECTive”



Andrew “John” Murray Jr., CSI, CDT

Outstanding Contribution Award

Attendees at the Awards Ceremony





Utilizing 3D Laser Scanned Data within the BIM Workflow

3D laser scanning is the fastest, highest-accuracy measurement system available for the documentation, visualization, and modeling of structural and surface information. According to Leica Geosystems' BIM Learning Center, "On a typical construction project, rework accounts for 12 to 15 percent of the cost of construction." 3DLS obliterates these costs by enabling virtual site inspection (in real, measurable dimensions), slab flatness and plumb wall assessment, and above-the-ceiling/behind-the-wall documentation, all with web-enabled collaboration and project management. The rapid speed of fieldwork and data delivery further saves costs over and above rework. Project deliverables can range from 3D (as in a recent project here) to standard 2D, in accordance with the project

✓ Mark Your Calendars

**When: Friday, 11:30 a.m.
November 13, 2015**

**Where: Pulaski Technical
College Campus Center**



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SPEAKER BIO

Greg Shipley, P.E. is President of Morrison-Shipley Engineers, Inc. which he co-founded in 1996. He is a 1988 graduate of the University of Arkansas with a BS in Civil Engineering. In 2011, Greg developed Morrison-Shipley's 3D Laser-Scanning practice which he still leads today. Greg is a native and current resident of Fort Smith, although he splits his time between the Fort Smith and Dallas offices where he oversees the firm's Texas operations.

Founded in 1996, Morrison-Shipley Engineers is a civil engineering, land surveying and 3D laser scanning consultant, with office locations in Fort Smith, Searcy, Bentonville, Dallas, and Springfield, MO. Aside from its 3D Laser Scanning & BIM services, Morrison-Shipley provides a full array of engineering and land surveying services related to public works, large-scale commercial and residential development, airports, educational and industrial projects. Morrison-Shipley is licensed to practice in Arkansas, Oklahoma, Texas, Missouri, and Kansas.

Registration

Name: _____

Company: _____

Address: _____

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Are there Others from your Company attending? YES NO

If so please list their information below:

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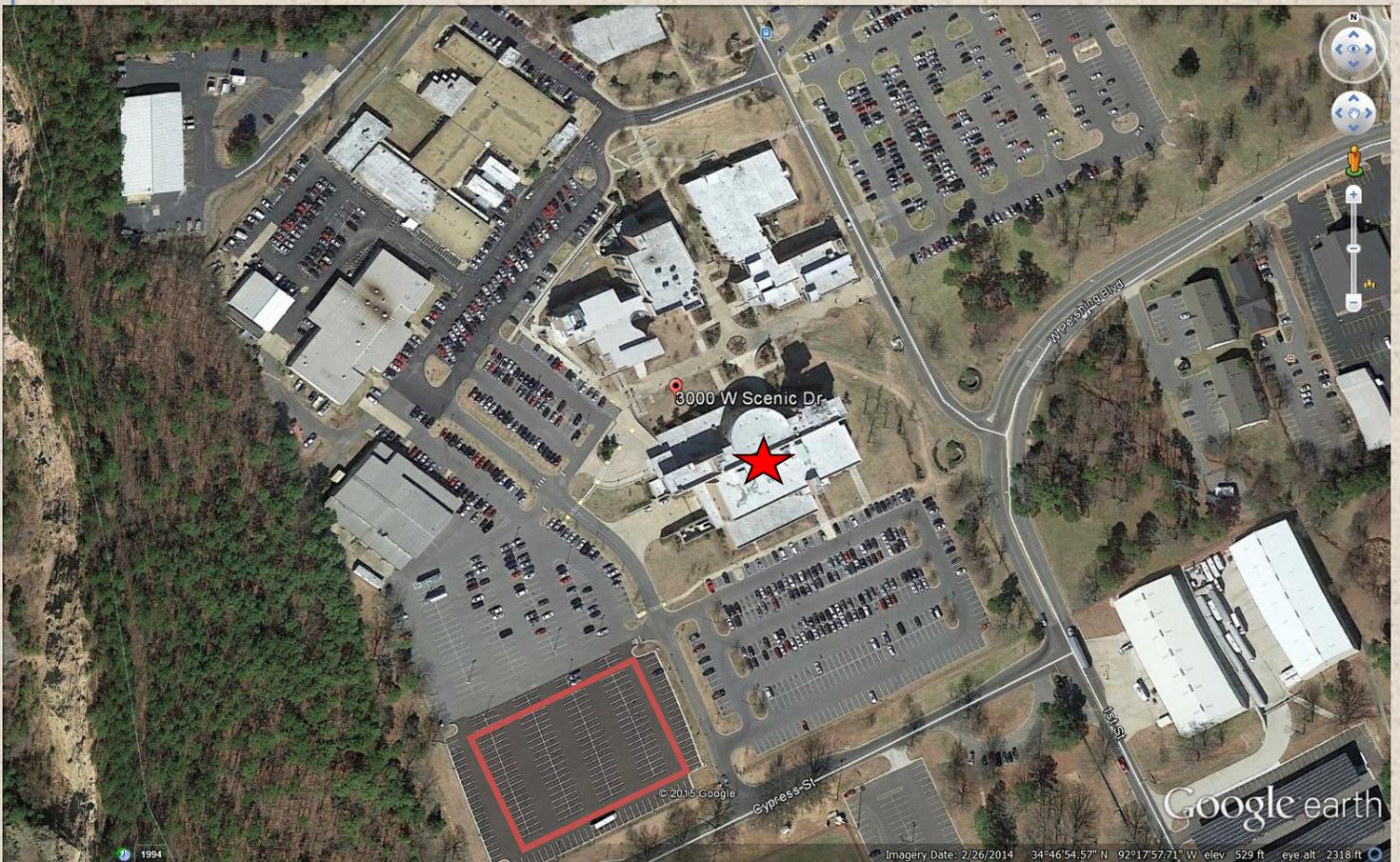
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Please return to registration to Billy Mathis at bjmathis@taggarch.com no later than Friday, November 6, 2015.



Driving Directions

From Downtown Little Rock:

Cross the Broadway Bridge northbound into North Little Rock. Turn west (left) onto West Broadway Avenue and continue until road ends at Pike Avenue. Veer right onto Pike Avenue. Continue north on Pike Avenue to the intersection with Pershing Blvd. Turn left (west) on Pershing. Drive 1 mile. The campus entrance will be at the top of the hill on your right.

From Interstate 40:

Westbound:

Drive west on I-40. Take Exit 152-B (MacArthur Drive/Pike Avenue) At the end of the ramp, turn right onto Pike Avenue. Continue on Pike Avenue to the first stoplight. Turn right (west) onto Pershing Boulevard. Drive 1 mile. The campus entrance will be at the top of the hill on your right.

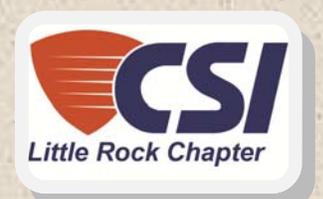
Eastbound:

Drive east on I-40. Take Exit 152 (Pike Avenue). Veer right off the ramp onto Pike Avenue. At the intersection of Pike Avenue and Pershing Boulevard, turn right (west) onto Pershing. Drive 1 mile. The campus entrance will be at the top of the hill on your right.



Presentation will be on the ground floor of the Campus Center, Grand Hall "A" and "B".

Parking will be in the lot as indicated above.



CONSTRUCT – What's In It For Me?

This is often the question I am asked when people are considering attendance to the Institute Convention, CONSTRUCT. Having been to several of these now, I can tell you that there are three things that CONSTRUCT provides to each attendee. While most of these are obvious, you may overlook some of the nuanced parts of each.

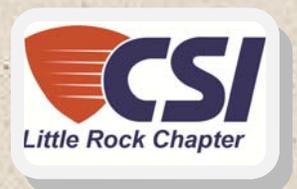
The first and most obvious benefit from attending is the Trade Show that accompanies it. The most obvious part of any Trade Show are the booths and the manufacturer's attempts at getting your attention. The signs, the new materials or products, the giveaways, and the information in the form of pamphlets and electronic connections. These are the things that everyone sees and that most in attendance are taking advantage of. The one element that most people don't think about are the Product Representatives who are standing there for many hours, talking to many people, and explaining what it is they represent. These "Trusted Advisors" are a font of knowledge that can be overlooked but which are the most important piece of the whole presentation. I open my introduction to each and every booth by asking a simple question – "What is it that you represent and how can I use it"? This question serves two purposes, first I find out what products and/or services are involved but more importantly I find out just exactly how this product or service will work with my current projects. This information is invaluable and introduces me to a vast array of new and sometimes cutting edge products or services. The freebies and the giveaways are just gravy on the biscuit.

The second and still very obvious are the educational programs presented on the schedule and at the Trade Show. These programs are normally not your run-of-the-mill lunch and learn presentations, but programs put on by national level speakers about topics affecting the construction industry today, new programs out there, and/or new and cutting edge products and/or materials. Exposure to varying programs, procedures, ideas and such can only make you a more rounded asset for your firm. Also, you may have some fun as some of these presentations are very entertaining as well.

Finally, and the least obvious, is the ability to meet and talk with your counterparts from all over the country in a setting where there are no barriers to discussions nor limits on your time. You meet people who do the same job you do, only in a different environment; you meet people who may have a different outlook on topics you are addressing now and for which you can glean some ideas on how to deal with the issue; and/or you can make new friends in other parts of the country that, at some point in the future, may benefit you and them in the long run through sharing of information or assistance in breaking into a market. This aspect of the CONSTRUCT is often hyped but not scheduled or tracked. Believe me, there are plenty of people out there willing to help.

These are the main three things you get out of the program. There is another area in that you get to meet the top people within CSI Institute. You get to talk with the CEO, the Program Managers, etc., and you get to witness things such as the awards presentations, Fellowship Investiture, and many other small programmed parts which give you some insight into the interworking of the Institute. Additionally, you will see friends and acquaintances from your Region and outside your Region if you have been involved with Region or Institute Committees. Sometimes it is really good to put a face with a voice. All in all, the benefits you get far outweigh the costs involved if you take full advantage of them. I hope to see more of you at next years CONSTRUCT 2016 in Austin, Texas.

Billy J. Mathis, CSI, CDT
President, Little Rock Chapter &
CONSTRUCT2015 Attendee



Candid Shots of CSI Night Out



OTHER CANDID SHOTS



It's been a couple of years since I've attended the CSI National Convention (Construct), and it was every bit as good as the last one, starting with the people. It's fun to see some of those folks from around the country that I only see at the National or Regional shows. It's possible to meet folks from Architectural, Engineering, Contracting, and Manufacturing Firms from every state in the country.

Of course there are hundreds of exhibitors displaying their latest products, some of which do not venture into Arkansas for various reasons – and it's good to have an update on the latest and greatest.

The presentations were great, as well. Of course the product-type seminars, panels and programs are great and each one was well thought-out and packed with loads of information – everything from “How to Develop an Integrated QA System for Design Firms,” to “Understanding Codes and Standards,” but particularly good this year were the general sessions.

The first general session, “Building the Future,” was interesting because the presenter, Thomas Koulopoulos, spoke of Generation “Z” with insight on how this generation socializes, as compared to the way other generations have done their socializing. Koulopoulos suggested that Gen “Z” is growing up socializing in a whole new way, specifically with social media. In his opinion, Gen “Z” will change how we do business.

The second general session, “Robotic Construction by Contour Crafting,” was really interesting. Speaker, Berok Khoshevis, the inventor of a 3D laser printer large enough to build a building, presented its capabilities and his vision for the future. Concrete is funneled through a massive 3D laser machine – Amazing! Khoshevis' dream is to someday provide shelter to impoverished people throughout the world and he thinks that with this 3D laser system, he will be able to do it fast and economically.

All in all, the convention was fun and informative and I'm already looking forward to next year. See you at the Austin Construct in 2016!!

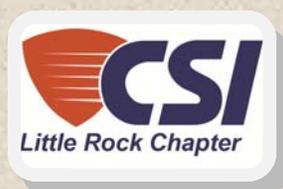
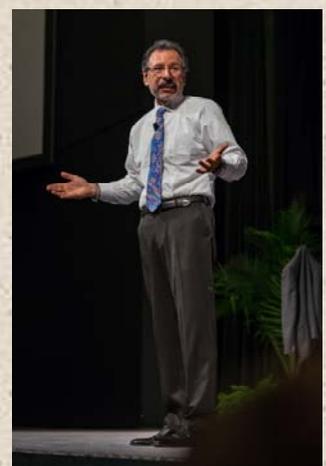
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If you didn't attend the Opening Session, here are some pictures of just what you missed.

**General Session
Entertainment**



**General Session Speaker
Tom Koulopoulos**



On the way to any National Convention, expectations are always high and each year's event always has something new to offer that will leave you walking away with new ideas planted in your thoughts. Whether it be the impending future of robots constructing our buildings or the endless potential to embed modern technology into every building element, the intent of the convention is to jump start your thought process and fuel your professional drive to achieve more. With a full schedule of education classes, tours, hundreds of product vendors from all divisions, and located in the diverse urban environment of St Louis, this year's Construct provided a overwhelmingly positive impression for every aspect.

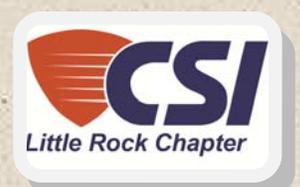
This year I decided to stack up on three seminars focused on one of my favorite specification sections of weather barriers. Each seminar had a different focus and varying opinions as to where to install the barrier, how it should be used and how it should interact with its adjacent materials. From rain-screen systems to watertight envelopes, all the common elements were pretty straight forward to what I am used to seeing. One of the pieces that spurred to thought was how the weather barrier is one of the only building elements that is supposed to be seamless and without flaw but is intentionally poked, pierced, spliced and contains large holes or openings through it and after installation it is covered up from view to only have that process repeated again without the ability to fix any of the potential damage done to it.

There is a long list of products that are made to be used as a weather barrier, from a rolled out sheet that is stuck to the sheathing, a fluid sprayed onto the sheathing and even now sheathing that already has a weather barrier installed on it in the factory. The fluid applied membrane is currently the closest I have seen to a membrane being able to fix itself from damage from screws, nails and holes being poked through it. Most of the hurdles that come up during construction are from installation trades drilling through the wall to install a conduit or brick tie and not being able to seal around that penetration through that weather barrier. The fluid applied barrier is described as 'self-healing' which really only applies to a small screw hole that is drilled through it and fastened taught against it. If the screw is backed out or not pulled taught against the barrier then the barrier fails. If it is off center, odd angle in any way, the barrier usually fails. Any penetration through it, including windows, doors, pipes, ducts, all need to be sealed against the barrier which leads to a timely installation that still can leave locations that can be overlooked and still leak. Aside from these issues, the fluid applied is one of the most diverse products that we have and there are no other easier option that performs as well.

After leaving these seminars and after some walking throughout the giant product showroom, my mind begins to wander. If you look at our skin, which is our very own personal weather barrier, it functions very similar to the fluid applied weather barrier... almost. Our skin, if poked, is self sealing and even so much so that it has the capacity to repair itself from major damage. Our exterior skin surface, the epidermis, is intentionally left exposed and if damaged past to the dermis layer beneath, it will continue to release blood until enough is present to seal up and repair the damage. If we can find a product that can mimic this function of the human skin it would bridge this gap one of the common failures of weather barriers. As I look from vender to vender, I am not on the hunt to find the right material to serve as the building's dermis.

It is amazing what thoughts in our minds that trigger further thoughts that eventually synapses to create original thought. Random images we see can trigger memories from our childhood that can then have us remember thoughts that were long forgot. I think our minds capacity to do this is one of the key pieces what makes conventions so appealing to attend. The barrage of images from product vendors, interesting concepts explained in lectures, beautiful cityscapes and sculpture parks to view, fun and exciting restaurants and bars to enjoy, all these compile inside your mind and those thought should fuel new ideas and perceptions on what drives your professional carrier. That spec section that you haven't revised in years, now starts to take on a different appearance. As a final thought, I had a revelation during the Young Professional mixer at the Flamingo Bowl, there is always someone better at bowling than you are, but luckily there is also always someone worse at it too.

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Construct 2015

Attending my first Construct was the best thing I could have done for my career. While driving to St. Louis from Little Rock with my coworkers, we weren't sure we were ever going to get out of Walnut Ridge based on the detour signs sparsely provided by the Arkansas Highway and Transportation Department on Highway 67. However, thanks to Google and my mentor, we eventually arrived. Still, I wasn't sure what I was going to get out of this trip. At Construct 2015 I make friends, got inspired, and climbed out on the wing of an airplane.

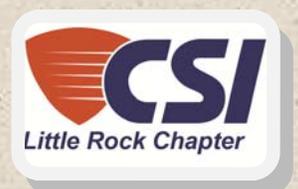
The CSI welcome. When I registered for Construct 2015 I had no idea what to expect. From the exhibit hall to the packed educational sessions, there were folks from all different facets of the industry including project managers, architects, specification writers, and product representatives. There were folks from all over the country as well. I met CSI members from Hawaii, California, and Washington D.C. All of the exhibitors were warm, welcoming, and knowledgeable. It was a great place to see products and make industry connections. One of my personal highlights of Construct 2015 was having dinner with my coworker, Tiffany Henry, and the two young women from Washington, DC. The professionalism, intelligence, and friendliness of my fellow CSI members as well as the warm welcome I received from everyone at CSI made me feel right at home.

New information and innovation. Which session to attend? As a Young Professional who just passed the CDT exam the Monday before Construct, I knew I still had a lot to learn. Each day at Construct 2015, I learned something I didn't know about a product, a process, or the industry. Every presenter was a wealth of information. In particular, I enjoyed the informal question and answer periods at the end of each session. My favorite sessions were "Bridging Document Preparation" discussing risk allocation in design-build contracts, "LEED v4: Who Moved My Points", and "Prevention of Recurring Failures in Natural Stone Applications". We also got a look at the future with two amazing speakers. First, Dr. Berok Khoshnevis' "Game Changer Session: Robotic Construction by Contour Crafting" fired up my imagination with his lecture on 3-D robotic fabrication of structures here and on the moon. His creativity, persistence, and genius were inspiring. As a mid-life career changer, I also found keynote speaker Tom Koulopoulos' "Building the Future" engaging as he discussed generation Z's move toward cooperative innovation without an interest in proprietary intellectual property. The sessions I attended not only filled up my CEUs but introduced future trends, solutions, and innovations.

Step out of your comfort zone. I climbed out of one airplane wing in mid air and made it to the other plane in only a few seconds. The thought of this never even crossed my mind before I arrived at the St. Louis City Museum for the evening of Mirth Mystery and Mayhem for an evening of socializing and exploration. For those of you who've never been there, the St. Louis City Museum has an outdoor elevated labyrinth of planes, trains, slides, and towers interconnected by welded rebar. It was in this maze that my coworker and I found ourselves giving directions and seeking advice from many of our fellow Construct attendees. How do you get from here to there? Where does this lead? Without the help of our members, we might have gotten lost. Instead, we were laughing all the way. Attending Construct 2015 encouraged me to build friendships with fellow attendees.

If you want get the more out of your CSI membership, I would encourage anyone to attend a Construct conference. I don't know of any other event where I could build a better network, be inspired, and get detailed information relevant to my every day professional practice all in one place. I'm already looking forward to next year's Construct in Austin, Texas. The information I received a tremendous boost to my practice, but the most valuable part of Construct 2015 was the intangible benefit of connecting to our national organization and its members as it embraces the future of industrial, institutional, and commercial building.

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CONSTRUCT – 2015 – ST. LOUIS

As a new spec writer and member of CSI my experience at the CSI national convention was far different than I had expected it to be. I came into it thinking that it would be the most boring time ever. However, as it turned out, it was actually fun. After attending some seminars and a walk through of the exhibit hall during the day, there were plenty of things to do at night. They had set up a young professional night for bowling, a night at a museum, and a night out at the Budweiser brew house that left you no time to ever be bored if you participated. Aside from all the exhibit booths and the plethora of seminars to attend, I learned that CSI is a much larger organization than I had first realized, including participants from all aspects of the construction industry. With the organization being so extensive it brings knowledge and an experience base for new spec writers to connect to and learn from. I enjoyed my experience at Construct 2015 and look forward to attending next year.

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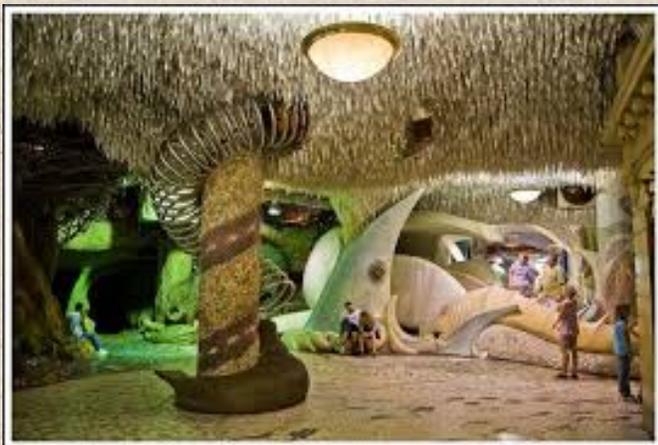
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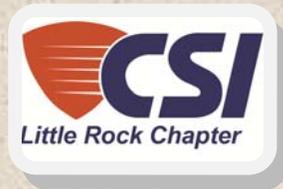
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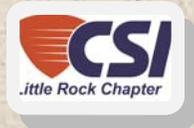
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