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JANUARY 2011 CHAPTER MEETING

LRC SI / ASHRAE Arkansas
Joint Chapter Meeting

Wednesday, January 12, 2011
11:30 AM

Camp Aldersgate
2000 Aldersgate Road
Little Rock, AR 72205

Cost - \$20.00 (lunch included)

Reservations are due by noon on
Friday, January 7.



**THE RULES FOR ACT 1494 AND THE ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE
PROGRESS ON ARRA PROJECTS**

Presented by:
Ed Ellis

Program Manager for State Facilities
Arkansas Energy Office

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LRC SI / ASHRAE Arkansas

Joint Chapter Meeting

THE RULES FOR ACT 1494 AND THE ARKANSAS ENERGY OFFICE PROGRESS ON ARRA PROJECTS

Make plans to join us for lunch with ASHRAE Arkansas at our annual joint meeting. The program topic will be The Rules for ACT 1494 and the Arkansas Energy Office Progress on ARRA Projects as presented by Ed Ellis, program manager for the state facilities in the Arkansas Energy Office.

Ed Ellis' career spans more than forty years in energy management. His career began with the US Air Force as a Fuels Logistics Officer in 1970. In 1975, he began working in the Pulp and Paper industry with Green Bay Packaging in Morrilton and continued until retirement in May 2003. Ellis held numerous positions with Green Bay Packaging prior to his retirement, including Director of Development and Governmental Affairs. Among his responsibilities were the development of new technologies and work with DOE on energy research.

In 2003, he began work with the State of Arkansas. While with the Department of Environmental Quality he worked on the recovery of waste tires for fuel in hog fuel boilers. In 2005, he began working with the Military Department on automated building controls and retrocommissioning. In 2008, he joined the Energy Office to run the utility consortium Energy Efficiency Arkansas.

He is a 1970 graduate of the University of the Arkansas College of Engineering with a BSChE in Chemical Engineering. He is also a 1978 graduate of University of Central Arkansas Business College with a MBA.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lori Tanner, CDT



I heard we had a great turnout at the November Chapter Meeting. Sorry that I missed that meeting, but I was off on my honeymoon. We had a great plant tour at CertainTeed in December. Thanks to Teri Davis for hosting the plant tour, Howard and Jeff for being our plant tour guides, and the rest of the staff at CertainTeed to make us feel welcome at the plant. We had great attendance for this plant tour. We will plan to offer more plant tours in the future. So, if you would like to host a plant tour, just contact myself and let me know. Make plans to attend the next Chapter Meeting, it will be a Joint Meeting with ASHRAE. It will be Wednesday, January 12th at Camp Aldersgate. We will be learning about Act 1494 and the progress of the ARRA projects presented by Ed Ellis from the Arkansas Energy Office. So please make plans to attend. Also, there will be a seminar on MasterFormat which will occur in March at the Baldwin and Shell Office. So please be on the lookout on the invites and make plans to attend this seminar. There will also be a spring/summer event that is in the works right now, more details to follow. I hope that everyone had a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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CURMUDGEON'S CORNER

One More Time

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA CCCA

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Last year, our annual election ballot included a proposed bylaws amendment that would have combined the professional, industry, and associate membership classifications into a single group. Although the amendment received over sixty percent of the votes, it fell short of the required two-thirds majority required to pass. The Los Angeles chapter brought the issue before the members at the annual meeting in Philadelphia, where eighty percent of the members voted in favor of again putting membership reclassification before the members, as an amendment proposal on the 2011 ballot.

Readers of this column may recall that last year I questioned the need for changing to a single class of voting members. I still feel the same as I did then about some of the issues, but in the last couple of months I learned a few things that led me to the conclusion that the time for a single class of voting members is long overdue.

When the suggestion to change to a single group of voting members was made a year ago, one of the most common complaints was that some members or potential members were or might be offended by the use of the word "professional", believing it could be seen as a reference to the manner in which members acted, or as a suggestion that some members are better than others.

This was somewhat surprising to me, as we work in an industry that relies on the correct use and interpretation of definitions. If you were to ask random people to name a few professions, it's likely they would say doctor, dentist, attorney, teacher, and perhaps architect or engineer. These are occupations that commonly are referred to as professions; they have in common a requirement for several years of formal education, and, usually, government control of the practice. It is highly unlikely that the same question would elicit contractor, mason, or salesperson as a response.

One of the examples given in support of that argument was that teachers or professors felt slighted because, as just noted, they generally are considered professionals. But, just as anyone can have a profession in the general sense, or behave in a professional manner, so, too, can anyone profess to know a great deal about any given subject - and those same professors would probably object to a master mason claiming to be a professor. Given the derivation of the term professional, and the clear way in which it is used, I don't accept the political correctness argument that we should change the name simply to avoid the possibility that someone might be offended.

A bit of background

So what changed my mind? What led me to decide that it's worth changing to a single class of voting members?

At first glance, it might appear that all voting members (associate, industry, and professional) have equal status; all are allowed to vote, and all are allowed to hold any office. There are, however, a few bylaws requirements that remain from our distant past, when CSI was, in essence, an organization of design professionals.

Since I became a member in 1987, I have accepted as fact that all voting members are equal, and, as we often do, I imagined that was the way it's been, if not forever, at least for a long time. And why not? As long as I can remember, CSI has claimed everyone in the construction industry - "Architects, specifiers, contractors, engineers, building owners, facility managers, attorneys, academics, product suppliers, construction software vendors..." - as potential members. Unlike AIA, AGC, and many other organizations, full rights and privileges are not limited to one type of member. Well, almost.

In the beginning, there were only specifiers. In 1948, CSI was formed as an organization for architects and engineers; in other words, for members of the design professions. The bylaws allowed others to join, but those who were not professional members could not vote or hold office. Over the years, as membership grew, the number of members who were not architects or engineers increased. Along the way, the names of member groups changed, so for convenience I'll use the ones we have today, - associate, industry, and professional - and I'll include associate members with industry members. A few of the dates that follow are best guesses based on available information, but most are correct, and at worst a couple are within a year or two.

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As the number of industry members grew, so did their influence, and so did their desire for full participation in CSI. Old bylaws not only limited the rights of industry members, but treated them as second-class citizens. If a professional member changed jobs, and no longer qualified for professional membership, the change to industry member was immediate. In contrast, an industry member who changed jobs and became eligible for professional membership had to wait for approval from the Institute Board.

The DC Metropolitan Chapter's history speaks about their 1959 Winter Holiday Program, which was called "Associates Night". The remarkable thing was that nine industry members were allowed ten minutes each to present their products to the professional members - something that was not permitted at chapter meetings. (But I'll bet they were allowed to pay the bar tab!)

It wasn't until 1963 that industry members were represented on the Institute Board, and then only as directors. The first time an industry member was allowed to serve as an Institute officer was 1964, and then only as treasurer. Industry members were allowed to vote, but only for industry directors.

At some time in the 1960s, industry members were allowed to serve on chapter boards, but they could not serve as chapter president. In 1966, industry members became eligible for Fellowship. In the first year they were eligible, five of the eleven Fellows were industry members. Not a bad showing for second-class citizens!

In 1975, nearly thirty years after CSI was formed, Industry members were given the right to vote, and the office of Industry Vice President was added to the Institute Board. Industry members were at last allowed to serve as chapter presidents - but only after review and acceptance by two-thirds of the chapter's board of directors. You just can't trust a salesman!

In 1986, industry members were made eligible to serve as Institute president, and in 1989, CSI elected its first industry member president.

Last year wasn't the first time that an attempt was made to grant industry members full rights; the records I have indicate that changing to a single member category - thereby giving industry members complete equality with professional members - was considered in 1974 and 2002, and other information suggested that it also may have been considered in other years.

We're not done yet!

What we have, then, is a long, slow, and painful journey, gradually removing obstacles to industry participation at various levels of the organization. Even though industry members now are allowed full participation, our bylaws continue to imply that some voting members are better than others.

- To charter a chapter, fifteen members are required, twelve of whom must be professional members, and to maintain a chapter, it must have at least eight professional members. I suspect a chapter that had no professional members might not be as effective as one with similar numbers of industry and professional members, but if they can make it work, why would we stop them?
- To have a quorum at the annual meeting, a majority of the members present must be professional members. If we have 300 industry members at an annual meeting, and only 299 professional members, does that really mean that we don't have enough qualified people to do business?

The bottom line is that industry members remain second-class members. The favoritism is subtle, and most members probably are not aware that it exists. While preferential treatment may have made sense sixty years ago, CSI has changed since then, and it no longer has a place in our organization. It must be especially galling to the many industry members we continually call on to finance all of our activities.

We have been talking about member equality for more than forty years; it's time to make it reality. Separate but not quite equal just doesn't work. When you get your ballot in February, vote in favor of equality.

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

SUMMARY OF MINUTES by Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT

LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION INSTITUTE

November 2010 Board Meeting Summary

- November Chapter Meeting was on November 9, 2010 at 11:30 a.m., at Curtis Stout's Conference Room.
- Pursuing a Vendor/Speaker to pay the entire amount for a Chapter Meeting. Jerome Sorenson briefed the Board that he had determined that this situation is feasible, however, more research into the actual cost involved as well as a check with our upcoming Program Presenters as to what the Market would stand.
- Board Thoughts on Chapter becoming a CEN provider. Doyle Phillips presented the specific requirements for both becoming a CEN Provider and the documentation requirements to have Individual Programs approved. The Board felt that it would not be in our best interest to pursue this at this time.
- MasterSpec 04/10 Seminar: This item was discussed at length by the Board. The Board asked and received volunteers to assist in the planning and feasibility of the Seminar.
- Tim Davis advised Board to forward any Chapter events to share and/or promote with the Region members through publication in the Region Newsletter
- Michelle Christen advised the Board that the CSI Academies would be held in Dallas Texas in 2011 and that information for registering for one of these Academies is on the Institute Website.

LITTLE ROCK CHAPTER THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATION INSTITUTE

December 2010 Board Meeting Summary

- December Chapter Meeting: December 14, 2010 at 11:30 a.m., at CertainTeed's Little Rock Plant.
- MasterSpec 03/10 Seminar: Tim Davis presented a budget recommendation with three options for food. The dates of March 11, 2011 with a backup date of March 25, 2011. The January Board meeting will approve the final advertising and selections for the seminar.
- Lori Tanner advised that Michelle Christen had submitted a "Letter of Resignation" as Vice Chair of the Awards Committee.
- Lori Tanner advised the Board of the passing of Mr. Jerry Alciatore, FCSI., from the New Orleans Chapter.
- Lori Tanner advised the Board that CSI Academies will be conducted on February 24 through 26, 2011 at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas, Texas.
- Lori Tanner reminded the Board that Region Conference would be held in Renaissance Hotel, Mobile, Alabama on the 29th and 30th of April, 2011
- Lori Tanner advised the Board that Region Leadership Meeting would be held in Nashville, Tennessee some time in August
- Lori Tanner advised the Board that Institute Conference would be held in Chicago on September 13-16, 2011
- Lori Tanner handed out Award Plaques which were not awarded during the 2010 Awards Banquet.

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EDUCATION CORNER

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Education and Certification Chair

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February 24-26, 2011

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GULF STATES

Top Award Deadlines

It is time again to start talking Awards. With the Institute Awards in flux right now, everyone should be considering the Region Awards Program and what it has to offer in the way of Awards. The deadline is fast approaching for the first two, and highest, of the Gulf States Award Package Submissions –THE ROBERT V. BISHOP AWARD and THE EUGENE WETZEL AWARD. While the remainders of the Awards within the Gulf States Region are being redefined, the requirements for these two Awards have not changed. If you have not already begun work on their submission, you are a little behind the power curve. I would really like to see more than one nomination in each category. Just to remind everyone:

Award Nomination Package Due Date is January 15, 2010. That is received at the appropriate location.

Electronic Format is preferred, however, hard copy submissions are acceptable.

Send all Robert V. Bishop Award Nomination Packages to:

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I will be detailing the other changes in a separate article coming out real soon. Please keep your eye on the Newsletter and the Gulf States Region Website for more information.



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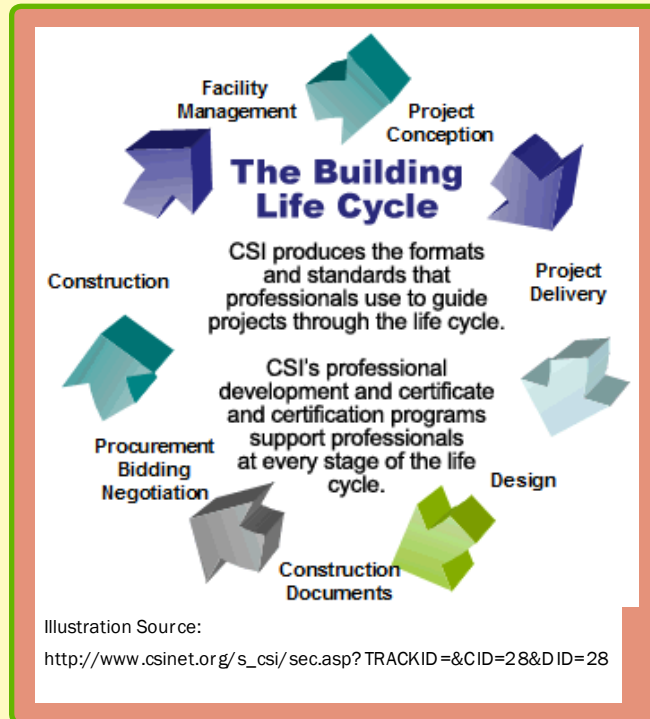
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