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NOVEMBER 2010 CHAPTER MEETING

Make plans now to join us at 11:30 AM on November 9 at Curtis Stout, Inc.'s facility at 2400 Cantrell Rd., Suite 100, for our November Lunch Meeting. We will enjoy lunch there and Cresteon Electronics will be presenting a program entitled "Intelligent Efficiency." Learn how fully integrated controls must be a priority in intelligent, green building; the role of the systems integrator; what "intelligent efficiency" is; how asset management and scheduling software enables systems management and control that can be implemented locally and globally; and why an integrated solution is so important.

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SPECIAL DECEMBER PROGRAM

CertainTeed Little Rock

We will be having our December CSILR meeting on Tuesday December 14th at 10:30am for a tour, CEU and lunch at the CertainTeed Little Rock Plant at 2701 Roosevelt Road, Little Rock, AR 72206 (phone number 501.375.9173). They currently are manufacturing their STA, smooth torch atactic polypropylene roofing membrane for flat or low slope roofs. The tour and meeting will be from 10:30 to about 12:30. The cost is \$10 per person. The CEU is:

We plan to offer BSP 706 Principles of Sustainable Design for Commercial Buildings and is Sustainable Design and HSW accredited. Please find the course overview below.

BSP 706 Principles of Sustainable Design for Commercial Buildings

- Sustainable design and sustainable development key objectives
- Features of basic sustainable design categories
- Four sustainable design programs
- Why integrated design is critical
- Compare standard and sustainable design options
- Priorities to use when designing commercial building renovations
- Critical systems when doing an energy audit
- Indoor air quality
- Cost reduction and sustainable methods / materials renovation projects

The logo for CertainTeed, featuring the word "CertainTeed" in a blue sans-serif font followed by a blue square icon containing a white stylized 'E'.

Beginning in August, monthly meetings will no longer be billed. Payments can be made on-line at time of reservation or by check at the meeting.

Institute News

Construction Documentation:

- MasterFormat.com to Remain FREE to Members
- Updated OmniClass Tables Released
- New UniFormat Released!

Education:

- CSI Webinar: Specifying Soluble Salt Contamination Thresholds to Prevent Premature Coating Failures
- CSI Webinar: Specifying and BIM
- USGBC Education Provider Workshop: Incorporating LEED into Project Specifications
- CSI On-Demand Webinars – See the Webinar You Missed

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Lori Hagen, CDT



We had a great a membership meeting at October's meeting. We were at Murry's Dinner Playhouse and saw "Death by Fatal Murder". It was a great show! We had one new member join that night! Welcome Greg Shofner to the Little Rock Chapter of CSI! We had a great turnout for the membership meeting – about 15 members and their guests. We also had our Region President, Floyd Sterling, attend this meeting. The next chapter meeting will be Tuesday, November 9th. It will be at the Curtis Stout Facility in Little Rock and the presentation will be on "Intelligent Efficiency". Sounds like an exciting program. So come and check it out. More information is on the Website and you can make your reservations to attend on the website also. Also, check out the website for a December Chapter Meeting – Plant Tour. The Plant Tour is being hosted by CertainTeed and you will be able to receive continuing education. So please make plans to attend. It has been a while since the chapter has offered a plant tour with continuing education as well as a December meeting, so let me know your comments on this. I'm sorry but I won't be at the November Chapter Meeting. I will be out getting married and on my honeymoon. But please make plans to attend the Chapter Meeting at Curtis Stout.

Sincerely,

Lori Hagen, CSI, CDT
LRCSI Chapter President 2010-2011



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

CURMUDGEON'S CORNER

The Price of Gold

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

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One of my CSI hats is History of Fellows Chair for CSI's College of Fellows. As such, I search for background to create or update the biographies that are on the Fellows' website, at www.FCSInet.org. This often is a difficult task even with new Fellows, who either can't find the time or are too bashful to write their own biographies. Getting information grows more difficult as time goes on, and becomes a real challenge for those Fellows who are no longer with us.

While my search generally moves along at a pace dictated by work at office and at home, some events, such as each year's elevation of new Fellows, notable achievements of a current Fellow, or the passing of a Fellow, inspire greater effort. One such incident occurred in February of this year, when Joy Davis notified me that a collection of three CSI medals - for President, Past President, and Fellow - were being auctioned off on e-Bay.

Putting on my Sherlock Holmes hat, I tried to deduce who the medals had belonged to. The ad indicated that all of the medals were from 1985 or earlier, so I started with the list of past presidents. An obvious first step was to delete those whose presidency or Fellowship came after 1985; I then eliminated those who were not Fellows (there are a few), and, assuming that a living member would not sell those medals, limited my search to those Fellows who had passed away.

The result was a short list of twenty-two names. I was able to determine from the ad that the seller was in Missouri, but it wouldn't necessarily follow that the original owner also was from Missouri, so I set that aside for the moment. However, because the advertised collection of medals did not include an Honorary Member's medal, I made a fatal mistake, and eliminated Honorary Members from the list, which was reduced to seven names.

I was tempted to put in a bid, but decided it would be better if an officer of the College of Fellows did the bidding, and started a conversation with Jim Robertson, College of Fellows Chancellor, Bob Kenworthy, COF Bursar, and Dick Robinson, COF Chancellor. We agreed that Bob would submit bids on behalf of the College of Fellows, and that, rather than raise interest by bidding early, he would not place a bid until just before the auction ended.



I sent an e-mail to the seller, asking whose medals they were, and was told that they belonged to Robert Vansant. (Vansant was an Honorary Member, but for some unknown reason, that medal was not included in the collection offered for sale.) The seller's response was especially interesting to me, as Robert Vansant is one of the names I remembered from my early days as an architect. He wrote a monthly article titled "Vansant's Law" in *A/E Concepts in Wood Design*, which was always interesting and educational. As I recall, each month's article discussed a limited subject and how it was presented in specifications or drawings.

Robert Vansant is an example of one meaning of FCSI - "future continued service to the Institute." He didn't hang it up after becoming a Fellow, but went on to serve as Institute President, and wrote many articles to help others better understand legal concepts related to construction. In addition to *A/E Concepts in Wood Design*, his articles also appeared in the *Construction Specifier*, *Consulting Engineer*, the *AWPA Reporter*, and *Water and Wastes Engineering*.

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CURMUDGEON'S CORNER

GO-TO GUYS

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

An engineer and attorney at Black & Veatch in Kansas City, Vansant was a charter member of the Kansas City Chapter, which was formed in 1959. He became a Fellow of the Institute in 1970, served as president in 1973-74, received CSI President's Plaques in 1971 and 1972, and was made an Honorary Member in 1986, the year after his death.

Robert Vansant and Glen Ablanap were instrumental in establishing the Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC). Vansant also worked with the American Water Works Association, and served as chair of the AWWA Standards Council, and he received the National Society of Professional Engineers' PEPP Award in 1987.

Meanwhile, back at the auction, we saw a sudden flurry of bidding as the deadline approached. As it turned out, one of the bidders was our own Dennis J. Hall, who had seen the medals on e-Bay and didn't want them to be lost to CSI, but he said he had bid as much as he was going to, and dropped out of the bidding. Bob Kenworthy submitted the final bid just before the deadline, winning the auction. Afterward, he contacted the seller to ask about the missing Honorary Member's medal; alas, it seems to have disappeared. Bob mounted the rescued medals in a display case, which was exhibited at the CSI booth in Philadelphia. The medals have since been donated to the Institute, and will soon be on display at CSI's main office, in Alexandria, Virginia.

One of the many interesting things about this treasure hunt was learning what metals are used for CSI medals. What are those metals? Silver for Fellows, copper for presidents, bronze for former presidents, and gold for distinguished or honorary members. However, as former Institute president Gilman Hu said, "A medal awarded to you is only worth the honor that goes with it. A medal purchased isn't worth the metal it was made from."

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SUMMARY OF MINUTES by Billy Mathis, CSI, CDT

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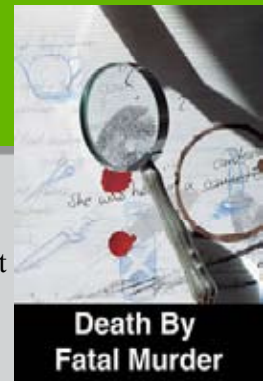
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1. Minutes Review: The Board approved the minutes by unanimous vote.
2. Financial Report: Treasurer Jonathan Lowrey presented the monthly report on finances for Little Rock Chapter to the Board at the meeting. The Board approved the minutes by unanimous vote.
3. Lori Hagen distributed correspondence as shown below. There was no applicable correspondence to read at this time.
Presented to Scholarship Committee Board Liaison, Mark Edds:
 Scholarship Letter
 Thank you letter for scholarship

October Membership Meeting Death by Fatal Murder

October's membership meeting was a special event to entice new members and have fun. Murry's Dinner Playhouse was the venue and we had a casual evening with members and guests. The play Death by Fatal Murder was misadventures of the hysterical Inspector Pratt trying to solve the murder. Just in case you are wondering....Enzo Garibaldi did it.

Jerry & Jan Sanders invited Greg and Joan Shofner and he joined that evening. We were delighted to have CSI Gulf States Region President Floyd Sterling from Shreveport, LA with us too.



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TECHNICAL TOPICS

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Free Download of Energy Code Available
ICC Awarded Federal Funding to Provide 2009 International Energy Conservation Code

The code is available at www.iccsafe.org/FreeIECC

Free digital copies of the International Council's 2009 International Energy Conservation Code (IECC) are now available thanks to funding provided by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). The funding is part of DOE's initiative to meet nationwide energy-efficiency goals through its Building Technologies Program and the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The download of the IECC is available at: www.iccsafe.org/FreeIECC.

The 2009 IECC will produce approximately 15 percent in residential energy efficiency gains compared to the 2006 edition, according to DOE. The goals of initiatives like these are homes and commercial buildings, including schools and hospitals that consume less energy and help the environment by reducing emissions and their collective carbon footprint.

The national model energy code of choice for states, cities and counties that adopt codes, the IECC is referenced in federal law determined by Congress through the Energy Policy Act of 1992. It is the only energy code that serves as the basis for federal tax credits for energy-efficient homes, energy efficiency standards for federal residential buildings and manufactured housing, and state residential energy code determinations. The 2009 IECC is the target building energy code that all 50 Governors agreed to achieve compliance with under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009.

In response to the 1973 energy crisis, model energy codes were first developed to address the design of energy-efficient buildings and the installation of energy efficient mechanical, lighting and power-systems. In 1976, the Council's legacy groups developed the Model Code for Energy Conservation in New Building Construction, which became the foundation for the IECC, first published in 1998.

The Council—along with the American Institute of Architects (AIA), ASTM International, the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air-Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the U.S. Green Building Council (USGBC) and the Illuminating Engineering Society (IES)—also developed the International Green Construction Code (IGCC) Public Version 2.0 to regulate construction of new and existing commercial buildings. The IGCC includes ANSI/ASHRAE/USGBC/IES Standard 189.1 as an alternative compliance requirement.

The International Code Council, a membership association dedicated to building safety, fire prevention and energy efficiency, develops the codes used to construct residential and commercial buildings, including homes and schools. Most U.S. cities, counties and states choose the International Codes, building safety codes developed by the International Code Council. The International Codes also serve as the basis for construction of federal properties around the world, and as a reference for many nations outside the United States.

Contact Steve Daggars: 1-888-ICC-SAFE (422-7233), ext. (4212)

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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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Seminar Series 1

“CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENT FUNDAMENTALS AND FORMATS”

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 5, 2011. Classes will meet every other Saturday (Feb. 5, Feb. 19, Mar. 5 & Mar. 19) 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.

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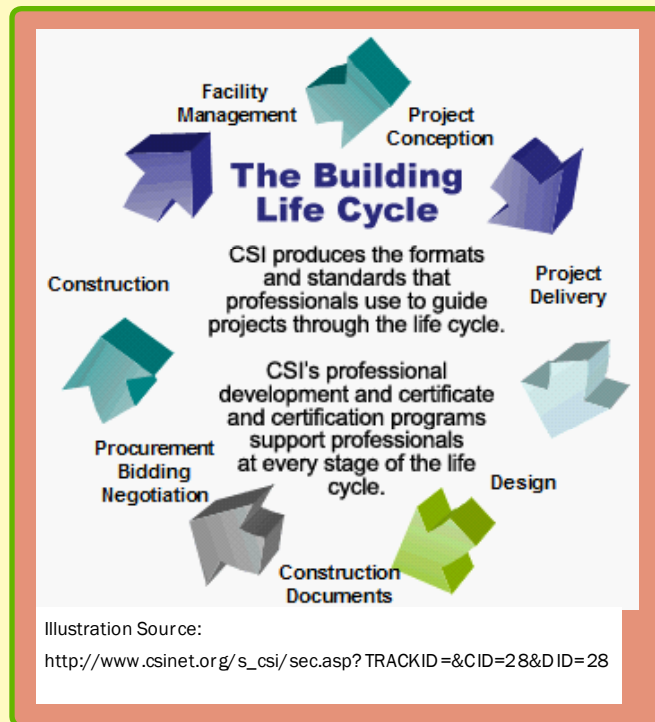
“BASIC CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION”

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 February 12, 2011. Classes will meet every other Saturday (Feb. 12, Feb. 26, Mar. 12, & Mar. 26) 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.

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