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SEPTEMBER 2009 CHAPTER MEETING
Specifying & Installing Nonstructural Steel Studs



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Location: Next Level Events
Time: 11:30 am **Lunch**
Seminar 12:00 pm **Seminar**
Cost: \$22 Lunch and Seminar
\$10 Seminar only

Learning Units: 1 LU/HSW, 1 PDH, 1 CEH, 0.1 CEU

Specifying & Installing Nonstructural Steel Studs
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RESERVATION "NO SHOWS" WILL BE BILLED AT FULL PRICE

RSVP BY NOON ON FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 4, 2009

LAST MONTH'S PROGRAM

Tilt-Up Construction by Ramon Yanez, Dayton Superior

Thank you Ramon for a very informative program. You made tilt-up interesting and gave us several methods and ideas for using tilt-up in Architectural Design and Construction.

Congratulations to the Little Rock Chapter of CSI !

The Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting held in Little Rock was a great success thanks to Billy Mathis, Chair and all of those Officers, Directors, Committee Chairs, Members, and Sponsors who helped make it a success. Thank you to everyone.

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September 2009

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

CINDY TONEY, CSI, CDT, LEED AP

We did it ! The Leadership Meeting is one major event accomplished this year, and not just accomplished, but very successfully accomplished, thanks to all of you.

I would like to personally thank each and every one of you for your hard work. It was a team effort and you guys really pulled together and worked as a team, each one taking up the slack if you saw a gap. ... and there were not that many gaps.

A very [special thank you to Billy for organizing the Conference](#), to Sally and Allen, for organizing the Golf Tournament, to Clark for organizing the Friday Night Fun Night, to Lori for keeping us all organized, and to Michelle for keeping us on track.

Clark made a great DJ at the Friday Night event, and the judges (Michael, Michelle and Heath) were a riot - they all really made the evening fun. Thank you to Jonathan, Kevin, Kelly, Doyle, Rob and Erin for keeping those games going and making sure that folks had a great time.

As for the Golf tournament - We heard nothing but rave reviews from attendees of the Golf Tournament - but then, with Sally and Allen organizing it, would it have been any other way?

To the volunteers who worked the conference and/or golf tournament and were also our sponsors, exhibitors, as well as participants (Sally, Mark, Jan, Michael, Kelly, Kay, Allen, Connie, Doyle, Billy, Tim, Veronica, Michelle, Rachel, Melissa and Karen) - we owe a debt of gratitude. And speaking of our sponsors... we truly thank you, because without you, we could not have had such a successful Conference. The list of sponsors comes later in this newsletter... when you see them, please thank them.

Registration was outstanding ! Without the Registration desk - we would not know who we are, where to go, or what to do next. Thank you for directing us, guiding us, and organizing all of the door prizes. Michelle, Lori, Kiem, Danielle, Jessica, Kip, Mark and Jan Thank you !

Also, a huge thank you to Clark and Melissa for being the official LRCSI photographers for the weekend. See plenty more at the website: www.csilittlerock.org. Also thank you Joy Davis for sharing your great pictures with us.

Everyone who worked the golf tournament, worked the hardest, because they had to deal with the heat... and then come to an event looking fresh. You guys actually pulled it off !

And a hospitality suite without a great host and hostess would not be hospitable - thank you Karen, Billy, Jessica, and Melissa.

Who worked the Conference: Billy Mathis, Cindy Toney, Sally Bowen, Michelle Christen, Mark Edds, Lori Hagen, Jonathan Lowrey, Kelly Phillips, Doyle Phillips, Jan Sanders, Michael Sanders, Clark Wood, Kay Young, Melissa Aguiar, Karen Mathis, Rob Mathis, Kevin Messick, Danielle Shafer, Kiem Kirkpatrick, Jessica Jeffries, Michelle Wood, Erin Wagner, Kip Moore, Heath Perry (Gulf Coast Chapter).

Who worked the Golf Tournament: Sally Bowen, Kelly Phillips, Allen Barnhardt, Billy Mathis, Tim Davis, Veronica Lilly, Connie Hall, Melissa Aguiar, Rachel Belanger, Mark Edds.

Thank you all again... WHAT A TEAM ! Each and everyone of you was an integral part of the whole event's success. Just like a car... if the battery goes dead the car is useless. And please let me know if I missed someone!

Mark your calendars for the Membership Meeting at Murry's Dinner Playhouse October 13th—5:00 pm.
Tickets will go on sale in a couple of weeks !



Academic Corner and Minutes



Brent Williams—Knoxville

ACADEMIC CORNER

We are in the process of implementing an intern program—connecting our students with our local businesses.

If your company is interested in interviewing students for internship, please contact

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Board Meeting Minutes

By Sally Bowen CSI, CCS, LEED AP

Summary of Minutes August Board Meeting

Awards: No report.

Website: Everything is up-to-date.

Membership: Veronica will be the board liaison.

Programs: We have speakers lined up through May.

Scholarships: Checks have been sent to the 2 universities.

Planning: Kelly will be the board liaison.

Advertising: Revisions were made to the newsletter sponsors, and the board approved the new format.

Leadership Meeting: Everything is set, with 86 registrants, and 78 staying at the hotel.



LRC SI Annual Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 13, 2009

5:00 PM - Introduction to CSI

6:00 PM - Dinner

7:45 PM - Curtain

Murry's Dinner Playhouse

6323 Colonel Glenn Road

Little Rock, AR

Members, be sure and bring a guest to this Annual Membership Meeting! We're sure to have a great time, and this will be a great opportunity for potential members to learn more about CSI! New members who join during LRC SI's two-week promotional period (Oct. 13 - 27) will receive a **50% discount on national and local dues**. *Industry, professional and associate members only - intermediate and student members are not eligible for this promotion.*

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This hilarious spoof of the best of Agatha Christie traditions is set in a country manor house in the 1930's, with an assembled cast of characters guaranteed to delight. The play introduces the inept and bungling Inspector Pratt, who battles against the odds to solve the murder of the house's owner. It soon becomes clear that the murderer isn't finished yet, but will the murderer be unmasked before everyone has met their doom, or will LRC SI members and guests die laughing first?

\$35.00 per person

Tickets must be purchased in advance by Friday, September 25.
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A Message From Our Industry Director—Gulf States Region

by M. Keith West, CSI, CCPR

Thoughts and Comments:

Let me start with saying thank you to Billy Mathis and his entire committee for a job (and it was) well done in hosting the Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting. I know that there were many people involved in making this such a successful event, and running the risk of leaving someone's name out is something that I will not do. So I will just say thank you for sharing your hometown, and mostly, your generosity and hospitality. I heard many people make the statement that the Little Rock Chapter members were bending over backwards to accommodate every guest and make their visit enjoyable. Everything from shuttling people to local spots for dinner, photo opportunities (8 am in the morning no less), and providing dining recommendations and directions on the free nights. So once again, a personal thank you for making this meeting a huge success and a pleasurable one at the same time.



While we did in fact enjoy the meeting, we actually took care of some official business in the mix. The nominating committee met and after many long and strenuous hours of debate, we finally were able to send the white smoke announcing the nominations of Floyd Sterling from the Shreveport Chapter as the candidate for Region President, and Kevin Corkern for the Nashville Chapter as the candidate for Region Vice President / President Elect. Their names will appear on the upcoming Institute ballot for the election for FY2011. Floyd will serve a single year as Region President, while Kevin will serve a year as Vice President and then follow with a year as Region President. I will be extremely prejudiced and biased and say that they will both do a great job in their respective positions. Show your support for them, and please feel free to contact them with any questions or clarifications that you might have regarding the final stages of the changes in our governance structure. They both will be more than willing to discuss it with you.

One of the things that I left highly impressed with was the number of first time attendees from our Region. While I am an old timer having been a member for 16 years, and I certainly enjoy seeing my old friends at these meetings, I was impressed at this meeting, but also at the last couple of leadership meetings, with the fact that we had brand new first time members who attended with the intention of gaining knowledge that they would be able to take to their home chapter. Your own chapter had some people included in that group. And that is exciting to me, and shows that we have some new members, and some new future leaders in place that will allow our chapters to grow and thrive. Thanks to those first time members who attended.

I did not have the opportunity to meet every Little Rock Chapter member who attended and participated in the Leadership Meeting, but I look forward to having that opportunity to do so again soon. Thank you once again, and please continue to participate in your chapter and allow it to continue to do such a fantastic job for its members. Your participation is the one thing that will provide benefits for many people, with yourself being included in the recipient's category.

Please let me know if there would be anything that I could do to assist you. Thanks again for such a successful meeting. Greatly appreciated by me and all.

Keith

Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting August 7th and 8th Session Report By Billy Mathis

Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting 2009

For those of you who have been living in a shell for the last 12 months, we the Little Rock Chapter performed duties as the Host Chapter for the 2009 Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting. It was conducted at the Doubletree Hotel on August 7th and 8th and was attended by approximately 90 Gulf States Region Members, Students and Spouses as well as a good collection of Product Representatives presenting information to the attendees in the form of Tabletop programs. The comments that I personally received was that the Chapter did an outstanding job as Host. Most had not been to Little Rock in many years and couldn't believe how much it had grown and how much there was to do here. Impromptu walking and driving tours led to some unique photo opportunities. The local eating establishments and local entertainment hot spots provided people with plenty to do, eat and drink. The Meeting was conducted in a very professional manner by all presenters and we were even able to include one (1) program which provided 1 CEU of credit to those who attended. Door prizes were given away with regularity and the Friday Night Game Night program was both well received and well executed. Some even thought we should contact the Wii Manufacturer and see if we could get a commission for all the Wiis that were most likely sold that night. Water Ballet on the final night saw a near record participation of 13 swimmers with at least twice that number of people providing support and encouragement. We even had some people not associated with CSI watching from the upper floors trying to figure out what we were doing. All in all it was a great experience for all. None of this could have been possible without two sets of people. The first were the volunteers and committee chairs that worked very hard, through some troubling situations, and some unique challenges brought on by coordinating something of this magnitude. To say thank you seems inadequate but that is all anyone can truly say at this point. I will endeavor to adequately embarrass them at the upcoming Awards Banquet. The next group is our sponsors. Without this group of people and companies, this whole event could not have been done at the level it was. Their time, efforts and money were a big part of what makes this event so memorable. From the companies that sponsored the Hospitality Room and the Beverages, to the Tabletop Presenters, and even those who just wanted to donate money, gifts, or give-aways, all made the Meeting possible. A list of the Sponsors is contained in this Newsletter. When you see someone from one of our Sponsoring Companies, please give them a big thanks for what they did.

Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting—Opening Session Report by Billy Mathis

Opening Session

Most opening sessions are filled with general discussions and welcomes by various people from the Meeting/Conference Coordinator, Chapter Presidents, Region and Institute Officers and Committee Chairs. This Meeting had some of the presentations and discussions listed above, however, there were two speakers (Brent Williams, Knoxville Chapter, and Joy Davis, Institute Communication Director) who spoke to us about the changing direction of the Institute and the organization as a whole. The gist of their presentation dealt with the movement of CSI away from being irrelevant in a lot of ways and towards making the organization relevant to the new generations through the use of Twitter and Social Networking as well as stressing our importance to the communication process. CSI as a whole must become inclusive of all aspects of the Construction Industry (including Green and/or LEED) and take the lead in communicating that we are very relevant. This new direction, while still being developed, is an exciting way for CSI to become the leader in the Construction Industry again and become relevant to all Construction Industry Organizations (AIA, AGC, USGBC, etc). I have asked for a copy of the presentation to give everyone the opportunity to see where CSI is going. When I receive it I will post to the web site and will notify everyone.

Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting August 7th and 8th



Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting-Thank You Sponsors !

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Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting—Fundraising Session Report by Sally Bowen

There are several different options for fundraising. Many of our chapters host an annual products show. One chapter has their President-Elect in charge of the Products show. The success of the show ensures a more successful year for that person, when he or she is President. Another chapter dedicates 20% of their profits from the products show to their Scholarship Fund.

Most chapters rely on golf tournaments. One chapter actually has 3 tournaments per year!

Still another source for fundraising is educational seminars. These are great for states which require CEUs for license renewal.

Other options are Chili Cook-off, Student Auction, Skeet Shoot, and Bowling Challenge.

Finally, when it is your chapter's turn to host Region Conference or Leadership Meeting, those can be sources of profit, as well.

Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting—Spouse Tour Session Report by Kay Young

The fact that only one spouse signed up for the spouse tour was no indication of the great time that we had. Gail and I rode the trolley to the Argenta area in North Little Rock where we walked around the farmers market of Arkansas, with it's organic fresh fruits, vegetables, and crafts. Back on the trolley, we headed to Heifer Village and took a 30 minute guided tour through their headquarters.... Then to the Clinton Library for a quick look-around. After that, it was off to the Arkansas Arts Center and Best Impressions Restaurant for a fabulous lunch of glazed salmon. Gail said that she thoroughly enjoyed her time in Little Rock.

Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting—Awards Session Report by Billy Mathis

Awards

How to make any training session interesting to someone not connected with the particular program or service is always a daunting task. The first and foremost thing that was talked about was the fact that since CSI is a "Volunteer Organization" the only way that outstanding people get "Paid" for their efforts is through recognition. Using this premise, Bruce Martin, Awards Chair for Gulf Stated Region, and Jonnie Cox, Institute Awards Committee, briefed everyone not only on the current awards that are available, their nomination criteria, and the forms to be used, but they also gave a presentation on the new Institute Awards and where the Awards Program was headed in the future. Electronic Submission is coming in the near future, and I am not talking sending in a CD-Rom like we can do now. I am talking about preparing the nomination package at the local level and submitting through a secure server to the institute committee responsible directly. In addition, we were told that there would be subtle changes to the Outstanding Chapter Commendation package this September so everyone will need to pay close attention to the Awards portion of the Institute's Administrative References this September. Melinda Jester, current Award's Chair, will be working to make sure that all the Little Rock Chapter members nominated have a shot at receiving the awards they are due. If you have any questions or if you want to nominate someone for an Institute or Region Award, please contact Melinda Jester right now so the process can begin.

Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting—Certification

Session Report by Cindy Toney

Certification Session

Speaker - Doyle Phillips, Region Certification Chair

Doyle Phillips reminded us of the many reasons to be certified through CSI - most importantly, to learn more about the industry in which we work. He said, "If a company's employees are certified, they are one step ahead of the competition. It gives an edge." He also gave us some very interesting statistics. He said, interestingly enough, that "less than 30% of the Region members have taken the CDT, less than 18% have taken the CCCA; less than 5% have taken the CCS; and less than 4% have taken the CCPR Exam."

All exams are now electronic and can be taken at Prometric during certain times of the year. We will have periodic reminders in the newsletter.

Doyle asked that we provide information to him, for a survey he is doing, about the various universities throughout our Region, and what programs they have in place to inform students about the benefits and availability of CSI Certification Exams. Here in Little Rock, UALR has been extremely helpful to students, by providing this information and offering classes to prepare for the exams. Other schools may not be aware of what CSI has to offer. There was a wonderful discussion and exchange of ideas among all attendees of this session regarding how to improve our Certification programs and how to connect with universities throughout our region.

Joy Davis, with Institute, attended the session, and mentioned that there will be a new training session beginning in two weeks, for trainers. Institute is also working on web-based training for people who are studying to take the exams.

Edith Washington, also in attendance, suggested that we continue to connect with each other, even after today's session to share ideas.

Doyle reminded us that the (CDT) - Construction Documents Technologies exam - should be thought of as a preparation for the more advanced exams.... and that a person should not stop there.

Doyle said that the Region is looking for a vice-chair for this committee and next year will be looking for both a chair and a vice-chair.

All-in-all... a very informative session.

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LRCSI's 11th Annual Golf Tournament

August 7, 2009

Organized by Sally Bowen and Allen Barnhardt



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Tim Yelvington
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2nd Place

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Eldon Bock
Steve Bishop



3rd Place Team

3rd Place

Zak Lowrey
Jerrod Hewitt
Coby Lane
Jim Conley

“Bringing Up The Rear”

Michael Sanders
Jim Sanders
Lance Howe
Doyle Phillips (not pictured)



Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting—Planning Session Report by Cindy Toney

Tom Parshall had some very good ideas on how to make the Planning Committee more effective. One of the first suggestions that he had was to make sure that we, as a Chapter, have an organizational chart. I thought it was such a good idea, we may want to develop one for our own chapter.

He also suggested that we keep our board meetings limited to REPORTS and not allow ourselves to get into discussion over committee business, which should be done at committee meetings. We have a tendency to get into discussion about committee activities (because we are interested), making board meetings longer than necessary.

Regarding programs, he suggested that we assign each Director and the VP to each come up with a program for monthly meetings. That way one person is not totally responsible for all programs during the year.

Finally, Parshall suggested that we make a 5-year plan to set goals for our Chapter. The planning committee should identify the goals, and the Board should refine and see that they are implemented. Betty Hays made a great point that the goals should start with the members. Parshall gave a good analogy. He said, (and not quoting verbatim) "You don't take a trip without mapping out your route, or you will get lost... same thing goes for your goals. Set them so you will have a direction to head towards.... You can always modify it mid-way if you need to."

Gulf States Region Leadership Meeting-Exhibitors



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Leadership Meeting—Friday Night Rock Band





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