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EDITOR'S NOTE: ONLY 2 WEEKS LEFT! GET YOUR REGISTRATION IN FOR THE REGION CONFERENCE!



DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

Robert Mallory, CSI, CCS, CCCA, CCPR, LEED AP
Institute Director, Industry

This is our annual Region Conference Issue. Our **Region Conference is Friday April 3rd and Saturday April 4th**, with the incoming President's conference on Thursday April 2nd. Joe Morales and his committee as well as the entire Las Vegas Chapter have outdone themselves with this event.

They have worked extremely hard to keep it on a tight budget with the intent that more Southwest Region Leaders and Leaders in Training will attend. There will be workshops for most if not all of the growth committees, Membership, Education, Certification, Technical and Academic Affairs, as well as great keynote addresses and tours.

The way I see CSI's Mission, we are the ones that develop methods of communication so the designer can communicate his/her vision to the contractor's hammer. The craft of producing Construction Documentation is being lost at an alarming rate and CSI is the entity in the Construction Industry tasked with the perfection of Construction Documents production. You can take away all of the fluff of the Institute's Mission Statement and Vision Statement about sustaining the built environment, etc., and boil it down to producing accurate Construction Documents, plain and simple.

We have CSI developed tools like **MasterFormat, GreenFormat, National CAD Standard** and a myriad of other formats and protocols to facilitate the vital communication between designer and subcontractor, as well as building Owner. Can you imagine building a modern, complex edifice without any standardization in the documents; without MasterFormat for example? I dare to say, it would be impossible.

Our craft is being lost at an alarming rate. People who understand the logic of crafting a set of Construction Documents, that communicates the designer's vision effectively, are being lost to retirement and other industries. We have to stop this attrition or the dreams of the future will be dashed. How can we rebuild our infrastructure without documents crafted in a way that constructors can interpret them faithfully?

CSI's role is more important now than it was right after WWII. CAD and BIM cannot solve our problem. There still has to be a person, a mastermind, who understands the logic, the Way, the How and CSI tools needed to craft a coherent set of documents.

Please come to the Region Conference and help us renew the vision of well-crafted Construction Documents. Our careers and lives may depend on it. Joe Morales and committee, Neil Davison and I, along with your Chapter Leaders are requesting your presence and hope you will help us build the future. Please contact anyone of us with any questions.

Contact info is on the sidebar of this Newsletter as well as full signup info forms.

Thank you,
Robert



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IMPORTANT DATES

- **March 17, 2009**
Denver Chapter Symposium & Product Show
- **March 30-April 4, 2009**
Spring CDT exams - nationwide testing dates
- **April 2-4, 2009**
SW Region Conference, Las Vegas
- **June 16-19, 2009**
Construct2009 & CSI Convention, Indianapolis

TECHNICAL COMMITTEE - CSI STYLE

Tim Garver, CSI, CDT
Southwest Region Technical Chairman
Phoenix Chapter Technical Chairman

Have you ever heard of the CSI Administrative References?

The CSI Administrative References are a collection of documents containing the core of CSI functional knowledge. It's available online at www.csinet.org.

Section B – Institute, Board and Committee Guides contains a general guide for the Board and Institute committees, as well as specific guides, or operating guides, for committees at the Institute, Region, and Chapter Level.

My goal is to make you aware or remind you of the guides, especially the section known as the Technical Programs Guide - B9. It just might help you form or enhance the functioning of your current Technical Committee.

Here's the Technical Committee breakdown.

IV. Chapter Technical Committees

- A. Committee Responsibilities
- B. Committee Structure
- C. Committee Chairman

You know there has to be some history...

V. Overview of CSI Technical Activity

A. History

...In 1960, the Institute also set up a series of 10 "working" technical committees to coordinate the new opportunities generated by growth.

The technical program was launched that year when the "Specification Series" was first published under the guidance of the newly established technical committees. When the Institute started publishing "pink sheets," or Preliminary Technical Reports, a Technical Review Board (TRB) was established to be solely responsible for the technical program.

The TRB prepared a list of specification sections open for research, preparation, an submission. Each chapter then would select its area of expertise or interest and would volunteer to prepare a report on the subject. The chapter studied the subject and wrote a first draft, which was then sent to the TRB for review. If approved, the study was published in pink-sheet form and distributed to other chapters, national agencies, and recognized authorities for comment. The revised pink sheets were then returned to the original chapter. This pink sheet concept encouraged comment, criticism, and technical improvement. After pink-sheet review, studies were published in an interim "yellowsheet" stage. A second review further refined the studies. Finally, the study was printed as a "green sheet" and issued as a CSI document.

I point out this part of history because the Phoenix Chapter Technical Committee has done something similar. It has created two documents for sale. One is titled Moisture Vapor Emissions and Concrete Slabs and the other Photovoltaic Systems for Commercial & Institutional Buildings.

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We are currently working on another project about roof designs that will be posted on the Phoenix Chapter's web site. It will not be for sale like the other printed documents; however, it might serve as a benchmark for some additional topics where the material will be posted instead of printed and sold as a revenue making project.

How does the Phoenix Chapter Technical Committee come up with these ideas? It's not so difficult if you know what the hot topic issues are in the field. Decide on one, surround yourself with knowledgeable people and get to work. Published documents and written work take time, so don't expect overnight success...maybe even a couple of years.

To be honest, we might not achieve all that's documented in the Technical Programs Guide - B9 but we do our best to contribute to the cause.

In closing, break out the CSI Administrative References locate the Technical Programs Guide - B9, see what you can create with the information provided. Being the current Phoenix Chapter Technical Chairman has its challenges but in the end is very rewarding. Please don't hesitate to contact me at tim.garver@dunnedwards.com if you have any questions.

GREETINGS FROM THE PHOENIX CHAPTER

Ken Martinek, CSI, CCPR
Phoenix Chapter President

WE ARE CSI

IF you are a designer who wants to prepare clear drawings and project specifications to ensure that you give your clients exactly what they want...

IF you are a contractor who wants to submit the bids that win jobs...

IF you are a building product manufacturer or representative who wants to have your product successfully and correctly installed in a building...

IF you are an owner who wants to limit your liability by getting all members of the team on the same page...

...**THEN** you belong with us: The Construction Specification Institute (CSI).

IF you are interested in preparing accurate CAD drawings, preparing clear and concise project specifications, expertly drafting general contract conditions, submitting successful proposals and bids, and choosing the most appropriate building projects...

...**THEN** you belong with us.

IF you are concerned with raising your technical IQ, honing your skills, advancing your career, and sharpening your technological and competitive edge...

...**THEN** you belong with us.

I invite you to:

Join forces with the best and the brightest in the industry.

Reap the benefits of cutting edge programs, products, publications, and services.

Link up with the best networking opportunities in the industry.

Move the industry forward by promoting efficiency, productivity, and coordination.

Keep up with the technological leaps coming down the pike.

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This is your moment. Take advantage of it.

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SOME GOOD IDEAS!
from the Salt Lake City Chapter

CSI Salt Lake City, Utah Chapter
And the
Humane Society Of Utah
Annual Pet House Competition
Benefit Dinner & Auction
The first Annual Pet House Design & Construction Competition to Benefit
The CSI Student Education & Support Funds
& The Humane Society of Utah at The LaCaille Restaurant
9565 Wasatch Boulevard, Sandy City, Utah
February 17, 2009
Pet houses Have Been Designed And Constructed By Teams
Or Individuals From Around The State of Utah:
Class One: Architectural, construction management,
and interiors professional offices.
Class Two: College students.
Class Three: High School students.
Major Sponsor: **LaCaille**
Banner Sponsor: **SBR TECHNOLOGIES**
The houses will subsequently be auctioned off at the LaCaille Restaurant February 17, 2009
At a Gala Benefit Event for The Humane Society of Utah, and the CSI Student Education
And Support Funds. The Event will include:
A Mingle Beginning At 6:00 P.M.
(Pay Bar & Passed Hors d'oeuvres)
Dinner Served at 7:00 P.M.
And Lastly,
Benefit Auction Of The Pet Houses Begins At 8:00 P.M.
Featuring The Talents Of Steve Harmon Of **KODJ 94.1** As MC And Auctioneer
Admission To The Event: **94.1 KODJ**
\$25.00 Per Individual
Group Rates: \$100.00 Per Individual For Table Of Eight
For More Information Or To RSVP Call:
Cori Jensen at 1-801-964-1010
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ARCHITECTS APPRECIATION BARBEQUE!

JANUARY 29TH 2009
5:00 PM to 7:00 PM
At FFKR ARCHITECTS
730 Pacific Avenue
(Boque Building, approx. 400 South, 730 West.)

Please, join other Architects in the valley for a no-strings-attached indoor barbecue courtesy of members of the Salt Lake Chapter of

CSI, (The Construction Specifications Institute)

Food and a drawing will be provided by:
Julia Farmer of Ingersoll Rand,
David Allen of Grace Construction Products,
Paul Riddle of Creative West,
& Colin Gilboy of 4Specs.com

Check out products and services offered by our hosts!
Bring a business card to enter a drawing!
Enjoy some Famous Dave's BBQ! Reunite with Architect friends!
Check out the digs at FFKR!
Stay for as long or as short as you wish!

If you will be attending this Barbecue, please e-mail a RSVP to
Richard Baxter at rbaxter@rkr.com, and thanks for coming.

We'd love to see some pictures!

CHAPTER WEBSITES

Albuquerque:
Denver:
El Paso:
Las Vegas:
Phoenix:
Pikes Peak:
Salt Lake City:
Tucson:

www.csialbuquerque.org
www.denvercsi.com
www.csie Paso.org
www.csilv.org
www.csiphoenix.org
www.pikespeakcsi.org
www.csi-slc.org
www.csitucson.org

WELCOME TO LAS VEGAS

Pssst...your Vegas is showing...

2009 CSI Southwest Region Conference

mark your calendar...

April 2-4, 2009



Conference Activities

CSI Chapter Related Programs

Educational Seminars with CEU's available

Conference and Hotel at The Historic Golden Nugget

Spouse / Guest Activities

Guided walking Tour of "Old" Las Vegas

Make plans to attend this exciting and informative conference

Hosted by the Las Vegas Chapter of CSI



For future information and updates please visit www.csilv.org or contact Joe Morales at jmorales@abbae.com



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Feeding the Soul

Registrant Full Name _____

First Name on Badge _____

CDT CCS CCPR CCCA CSI FCSI AIA SCIP MAI LEED-AP (Circle all that apply)

Mailing Address _____

Street City State Zip

E-Mail Address _____

Phone _____ Fax _____

Spouse/Guest Name _____

AIA ID Number _____ Home Chapter _____

	Before 3/19/2009		After 3/16/2009		Total
FULL REGISTRATION	\$150.00		\$200.00		\$
STUDENT FULL REGISTRATION (Valid student ID required)	\$45.00		\$75.00		\$

Registration fee includes; Thursday Welcome Reception, Friday & Saturday Sessions, Vendor Show, Breakfast, Lunch, Breaks Awards Banquet

Friday, April 3rd

Committee and Educational Sessions/Vendor Show Only (no meals)
 Student - Committee and Educational Sessions/Vendor Show Only (no meals)
 Keynote Breakfast Ticket
 Keynote Lunch Ticket
 Tour Ticket (not included in full registration)

Committee and Educational Sessions/Vendor Show Only (no meals)	\$25.00		\$45.00		\$
Student - Committee and Educational Sessions/Vendor Show Only (no meals)	\$15.00		\$25.00		\$
Keynote Breakfast Ticket	\$20.00		\$30.00		\$
Keynote Lunch Ticket	\$20.00		\$30.00		\$
Tour Ticket (not included in full registration)	\$20.00		\$30.00		\$

Saturday, April 4th

Committee and Educational Sessions/Vendor Show Only (no meals)
 Student - Committee and Educational Sessions/Vendor Show Only (no meals)
 Lunch Ticket
 Awards Banquet (per person)

Committee and Educational Sessions/Vendor Show Only (no meals)	\$25.00		\$45.00		\$
Student - Committee and Educational Sessions/Vendor Show Only (no meals)	\$15.00		\$25.00		\$
Lunch Ticket	\$20.00		\$30.00		\$
Awards Banquet (per person)	\$45.00		\$60.00		\$

TOTAL \$

Registration and Payment: Complete form and fax or mail to
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 Steam-Whirl Products
 3775 W Teco Ave #5
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For additional information please visit:
www.csilv.org
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Name on Card: _____

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Hotel Room Reservations:
 \$45.00 Wednesday & Thursday
 \$85.00 Friday & Saturday

Deadline for these Rates is 3/16/2009

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2009 CSI Southwest Region Conference



Golden Nugget Hotel & Casino – April 2nd – 5th, 2009



THURSDAY, April 2nd

7:00 – 8:00am Registration
 7:30 – 8:00am Continental Breakfast
 8:00 – 11:30am Presidents' Meeting
 12:00 – 1:00pm Presidents' Lunch
 1:30 – 4:30pm Presidents' Meeting
 3:00 – 5:00 pm Registration
 5:30pm Welcome Reception
 Hennesey's
 7:00pm President's Dinner

FRIDAY, April 3rd

7:00 – 9:00am Registration
 8:00 – 8:50am **KEYNOTE BREAKFAST**
 Speaker: Dick Rizzo,
 Vice Chairman of Perini
 Building Company
 Topic: **Dubai**
 9:00 – 11:50am **COMMITTEE SESSIONS**
 9:00 – 9:50am - Certification & Education
 10:00 – 10:50am - Membership
 11:00 – 11:50am - Academic Affairs
 12:00 – 1:00pm **TABLE TOP VENDORS**
 - BINGO
 1:00 – 1:50pm **KEYNOTE LUNCH**
 Speaker: Bill Smith,
 Director of Design
 & Development at MGM
 Topic: **Project City Center**
 2:00 – 2:50pm **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**
 - High Performance Facades
 - Baby Boomer Housing
 3:30 – 5:30pm **TOUR** – LEED Platinum
 - Springs Preserve
 7:00 – 11:00pm Hospitality Room

SATURDAY, April 4th

7:30 – 8:45am Presidents and Region Board
 Breakfast Meeting
 9:00 – 11:50am **COMMITTEE SESSIONS**
 9:00 – 9:50am - Programs & Technical
 10:00 – 10:50am - Publications & Awards
 11:00 – 11:50am - Fundraising & Product Shows
 12:00 – 1:00pm **TABLE TOP VENDORS**
 - Lottery/Lunch
 5 Minute Specing
 2:00 – 2:50pm **EDUCATIONAL SESSIONS**
 - MOB 101
 - COTE
 3:00 – 4:00pm Region Business Meeting
 4:15 – 4:45pm Institute Q & A
 6:00pm **AWARDS BANQUET**
 Speaker: Mayor Oscar Goodman,
 Mayor of Las Vegas
 8:00 – 11:00pm Hospitality Room

SUNDAY, April 5th

9:00 – 10:00am Regional Committee
 Wrap-up Meeting



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