Program Information
Tuesday, March 18, 2014

Note change in time & format

Orange County CSI Chapter
March Meeting

Program: Joint Meeting with WWCCA & OCCCSI
Efficient Specification & Installation of
Engineered Wood Products

Speaker: Karyn Beebe, P.E., LEED AP
Engineering Wood Specialist at APA

We will join the Western Walls & Ceiling Contractors Association for our March Meeting. The meeting schedule will honor their meeting style and location. The meeting begins at 3:00 p.m. with heavy appetizers and social time. The meeting proceeds at 4:00 p.m. with the program then a very generous raffle.

Our speaker will be Karyn Beebe, P.E., LEED AP, an APA Engineered Wood Specialist serving the Southwest. A licensed Professional Engineer in the state of California, Beebe graduated from Purdue University with a BS in Civil Engineering. Her duties include consulting with builders and designers on the efficient specification and installation of engineered wood products in construction. Karyn frequently advises builders in integrating new code requirements such as wall bracing and energy systems into their design and construction. She is an active member of the Structural Engineers Association, the U.S. Green Building Council, and serves as Vice President for the San Diego Area Chapter of the ICC. Prior to joining APA, Beebe worked as a structural engineer and structural plan reviewer for the San Diego building department.

Time:
3:00 PM Registration & Cocktails & Appetizers
4:00 PM Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance/Self Introductions
Program
Raffle

Location:
Phoenix Club - Pavilion
1340 S. Sanderson Avenue
Anaheim, California

Directions:
Orange County Thomas Guide 769-EU and 799-E1,
57 Freeway to Ball Road exit, east to Phoenix Club Drive,
south to Sanderson Avenue, right to entrance

Parking:
Plenty of free parking

Dinner Cost:
$40.00 (includes $20.00 raffle ticket option) for OCCCSI
members and nonmembers with reservations.
(No-show reservations will be billed)

Reservations required by March 14, 2014. Call the OCCCSI hotline at 714-434-9909.

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May 16, 2014
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Dear Fellow CSI Members,

Well a New Year has begun and I hope it is going to be a good one for all our CSI members and their families. We started the year off with a bang at the Southern California Carpenter’s Training Center in Buena Park. We had over 90 attend a very uplifting presentation by Cliff Brewis, Senior Vice President & Western Region Director of Operations for McGraw-Hill Construction Information Group. He gave us some hope that our economic forecast is on the rise, but we still are not there yet. Hope you were able to attend this joint meeting with our neighbors to the North, the Los Angeles Chapter of CSI.

In March, we have a joint meeting with the WWCCA at the Phoenix Club and on May 13th we have planned a joint meeting with RCI on Air Barriers. This is a meeting not to be missed. Mr. Laverne Dalgleish, Executive Director of the Air Barrier Association, will present the many benefits of energy conservation in buildings with the installation of air barriers. These benefits will include durability, comfort, reduced maintenance, reduced HVAC equipment costs and the positive impact on the environment.

Our Annual Golf Tournament is on May 16th at Black Gold Golf Course. Go to page 10 and 11 for the details.

We have the Installation of new officers in June and our annual Dinner and Luau in July. Our Construction Products & Services Expo, 2014, to be held at the prestigious Marconi Automotive Museum & Foundation for Kids in Tustin, is on September 9th. Tabletops and booths are available now and are going fast. Reserve yours today so you do not miss out on the OCCCSCI’s “Greatest Show in Orange County”.

As you can see, we have a great line-up of speakers and events planned for 2014. You will not want to miss any of these events.

You need to come to the chapter meetings and get involved with the several committees we have organized. The chapter meetings and events are not the same without our members. This is your chapter, you need to support it.

Hope to see you in March at the Joint Meeting with the WWCCA.

Dave
The Spirit of CSI

By Annette Wren, FCSI, CDT

Webster’s Dictionary: spirit

noun \ˈspir-ət\  
- the force within a person that is believed to give the body life, energy, and power  
- the inner quality or nature of a person

Does CSI still have the spirit of volunteerism it perfected under the first Executive Director, Joe Gascoigne? Are our CSI chapters benefiting by this unique spirit? Is the spirit of volunteerism giving our chapters life, energy and power? Good questions!

My observation is that one of the best spirits of volunteerism for a non-profit trade organization can be found within the chapters of CSI. Successful chapters thrive on this spirit! The volunteerism of CSI members creates camaraderie within the chapters. Industry members (yes, INDUSTRY) discover that their volunteerism enables them to work along side Professional members (PROFESSIONAL: architects, engineers, specifiers, etc.) and develop business relationships. My experience with this spirit of volunteerism brought me life long friendships as well.

There are some chapters that have lost part of this culture of volunteerism. They have “farmed” out tasks that free up their CSI Boards of Directors. In doing so, these CSI Boards have lost touch with their chapter’s activities and lost volunteers. Example: There is a chapter that had the best spirit of volunteerism in CSI, in my opinion. Their CSI members were fun to be around and thrived on the spirit! Their CSI events were awesome! They had it going on! The Board was organized and was in touch with every aspect of the chapter. Many other CSI chapters used them as an example to assist their own growth. Unfortunately, after outsourcing most of the tasks formerly held by volunteers to paid staff, this CSI chapter is a shadow of its former “self”. This is a sad situation.

This subject has been thrown around by the “powers to be” in CSI. Comments about a changing generation adverse to volunteerism are quite popular. NOT! In our country, volunteerism is in. The task is to make opportunities for our CSI volunteers that empower them. Foster the CSI spirit within members of the chapters. Membership and volunteerism does not grow on trees. Each CSI chapter needs to be proactive. There are many opportunities big and small available for CSI members to participate. Reach out and touch someone!

CSI volunteerism is a gift we give of ourselves. We choose to participate in our trade association. We volunteer for many reasons. The fact that remains is that each of our CSI volunteers has the SPIRIT.

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For many years, I was one of the instructors for my CSI chapter’s certification classes. In addition to explaining what CSI’s practice manuals say, I liked to include horror stories - real-world examples of the ways people found to really mess up a project. One of my favorite stories came from a public sector waste treatment agency. The project was a relatively simple addition to an existing building at one of the waste treatment facilities, to provide shower and locker rooms for the employees.

The agency had hired an architecture/engineering firm to design the addition, and to prepare bidding documents. As the bid opening date approached, the owner began getting calls from mechanical subcontractors, who asked, “Did you want to use fresh water or effluent to serve the baptismal font?”

Apparently, the mechanical engineer had reused specifications from another project, which happened to be a church. Obviously, assuming the specifications had been submitted for review, there should have been opportunities to discover and correct the error, but had the engineer started with master specifications, the baptismal font almost certainly would not have appeared in the specifications for this project.

This is an amusing result of the time-honored way of writing specifications: take the specs from the last project, change the client’s name, and - voila! - they’re done. While this may be a quick way to produce specifications, it also is a way to virtually guarantee those specifications will be incorrect.

There are times when this quick-fix approach almost works; certainly, in a project with multiple bid packs, there will be a great consistency and repetition from one bid pack to the next. An obvious example is waterproofing, which will probably be included in the foundations bid pack, though it could appear in later bid packs. Either way, it will probably appear only once. Given the nature of the product, it will be easy to either add or delete it as the project moves forward.

Other materials are more complicated. Cast-in-place concrete, for example, could all appear in one bid pack, but it’s just as likely to appear in the footings or footings/foundations bid pack, in the shell bid pack, and in the fit-out bid pack. If it’s all specified at one time, it will be easy to remember to take the section out when it’s not needed, but what if it appears in more than one bid pack? Ideally, each time a section is used, it will be edited down to address only what is needed for each bid pack. My experience has been that the design team often has trouble deciding which concrete is used in each bid pack, so there is a tendency to use essentially the same specifications each time, and let the contractor figure out which parts of it apply. The same can be said about masonry, insulation, hardware, and other products that may be required at different times.

Reusing old specifications also is tempting when designing additions to existing buildings, or doing more work for a regular client, but even then, there will be differences.

The older the reused specifications are, the greater the certainty that they will be incorrect. Codes change, reference standards change, companies go out of business, products are discontinued or changed, and owner preferences change. A design firm’s practices also change; most firms are more green than they were even a few years ago, and
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September 9, 2014

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AIA CC President Frank Bostrom, OCCCSI President David Brown, David Karina recipient of AIA CC award, LACSI President Kathryn Marek & West Region CSI President David Willis.

Speaker Cliff Brewis of McGraw Hill Construction Information Group

The UPI Group of Companies: Moira Howmann (Sunshine Supply Company)

Z Group: Valarie Harris, John Duyette & Tom Masterson

Angelus Block: Roger Beckett & Dave Christiansen

Carlisle Syntec Systems: Arturo Ortiz, Jr. & Brian Stone
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Attendees wait in line for the fabulous dinner! Gary Kehrier lookin’ stylish!
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☐ Full Conference $450

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☐ Golf Outing – Hapuna Prince Golf Club Thursday, April 24, 7:30AM – 2PM, $150

☐ Tour A – Kohala Zip Lines Thursday, April 24 7:30 AM – 2PM $200

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“Bridges To The Future”
Northwest Region Conference
May 8th-10th, 2014
Portland Hilton, 921 SW Sixth Avenue
The 2014 CSI Northwest Region Conference will be held back-to-back with the Portland Chapter’s premier industry event, the 2014 Industry Forum. Northwest Region Conference registrants receive a complimentary ticket to the Industry Forum.

The Industry Forum, attended by hundreds of designers, engineers, contractors, product representatives and project owners, provides the design and construction community an annual informative and stimulating look at what’s new and innovative in the industry. The Industry Forum begins Thursday evening, with registration from 4:00 to 4:30 and from 4:30 to 5:30 is the “Six by Ten”, one of the most popular features of this annual event. Six presenters give ten-minute presentations on a variety of industry innovations - from student work to cutting edge technologies. The Six by Ten is followed by a social networking time from 5:30 to 7:00, with “heavy” appetizers and a no-host bar. At 7:00, the event keynote presentation by Snohetta, an integrated design practice of architecture, landscape, interiors, furniture, graphic and brand design, with offices in Oslo, Norway, and New York.

The 2014 Northwest Region Conference, “Bridges to the Future,” begins with a Friday morning breakfast keynote, TriMet’s Agency Architect, Robert Hastings, who will present Bridges from the Past, to the Current, and Beyond. TriMet is Portland’s regional transportation system completing a multimodal transportation bridge link from the Southeast to the downtown over the Willamette River. Following breakfast will be the morning educational seminars offering a wide range of topics from learning how to sketch, with techniques for quickly expressing your ideas to the new LEED 4.1 changes, International Building Code Updates, Design/Build Project Delivery, and moving into lunch with the effective use of Social Media keynote speaker. The afternoon educational seminars will conclude with a short break before the Bistro Night social networking session begins that then moves to an Awards Banquet, and then the Hospitality Suite. After the Saturday morning educational seminars, one of the conference highlights is a keynote on history and types of the different Portland bridges with a walking bridge tour and then in the evening the banquet dinner with special entertainment.
The Flatiron, The New York Landmark and the Incomparable City that Arose With It, is an engaging history of the New York City architectural icon. The book provides detailed insight into the life and times at the turn from the 19th to the 20th century in New York City, the practice of design and construction at the time, the personalities involved, and the origin of the George Fuller Construction Company, an early giant in the industry.

George Allon Fuller trained as an architect at MIT, graduated in 1876 and went to work for the NYC firm of Peabody and Stearns. Fuller was more interested in the construction of projects than in their design and very shortly founded his own construction company. In the years following the civil war, structural steel was just starting to be used in building construction. Equally as important, the invention of the elevator brake by Elijah Otis made elevators safe and the construction of buildings higher than 4 stories practical. Now, many were being constructed as high as 10 stories.

Like NYC, Chicago was experiencing a building boom as a result of the great Chicago fire in 1871. In 1883 George Fuller moved his family and his business there. His construction company promoted the use of structural steel and in 1890 Fuller constructed the first all structural steel office building, the 10 - story Rand McNally Building. At the time structural steel was seen to be revolutionary and it was accepted only reluctantly by the public. Building owners loved it since it allowed more useable floor space to rent as compared with traditional bearing wall construction, especially in high rise buildings, and was less costly to build. By 1892 there were over a dozen “skyscrapers”, 10 to 12 stories high, in Chicago’s Loop.

In 1897 Fuller Construction returns to NYC. This was perfect timing since many land owners wanted to construct taller buildings to maximize their rental income, and this was just the type of experience Fuller brought with him from Chicago.

When Fuller fell ill with ALS his son-in-law, Harry Black, took control of the Fuller Co. and expanded it with projects up and down the east coast. George Fuller died in 1900. Harry Black rapidly turned the company into a real estate trust with ownership in many properties in addition to its construction work. In 1901 Black purchased the Flatiron site and asked Daniel Burnham to design a skyscraper to house the headquarters of the Fuller Co. This in itself was unusual since Chicago architects didn’t work in NYC, or vice versa. In addition to having to design on a tiny 9,000 SF, triangular shaped site, Burnham had to deal with the “problem of the skyscraper”, how to make it a beautiful building using an architectural vocabulary that was rooted in traditional, classical details.

Following the start of foundation excavation in May 1901, a building permit application was made on Aug. 1, 1901 for construction of the steel framed building, 286 ft. high with floors framed in steel supporting concrete decks poured over hollow clay tiles. The exterior was to be clad in terra cotta except for the first floor that would be clad in limestone. The first permit application was rejected based on a requirement for additional calculations and details for the steel framing and, in particular, the framing to resist the high wind load expected against the very narrow building. Another requirement called for the addition of exterior fire escapes. Eventually this requirement was dropped once the structural issues were resolved. At the same time Fuller had 15 other buildings under construction in
New & Renewing OCCCSI Members

Thank you to the following Orange County Chapter CSI members who have chosen to join our chapter or renew their membership (results from December 2013):

Baker, Michael D.
Brown, Randall
Davis, Julie
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Tan, Dai-Nee
Tran, Duc
Ulrich, Linda
Young, Sandra
Van Dijk, Peter

In Memoriam – Al Grossman, CSI

Albert (Al) Grossman, CSI passed away on January 5, 2014 at 94 years old. Al was a longtime member of the Orange County and Los Angeles CSI Chapters. Al and his lovely wife, Simonne, were married 57 years. Simonne hosted a wonderful memorial reception on January 26th, which was a celebration of Al’s life in his beloved aluminum home on Dona Cecilia in Studio City, California.

The Grossman’s aluminum home was declared a Historic-Cultural Monument in 1996 by the city’s Cultural Heritage Commission and officially by the Los Angeles City Council in 1997. Former renowned Los Angeles architect Raphael Soriano, FCSI decided to use aluminum and glass instead of wood, plaster and stucco when the house was designed. Soriano called the house "El Paradiso". "At last," a Los Angeles Times headline from 1964 read, "a house for people who hate to paint." El Paradiso was not as much built as it was assembled. The aluminum framework and 28 glass doors (all 5 by 8 feet) came complete from a factory, and the modern, functional appointments are of easy-care materials such as Formica, terrazzo and cork. Al and Simonne Grossman, who were friends of Soriano, have lived in the aluminum dwelling at 11468 Dona Cecilia Drive since 1964.

The memorial was as gracious as the many events that the Grossmans hosted at their home over the years. Simonne especially loves the kitchen where many of us were welcomed into the memorial event. She encouraged all of us to view the entire home and Al’s office. The office was on the second story with a view of the surrounding valley. In addition to desks, a pool table graced the office. Another special treat about the house was the display of items collected from their travels around the world.

A special note: Al and Simonne found special joy in reading this publication over the years. They telephoned and commented upon our news and events. Al loved CSI. He was an example of a CSI member who experienced the spirit of CSI through participation and the accumulation of lifelong friends. In addition, it was a real treat to visit the Grossman home for CSI events. El Paradiso is fascinating!

Al is survived by his wife, Simonne; his daughters, Wendy Grossman and Bea Lindzon; and his sister Lee Grossman Levin. We have lost a real “character” and fascinating CSI member in Al!
12th Annual Golf Tournament
THURSDAY
APRIL 17th 2014
12:00 Noon Shot Gun Start

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Tournament Schedule
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10:00 a.m. Registration
12:00 Noon Shot Gun Start
5:30 p.m. Dinner, Awards and Prize Drawings

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specify different products. Most people seem to think specifications are boilerplate. In fact, they are living documents, which must be updated continually to incorporate all of these changes.

Traditional specification editing is a subtractive process. The specifier starts with a master specification, which contains many options. In most cases, offices pre-edit master specifications so to minimize editing for the types of work they do most often. These master specifications are further edited for each project by removing unnecessary information, and, frequently, adding in missing information.

The problem with reusing specifications is, to accurately fit the needs of another project, the specifier must remember to add things that had been deleted, and to remove things that no longer are needed. Both require thought, but it’s far easier to delete things that aren’t needed than to remember what’s missing.

Without exception, every time I have to reuse specifications from another project, even from an earlier bid pack for the same project, we discover late in the construction documents phase that we don’t need something that was in the reused spec, or that something we do need wasn’t there. Unfortunately, these things sometimes are not discovered until the bidding documents have been issued, or until construction is underway.

When reusing specifications, they must be compared to the masters, to identify things that are have been deleted, or that may have changed as the masters evolved. And, they must be reviewed item by item with the team to make sure what’s in them corresponds with requirements for the current project. I haven’t kept track of how long it takes to review and update a reused specification, but it seems it would be just as easy and fast to start with unedited masters. Of course, the reason we’re using old specs is that we don’t have time to start over, so the review and re-editing is either ignored or superficial.

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New York City alone.

Construction was taking place in the era of increased unionization of labor and trade workers. Fuller avoided trouble with the unions by bribing their leadership. By June of 1902 much of the exterior terra cotta had been installed.

The first tenants moved into the Flatiron Building in the fall of 1902, before construction was complete. The building boasted having its own steam and electrical plants and it had 6 hydraulic elevators. Since 1899 skyscrapers were required to have standpipes for fire protection and the Flatiron included a 6" diameter standpipe from the basement to the roof. Fire protection in high rise buildings was a big concern to the public given several recent fires that had taken many lives.

The Flatiron cost $2 M to build when it was completed in 1902. The public loved the Flatiron for its very narrow wedge shape, a “slice of cake”, but the architectural critics didn’t think so highly of it. Montgomery Schuyler, writing in Arch. Record in Oct. 1902 dismissed it as “awkward”.

On the other hand, the famous photographer Alfred Stieglitz almost made a career photographing it and it was the subject for many painters in the years after construction was completed.

The book also includes a description of society life at the time for the wealthy that wintered in Palm Beach, Florida and spent their summers in the Catskill Mountains resorts. By the mid-1920s, with the beginning of architectural modernism arriving in NYC, the Flatiron was on its demise, looking shabby and in a shabby neighborhood.

Harry Black committed suicide in 1930 at the age of 68. He lost money in the stock market crash of 1929 but, unlike many other speculators, was far from broke. For a guy who started out knowing nothing about design or construction, but who had the good fortune to marry the boss’s daughter, he had a remarkable effect on the evolution of the skyline of New York City.

The book was written by Alice Sparberg Alexiou. Her grandfather was an owner of the building in the years after WWII. It was published in 2010 by Thomas Dunne books with 298 pages that include several period photographs.
# Meeting Schedule and Information

Make reservations by the Friday preceding the meeting. Call the Chapter Hotline at (714) 434-9909

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