Program Information
Tuesday, November 11, 2014

Orange County CSI Chapter
November Meeting

Program: Napa Earthquake Recovery Efforts

Speaker: David A. Karina, Assoc. AIA, RCI, CSI, CDT
Dynamic Engineering & Inspection, Inc

David A. Karina, Assoc. AIA, RCI, CSI, CDT will have a power-point presentation of the 2014 Napa earthquake showing photos of his experiences as the field coordinator for the California Emergency Management Agency (Cal-EMA).

The 2014 Napa earthquake occurred in and around the city of Napa, California on August 24 at 3:20 a.m., measuring at 6.0 on the moment magnitude scale. The tremor’s epicenter was located south of Napa, approximately 3.7 miles (6.0 km) northwest of American Canyon near the West Napa Fault. Following the earthquake, several older commercial buildings in downtown Napa showed signs of extensive external damage even though many had been retrofitted for earthquake safety protection.

As a certified trainer, David A. Karina has to date trained over 1,200 people in the Cal-EMA Safety Assessment Program. This includes people in the City of Huntington Beach, City of Redondo Beach, Monrovia Fire Department, San Diego Unified School District, Orange County Sanitation District, Orange County Water District and 700 in Los Angeles Unified School District.

Join us for this fascinating presentation and learn about the Safety Assessment Program!

AIA/CES Learning Units available.

Time: 5:45 - 6:45 PM Social/Tabletop Exhibits/No Host Bar
       6:45 - 7:30 PM Dinner
       7:30 - 8:30 PM Program

Location: Phoenix Club
          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: $30.00 cash/check discount for OCCCSI members and nonmembers with reservations.
             $40.00 at the door without reservations or credit card. (No-show reservations will be billed)

Tabletops: Product representatives are invited to display at this meeting. The cost for a tabletop is $80.00.
           Contact Pete Thomsen at (800) 600-6634 for information.

Reservations required by November 7, 2014. Call the OCCCSI hotline at 714-434-9909.
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COMMENTS FROM DAVE

Dear Fellow CSI Members,

On September 9, 2014, if you were not at the Orange County’s Chapter Products Show then you really missed out. To those of you who attended our Annual Orange County Chapter Product Show, a big thank you and hope you had a fantastic time, good food, and good conversation and learned something about a new product or technique. Attendees witnessed very enlightening seminars on the new Title 24 Energy Efficiency Standards and the new requirements to obtain a “Net Zero” energy in both residential and non-residential buildings. The seminars were presented by Martyn Dodd of EnergySoft in the bay area and who is the foremost expert on Title 24. **A BIG THANK YOU** to all the vendors that exhibited at the show. **A SPECIAL THANKS** to our “Booth” vendors, Urethane Polymers International and W. H. Steele Company and our “Mini-Booth” vendors, American Building Supply-Doormerica Manufacturing, Architectural Glazing Solutions, Dryvit Systems, Rainguard and STO Corporation. Several vendors and attendees dressed up in the show’s theme 50’s attire to promote our 50th Anniversary Gala in 2015. We could not have even had a show if it wasn’t for you participating. So thank you again and hope to see you all next year. I personally want to thank Bryan Stanley and all the committee members who helped make this event a big success. We have heard from many of the vendors and the attendees who felt that this was a very “quality” show. It truly was the “Best Show in Orange County.”

Our next meeting is being held at the Phoenix Club in October. The phenomenal John Raeber, FAIA, FCSI, CCS will present the timely subject of **SCARY CODES**. This is going to be a fun presentation and we have added a twist to this meeting. We want everyone to come in costume for Halloween and as an added bonus we are celebrating **Octoberfest**. Bring your significant other for food, fun and entertainment. I suggest you get your rsvp in soon because this should be a well-attended meeting.

In December, we have our annual **Holiday Party** at The White House. You will not want to miss this one. We will have live entertainment, fantastic food and great fellowship with friends and colleagues. This will be our last get-together for the year.

Our committee is diligently working on our **50th Anniversary Celebration** in the East Room at the Nixon Library on July 10, 2015. Be sure to mark your calendars for this very special event. You will not want to miss this one.

You need to come to the chapter meetings and get involved with the several committees we have organized. The next regular meeting is in October. Hope to see all of you there. This is your chapter. We can’t do it without you.

This will be my last letter to the membership for 2014. I want to wish everyone a very Happy Holiday Season and be kind to one another.

Dave
Let your life shine as an example! You serve as an example to others every day. You observe others as well. We live by example. Everyone is watching everyone else. You may question the statement “to let your life shine”. You may believe that those who do great things are the only good examples. The truth is that you are an example no matter what! You only need to decide what kind of an example you will be. Here is a very interesting analogy about “life and times”. It applies to the “keepers” of CSI.

A few years ago, the daughter of a lady that passed away put her mother’s cherished belongings up for sale. Someone known to me was enchanted by a sewing machine with intricate attachments and multiple boxes filled with hundreds of beautifully organized spools of thread arranged in coordinating hues. These belongings were well cared for and preserved to perfection. The lady believed in taking care of what she had. That sewing machine had the appearance of a brand new machine.

The sewing machine with its intricate attachments and multiple boxes filled with hundreds of beautifully organized spools of thread arranged in coordinating hues was loaded into the new owner’s SUV. Unfortunately, I was witness to the arrival of this precious possession to the OC. As the new owner attempted to yank her new purchase out of her vehicle, the multiple boxes filled with hundreds of beautifully organized spools of thread arranged in coordinating hues and the sewing machine attachments crashed to the pavement. The contents spilled everywhere. Not to worry, she scooped them up in haste and threw them back into the boxes in disarray. The sewing machine was lugged into her home and plunked in the garage. In fact, the new owner comes from a generation believing in a “disposable society” that can easily replace possessions. Her generation speaks of conservation and being green, while appreciation and maintenance for ones belongings are of no consequence. The original owner would have reacted in horror. Good thing she was dead.

Is there an alternate solution to this tale of woe? The original owner could have decided on a future responsible owner of her sewing machine. She could have sought out someone who could have truly appreciated her precious sewing machine. The original owner should have been a plan to gift or sell it to someone who would understand the value of maintenance and care.

This tale reminds me of CSI. We have an opportunity to hire a new Executive Director. Years ago, the first Executive Director of CSI passed away. CSI was a “sewing machine with intricate attachments and multiple boxes filled with hundreds of beautifully organized spools of thread arranged in coordinating hues.” CSI had a culture that was appreciated and envied by other trade
In the last post, "Where have I heard that before?" (http://bit.ly/ImaQmDs) I used several excerpts from a 1920 edition of the American Architect magazine. The comments showed a general concern about the importance of specifications, and about the absence of specifications in architectural education, stating "the preparation of specifications receives less study and attention in proportion to its importance than any other phase of architectural or engineering practice."

While investigating the history of specifications, I was surprised to find references like this, as I had learned next to nothing about specifications in school (I think the word was spoken the first day of Professional Practice class, never to be mentioned again). It wasn’t until I became a specifier that I understood what specifications are, thanks to my local CSI chapter. However, as good as the education and certification classes were, my understanding was that CSI pretty much invented specifications.

Until the advent of CSI in 1948, it was AIA, the Illinois Society of Architects and similar organizations, the American Architect magazine, the American Specification Institute, and similar sources that discussed the preparation and use of specifications. In this post, we’ll look at the ninth edition of The American Architect Specification Manual, published in 1927, and the Specification Record of the American Specification Institute, Volume 4, published in 1931, with a few quotes from each.


Most of the book’s 353 pages are used for a collection of specifications. Primarily produced by manufacturers, they are more like a Sweets catalogue than guide specifications as we know them today - this despite the claim that "material that rightly belongs in a catalogue or that could be construed as advertising, has been excluded from the Manual."

"In an endeavor to assist the person unaccustomed to writing specifications in a methodical manner and in the hope that those more hardened to the exigencies of the work might find some additional profit in the Manual, the following articles, which have been published in previous editions are again presented: THE SPECIFICATION WRITER; THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SPECIFICATION; and RULES FOR CHECKING DRAWINGS."

"The specification writer must be known, in his office, as a compendium of information relating to all productive, executive, and constructive processes of the organization."

"It is unfortunate that in architectural curricula so little attention is devoted to the earnest consideration of specifications as one of the essential fundamentals of correct
**Our Past Presidents**

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  2008-2010

* Steven Olitsky, AIA, CSI, CCS, RA  
  2010-2012

* Michael D. Baker, CSI  
  2012-2013

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The Orange County Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute Invites you to the White House for our Annual Holiday Dinner. On Tuesday, December 9, 2014

Join us for a wonderful dinner at the Anaheim White House Restaurant in the West Wing Dining Room. A landmark jewel that was once nestled quietly among an enormous orange grove in the early 20th century, the Anaheim White House is still Anaheim’s most famous hidden treasure. This beautiful historical landmark was skillfully crafted by a gentleman named Dosithe Gervais in 1909. After many owners, the home was retrofitted into a restaurant. The restoration was copied from original existing pieces, whenever possible. The interior of the home was restored with most rooms retaining their original size and shape. The brick fireplace in the library (now the main dining room) and many of the windows are original.

In 1987, Italian immigrant Bruno Serato took over the ownership of the restaurant. In 2005, Bruno and his mother, Caterina, visited the Boys and Girls Club of Anaheim, where his mother noticed that there was a 6-year old boy eating potato chips for dinner, because his family couldn’t afford a proper meal. Caterina insisted that Bruno make some pasta for the child. They soon realized that there were many more of these hungry ‘motel children’, so Bruno begun making pasta for 72 children, 5 nights a week. Today, that event has now expanded to feeding 300 kids, 7 nights a week. We will be “passing the hat” for donations to Caterina’s Club!

The menu includes the Patricia Nixon Contemporary Salad and a choice of three entrees. The entrée choices are Dwight Eisenhower Whitefish, John Adams Manzo Basato (filet of beef ribs), or George Washington Vegetarian Pasta.

Our dessert will be the Jackie O Assortment. We are currently seeking sponsors for this dessert.

Our entertainment will be Yester Year with leader, William McLaughlin. You may know him as the Resource Manager at Perkowitz+Ruth Architects.

Time: 6:00 PM – 7:15 PM Social 7:30 PM – 9:00 PM Dinner

Location: Anaheim White House Restaurant  The West Wing Dining Room 887 S. Anaheim Boulevard Anaheim, California

Directions: Take the 5 Freeway and exit at Harbor Blvd. Go north on Harbor Blvd, then east (right) on Ball Road. The second signal is Anaheim Boulevard, go left again. Pass the first signal, which is Vermont, and the restaurant is the second building on the left. Phone: (714) 772-1381.

Parking: Valet Parking

Dinner Cost: CASH/ Check discount $60.00 per person  Go to Website to use PayPal

MAIL YOUR CHECK with your entrée choice TO: OCCCSI, Post Office Box 8899, Anaheim, CA 92812

Reservations MUST be with your check and received at our Post Office Box by December 5, 2014. For questions, please call Dana Thornburg at 714-907-3981.
The Orange County Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute wishes to thank the following companies that were exhibitors:

**Booths:**
- Urethane Polymers International, Inc.
- W. H. Steele Company, Inc.

**Mint-Booths:**
- American Building Supply - Doormerica Manufacturing
- Architectural Glazing Solutions
- Dryvit Systems, Inc.
- Rainguard
- STO Corporation

**Tabletops:**
- Allegion
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- Aroadia, Inc.
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- ASSA ABLOY - Door Security Solutions of Southern California
- Behr Paint
- BMI Products
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- Mapei Corporation
- Martin Brothers Construction Services
- Mirror Metals, Inc.
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- Multicoat Corporation
- Omega Products International Corporation
- Oreo Block Company
- Pacific Polymers International/ITW
- Parex USA, Inc.
- Partition Specialties, Inc.
- Polyglass
- Prosoco
- RAY-BAR Engineering Corporation
- RCI, Incorporated
- Söhnox - HPS North America, Inc.
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- Skyco Shading Systems, Inc.
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- Thompson Building Materials
- Tnemec - TPC Consultants, Inc.
- Vista Paint
- W. R. Meadows of Southern California
- Western Wall & Ceiling Contractors Association
- Woodwork Institute
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CPSE Chairman Bryan Stanley, Western Wall & Ceiling Contractors Association.

Geraldine Lampert and Paula Brown in charge of exhibitor’ lock & keys for their door prize.

Exhibitor Check In; Pete Thomsen, Annette Wren and Greg Clements.

Who is this 1950's surfer? (answer hidden within Orange Peal)

It’s “Sweet Peggy Sue”, Kathy Greenway (Draper), winner of the Best Theme Exhibit.

Darlene Wise and Past President Frank Dave checking in attendees

Another 1950’s surfer, Membership Chair Joe Esquer (BehrPro)
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Urethane Polymers International, Inc. – Ron Kelly & Annette Wren

Who is that HOT couple cruzin’ in the pink 50’s Chevy?

Architectural Glazing Solutions

American Building Supply – Doormerica Manufacturing

Dryvit Systems, Inc. – Gordon Wright (L&W Supply) & Jeff Sievers (L&W Supply).

It’s STO Corporation! Dan Crates

Partition Specialties – George Sayeg

Structa Wire Corporation
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Omega/Siena – is Louie Corpolongo, Pete Thomsen, Dana Thornburg, Allen Gadbois and Jaime Murillo.

Siena/Omega – Christine Camponovo.

Smalley & Company – Jeff Myers (Dow Corning) & John Corsaro.

Easy Turf – Heather Ruvelo.

H.B. Fuller Construction Products - Bill Lichtenstein & Tom Domenici.

Dal Tile – Danny McNair.

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BehrPro - Tom Stewart.
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Sherwin Williams/General Polymers – Rocky Berlanga & Tom Brummett

Fortifiber Building Systems Group – Kent Lewis & Ron Beers

W. R. Meadows of Southern California – Roger Smith

Henry Company - Jason Marquez

RAY BAR Engineering Corporation

Skyco Shading Systems, Inc. – Sandee

American Construction Inspectors Association - Dale E. LaCasella

Schönox - HPS North America, Inc. – Rex Revard
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Dunn Edwards - Susan L. Giampietro, winner of the female winner of the 1950's Theme Attire prize.

Prosoco – Kim Grosch.

CENTRIA, Inc. – Gary Kehrier.

CEMCO - Mike Dolati, Kim Grosch & Rudy Rudrud.

Parex USA, Inc. - Keith Simchuk.

Custom Building Products – Dale Roberts.

RCI, Inc. – Moira Howmann.

Woodwork Institute – Marcia Falk & Mitch Taylor.
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Kathy Greenway - Draper, Inc. - winner of the Best Theme Exhibit.

Sergio Aguilar of Monopole, Inc., male winner of the 1950’s Theme Attire prize.

ASSA ABLOY – Door Security Solutions of Southern California & Security Hardware - Bill Swinney.

Arcadia, Inc. - Craig Monroe & James Fitzsimmons.

Angelus Block Company - Dave Christiansen & John Surratt.

CertainTeed - Marc J. Alexander.

Siplast, Inc. - Paul Schnieders; winner of free tabletop at CPSE 2015.

CPI Daylighting, Inc. - Rafael Rivero.
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Mirror Metals, Inc. - Amy Filippini & Aaron Papazian.

Malarkey Roofing Products - Glen Hurtado & Greg Maechling.

BMI Products - Jerry Pozo & Tyler Parker.

ISEC Incorporated.

Stego Industries LLC - Paul George & Dayne Dietrich.

Integrated Marketing Concepts, Inc.

DORMA USA, Inc. - Patricia Smith.

Sorry, no photo.

W.H. Steele Company, Inc.
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CPSE Chairman Bryan Stanley “prepares to leave the show” in his Grand Prize for being Chairman for so many years.

Tnemec - TPC Consultants, Inc. - Tony Hobbs, Jody Cochran and Dustin Kaatz.

Polyglass USA, Inc.

Sorry, no photo.

Martin Brothers Construction Services.

ClarkDietrich Building Systems - John Maxim.

Thompson Building Materials.

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Vista Paint - Mo Marquez & Jim Likes.

Foam Concepts, Inc. - Mark Prince.

American Institute of Architects, Orange County Chapter.

Multicoat Corporation - David Lascano.

Hafele America Company - Richard Peralta.

Dupont Tyvek® - Weatherization Partners Limited.

Mapei Corporation - Mike Granatowski.

Rainguard - Marvin B. Navas.
October Scary Codes Meeting

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Scary Bryan Stanley and his dark angel pal, Dana Thornburg.

Chief Big Bear aka John Raeber.

Mapei: Alan Clinkingbeard & Lisa Fyke.

Monopole: Sergio Aguilar.

Magician Ron.

OC spiders are SCARY!

Greg Farinsky, Mark Niese & Richard Matteo.

Chris Finegan, David Koons, CB Stanley, Kathy Greenway, Mike Baker & Richard Gonsor.
October Scary Codes Meeting
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President David & Paul Brown.

President David Brown & speaker John Raeber FAIA, FCSI.

The Dark Angel & Little Red Riding Hood.

Randy & Jill Brown.

Jacob Synecky, Allen Zeigler & Kent Lewis.

The Browns with their "friend" the Headless Horseman.

Those scary codes are SCARY!

SAVE THE DATE

2015 McGraw-Hill Construction Outlook
Speaker: Cliff Brewis Honorary AIACC
Senior Vice President & Western Region
Director of Operations for McGraw-Hill
Construction Information Group

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Thank you to the following Orange County Chapter CSI members who have chosen to join our chapter or renew their membership (July 2014 - September):

Allgood, Stephanie
Berlanga, Rocky
Burrow, Richard
Chew, Marvin
Clements, Gregory
Falk, Marcia
NEW MEMBER! Finegan, Chris
Fischer, Alvin
Fitzsimmons, James
Fricke, Stuart
Gagnier, Michael
Giampietro, Susan
Hurtado, Glen
Kehrier, Gary
NEW MEMBER! Lichenstein, Bill
NEW MEMBER! Pelke, William
Piccola, Jan
Rewers, Greg
Rodriguez, Martin
Tran, Duc
Wiseman, Jonathan
Wohler, Vince
Zeigler, Allen
CONGRATULATIONS

Stephanie Allgood (Dryvit): Baby News

Stephanie’s little girl, Margaret, has made quite a scene! Before she was born, little Margaret broke her mom’s ribs on top of being quite the acrobat in the womb. By the way, Margaret decided to turn breech as well. Margaret was born by C Section on October 20, 2014 at Henry Mayo Hospital.

Dan Fry (Tremco): Baby News

Emma Suzanne Fry was born in the afternoon of September 16, 2014. Her parents, Dan and Nicole, and big brother, Charlie are “thrilled”.

Dana Thornburg:

Dana won the BEST OF SHOW for baked items with her “famous” lemon cupcakes at the Orange County Fair!

WREN’S WESTERN OUTPUT

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associations. We did have some challenges, but nothing like the ones that came with the new Executive Directors and Boards of Directors that did not maintain the “precious machine” properly. The first replacement wanted CSI to be like his old engineering society. That new CSI Executive Director definitely yanked his new association “out of the vehicle causing the multiple boxes filled with hundreds of beautifully organized spools of thread arranged in coordinating hues and the sewing machine attachments” to crash to the pavement.

It is time for CSI to go back to “its roots” – its unique culture. Our search committee needs to sit down and look back at our rich history. It is time to bring in a new Executive Director that understands our original missions, our culture and what makes CSI unique. CSI members, past and present, have a culture of making relationships with other members that last from the cradle to the grave. We have generations of CSI members that appreciate our organization and volunteer spirit. CSI deserves to have a new Executive Director that can bring our dear organization back to its beautifully organized condition. CSI can be an example of a great trade association again!

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WOLFE’S HOWL

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construction."

"After several years spent in the drafting room the specification writer will find that supervision of construction work will open his eyes to many things he did not understand clearly or was not familiar with when working on drawings. A good training can be gained in two or three years of construction supervision, after which the specification writer should return to the office organization and enter the executive work of the office."

"Bear in mind always that if the specification is written so that the activities described therein are in sequence as they occur in the actual construction work, the dearness of the specification will not fail to be evident, for then the building will actually grow in the mind of the reader and the contractor will do his work in a satisfactory manner."

"In the writing of specifications, the language used should be clear, accurate and exact."

"Don’t confuse damp-proofing with waterproofing."

The book included AIA’s “Filing System for Architects’ Offices”, and “Standard Documents of the American Institute of Architects”, which contained the fourth edition of the AIA general conditions.

For organizing information, it offered “The Specification Checking List”, with forty-eight “Sections” for filing, plus an “Index to Major Divisions” with forty Divisions for

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specifications.

Forty-eight Sections and forty Divisions; isn't that interesting? The Checking List had eight Sections for mechanical and electrical information, while the Index had five Divisions for specifications. How did they later get squeezed into Divisions 15 and 16?

The American Specification Institute

The American Specification Institute produced four volumes of the Specification Record. With about 500 pages, it included both the AIA and EjCDC general conditions, and a list of ASTM standards.

"The specification should be clear, concise and complete."

"The drawings, in general, should show the quantity, extent and layout of the work, and ordinarily do not state the character, make or manufacturer of the material or equipment. It is therefore necessary that the specification describe in detail the character of the material or equipment, otherwise the cheapest material or equipment satisfying the description shown on the drawings may be furnished."

"Clear, concise, complete, and well coordinated drawings and specifications should secure fair and intelligent proposals, should eliminate vexatious extras and should eliminate also the necessity for verbal or supplementary written instructions."

"Eliminate all clauses that reflect indecision or lack of knowledge. Do not put anything in the specifications that will not be enforced to the letter."

"Use simple words. Do not use big words. Use nouns. Do not use pronouns. Use short sentences. Do not write long and involved sentences. Make the language a clear and concise expression of just what is meant. Give directions, not suggestions. Tell the Contractor what shall or shall not be done."

And then there is CSI

Does any of the above sound familiar? It’s clear that CSI’s founders didn’t start from scratch, and it’s likely at least some of them had references such as these in their offices. Even so, there seems to be a common thread of simple, practical reasoning in all of the specifying guides I’ve seen, and I suspect the rules did not originate in the construction industry. They are logical and reasonable, perhaps not for writing a novel, but for any type of technical writing used to convey information about a design concept to make it possible to build.

Even though CSI didn’t create these rules, it expanded and clarified them, bringing a consistent, coordinated way of writing and interpreting specifications, based on AIA and EjCDC documents.

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