Program Information
Wednesday, January 28, 2015

Orange County CSI Chapter
January Meeting

Annual Joint Orange County/Los Angeles CSI Meeting

Program: Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center, ARTIC

Please join us on Jan. 28, 2015 for the annual joint meeting of the Los Angeles and Orange County CSI Chapters. Our after dinner presentation will be by HOK on the recently completed Anaheim Regional Transportation Intermodal Center, ARTIC. ARTIC is an iconic 66,000 square foot structure boasting a 200,000 square feet exterior shell of ETFE polymer pillows and a 180 foot high archway. This premier Southern California transportation hub is designed to meet current and future public transportation needs with the capability to host 10 transportation modes on site. The building also includes visitor destination sites such as restaurants and recharging stations.

The design team of HOK and Brinckerhoff focused on efficient geometry combined with innovative suitable features that will result in dramatically reduced energy and water use to name a few of the design benefits. BIM (building information modeling) was used to communicate the design to stakeholders as well as using it as a design tool to create unique geometric forms while achieving the functional goals of the building.

HOK is a global design, architecture, engineering and planning firm, founded in 1955. As of 2014 HOK is listed as the largest US based architecture-engineering firm (per The Top 500 Design Firms 2014, "Engineering News-Record", April 14, 2014). Their 1,600 employees collaborate across a network of 23 offices on three continents. We are fortunate to hear them speaking candidly about this wonderful new project.

A few awards won by ARTIC are:
• American Institute of Architects (AIA) Technology in Architectural Practice Building Information Model Awards, Stellar Architecture Using BIM
• United States Green Building Council - Eco City Award
• Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) - Recognition Award for Sustained Leadership

Time:
6:00 PM Social/No Host Bar
7:00 PM Dinner
7:45 PM Program

Location:
The Grand, Long Beach Event Center
4101 E. Willow Street
Long Beach, California 90815

Directions:
Pg. 795, Grid J3 of the Los Angeles Thomas Guide. Exit I-405 at Lakewood Blvd., South. Go 1 block south to Willow and turn right.

Parking:
Parking is free in the adjacent parking structure.

Cost:
Free to LACSI members with reservations
$50.00 to Non Members with Reservations (cash/check discount)
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$55.00 for Non Members without reservations & credit card transactions.

Tabletops:
Product representatives are invited to display at this meeting.
The cost for a tabletop is $80.00. Contact Annette Wren at (800) 560-0230 for information.

Reservations Required by Wednesday, January 21st, 4:00 PM. LACSI members must register at the lacsi.org website. OCCCSI members may register at the occcsi.org website, respond back to the email blast, or call 714-434-9909.
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OCCC SI Joint Meeting with Inland Empire Chapter CSI
2015 McGraw-Hill Construction Outlook
Tuesday, February 10, 2015

SAVE THE DATE
COMMENTS FROM DAVE

Dear Fellow CSI Members,

Happy New Year, 2015. I hope you all had a fantastic holiday season and Santa brought you everything you asked for; and, if not, there is always next Christmas. I enjoyed meeting and talking to all of you who attended our Annual Holiday Party at the White House in Anaheim. We had a great dinner by renowned chef Bruno Serato, entertainment from William McLaughlin and his band, and good fellowship with friends and colleagues of our CSI family. If you missed this annual get-together, please put it on your calendar for 2015. It is a party not to be missed.

We have a fantastic year planned for 2015 starting with a joint meeting with the Los Angeles Chapter CSI at the Grand in Long Beach. Our featured topic will be ARTIC, the Anaheim Transportation Facility opening soon. Our February meeting will feature Cliff Brewis with his economic projections for 2015. This is a meeting you do not want to miss. In March, we have our joint meeting with the WWCCA at the Phoenix Club; and in May, we have planned a joint meeting with RCI.

We are all gearing up for our 50th Anniversary Extravaganza on July 10th at the Nixon Library. This is one party you will not want to miss so put it on your calendars now. Our Construction Products & Services Expo, 2015, held at the prestigious Marconi Automotive Museum & Foundation for Kids in Tustin, is in September. And our 2nd Annual Halloween Dinner Meeting will be in October, again featuring John Raeber.

As you can see we have a great line-up of speakers and events planned for 2015. You will not want to miss any of these events. More information on all the events will be in future newsletter.

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.

Let’s all make a New Year’s Resolution to join OCCCASI and attend the chapter meetings in 2015. Hope to see you in January.

Dave
There is a nickname for a product representative of high performance quality, the “Archie Rep”. The standard of this excellence is the late Archie McMullan, originally representing Sinclair Paint. Some Design Professionals still use the “Archie Rep” reference in their discussions of distinguished service by a product representative. We have the ultimate “Archie Rep” among us – Pete Thomson!

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For the Orange County Chapter CSI (OCCCSI), Pete is our “rock”. He is always “there” for us. Who picks up our mail and phone messages? Pete. Who handles arrangements for programs and speakers? Pete. Who arranges our meeting venues and delivers the payment checks? Pete. Who makes arrangements for our Board of Directors meetings? Pete. Who do we ask for help when the request is of a high level of care? Pete.

How has OCCCSCI managed to stay financially stable when other CSI chapters have faltered? Pete has been the “wings” behind our solvency. Why? Pete is responsible for bringing us in contact with Ken Thompson, our benefactor. Our Board of Directors and committees have been meeting at Thompson's facilities since the 1990's. Our major financial sponsor for all of our events is Ken Thompson. We could not have stayed as financially stable without the help of Pete and Ken. In addition, Pete has personally opened the Thompson Building Materials business doors and closed them after our meetings. Pete has spent an unbelievable amount of time after business hours with OCCCSCI.

Pete has decided to retire and kick back. Ken tried to stop him, but Pete is ready to have some fun times in retirement. What will all of us do without his daily presence? Pete is someone that I am honored to call my friend. My good news is that our friendship will keep us in contact. What I will miss are his almost daily phone calls about CSI business and construction issues that have been the highlight of my days for years. He thinks he will slip away from us. Guess again, Pete! We are not letting you go!
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Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Orange County CSI Chapter
February Meeting

Program: OCCCSI Joint Meeting with Inland Empire Chapter CSI
2015 McGraw-Hill Construction Outlook

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


Cliff Brewis is responsible for the news gathering operation of McGraw-Hill Construction/Dodge, and is a frequent speaker on the construction forecast. He has over 30 years experience in construction. Cliff has been employed by McGraw-Hill for over 25 years, in both sales and operations. Cliff is a graduate in Economics from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. He has an MBA from American University in Washington D.C.

Things have changed at McGraw-Hill. This may be our last opportunity to hear the construction outlook from our good friend Cliff Brewis.

Time:
5:45 PM Social & Tabletops
6:45 PM Dinner
7:30 PM Meeting 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 reservation/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 February 6, 2015. Call the OCCCSI hotline at 714-434-9909.
In "Absolute Nonsense", I talked about the lack of precision used in daily conversation, and the need for precision in construction documents. Nothing so serious this time; in fact, I’m not going to say much about construction documents, except for an interesting penalty paid by Lowe’s to five California counties. Instead, I’m going to have a little fun and talk about some of my favorite social media peeves.

There are so many links from so many sources that it can be difficult to decide which to follow. In an effort to entice readers to follow the links, thereby increasing their value to advertisers, many updates and social media posts use headlines designed to suck you in. For me, these clever headlines are a red flag, but apparently they work.

Does anyone really believe headlines or links with phrases like "what happens next will shock you", "this will blow you away", "you won’t believe what happens next", "this will make you cry", "she never expected…", "left me stunned", "changes everything", "will never be the same", "jaw-dropping", "profound", "epic", or "mind blowing"? My experience has been that the article, video, or whatever rarely justifies the sensationalized headline.

Similar are the e-mails with too-good- or too-bad-to-be-true claims, and just about anything related to politics. There’s something about them - the format, the writing, perhaps the astounding claims - that raises the red flag, sets off the alarm, pegs the BS meter, and sends me immediately to Snopes. And nearly every time, it turns out the e-mail is a fabrication. The thing I don’t understand is why people would do that sort of thing, when there are so many truly amazing things to talk about.

And then there are the ways words are used and misused. As noted in "Absolute Nonsense", we have a great many words that allow us to communicate specific ideas with shades of meaning. I realize ours is a living language, changing continually to accommodate new concepts, new activities, and new products, but it’s hard to accept casually-made changes, which often are driven by lack of understanding or careless use. Some of my favorites:

- Literally has been incorrectly used so often that it has been accepted to mean figuratively or virtually.
- A large increase is not necessarily exponential.
- Until recently, a business that went out of business was closed. Now it’s shuttered.
- I have respect for curators, who spent a lot of time and do a great deal of research to reach their special positions. Today, anyone who chooses a few of the multitude of tweets or links is said to curate them.
- Why is it necessary to start a statement with "Honesty…" or "To be honest…"? Does that mean I can’t believe anything else you say?
- In most cases, "use" should be used instead of "utilize".
- Needless redundancies and padding, such as "each and every", "every single one", and "any way, shape, or form".
- Why is every change now "disruptive"? Disruptive does not mean clever, innovative, or beneficial; "dis-" is a negative prefix. Why is it that disruptive changes are seen as positive, and so many companies want to be known as disruptive? There is such a thing as "disruptive innovation", but many things described as such are not; some are more accurately described as "sustaining innovation."
- "Price point" also has a specific meaning, but every time I have heard it used, it meant simply "price".

How important is correct use of words and terms? In casual use, not much; we are remarkably adept at interpreting new uses of old words. As
We are proud to present our exhibitors from our Construction Products & Services Expo 2014 on September 9th, 2014. This column will report on groups of the exhibitors in each issue right up to the next show. Learn more about them right here!

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Marconi Automotive Museum & Foundation for Kids
1302 Industrial Drive
Tustin, California

September 8, 2015

Sponsor: Orange County Chapter Construction Specifications Institute

Invitation:
• You are invited to participate as an exhibitor.
• Architectural seminars with AIA/CES credit prior to exhibits.
• Display your products for local design professionals, owners, contractors, facilities managers and others.
• Exhibit hours are 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
• Gourmet hors d’oeuvres passed during exhibit hours.

Reservation:
Please make your check payable to the Orange County CSI Chapter. Upon our receipt of your check, you will then receive set-up details and location confirmation. No credit card reservations will be accepted after August 28th. For questions, please call Dave Brown (714) 329-8498, E-MAIL dbrown.dpe@gmail.com or Bryan Stanley (714) 221-5520, E-MAIL: bryan@tsib.org.

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Tabletops (6' x 2-1/2' table)........................................$600.00 each
Mini-Booths (8' x 2-1/2' table)...............................$700.00 each
Booths (approx. 10' x 8')..............................................$900.00 each

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Tabletops (6' x 2-1/2' table)........................................$700.00 each
Mini-Booths (8' x 2-1/2' table)...............................$800.00 each
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For credit card transactions and prices go to our website at occcsi.org until August 28th.

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[Images of people at a holiday party with festive decorations and performers.]
Periodic Tales, a Cultural History of the Elements from Arsenic to Zinc, is the perfect antidote to a rigorous high school or college chemistry class. This is not a “chemistry” book in the usual sense; it doesn’t use a single chemical equation in its entire 428 pages. Instead, the author, Englishman Hugh Aldersey-Williams, treats us to fascinating insights on most of the elements from hydrogen (1) to ununoctium (118), describing how and where they were discovered, how many of them have been used as materials in buildings, and how they have been connected to history, literature, and art.

Why is chemistry important to those of us involved in design and construction? Understanding the chemical properties of materials is essential in their selection for use in buildings, especially when they are used in combination with other materials. One of the most prominent specifiers and a former chief of specifications at Skidmore Owings & Merrill, Harold J. Rosen, PE, Hon. CSI, was a chemical engineer by education. In addition to authoring books on specifications writing, he wrote the monthly specifications column in Progressive Architecture magazine for many years. Surely his background in chemistry was critical to his interest in materials and to his success in selecting materials and preparing specifications in a time before master specifications libraries existed.

The periodic table of the elements was developed by Dmitrii Mendeleev in 1869. The periodic table as Mendeleev initially proposed it, had 63 elements. These were organized using the atomic number of each element, that is, the number of protons in the nuclei of their atoms. They were arranged in ascending order in rows, (periods), and then put in columns, (groups), using their chemical affinity or “relatedness”, (the right most column in the table, containing the noble gasses, is probably the most familiar group). This framework has been useful in predicting the existence of new elements, both naturally occurring and manmade elements, that were undiscovered at the time the table was first laid out. The same table is in use today although the number of elements has increased to 118.

Here is a sample of the kinds of topics included in the book: Elements discovered in the 18th Century were named after figures in classical mythology and in the 19th Century they were named after the country where they were discovered. It’s interesting to note that Mendeleev was the first chemist to have an element named after him but this wasn’t until 1955, 50 years after his death. Historical periods can be loosely defined by certain elements or metals: The Roman Empire by bronze, the Spanish Empire by gold, the Britain Empire by iron, and the 20th Century by uranium and plutonium. Swedish geologists discovered a disproportionately large number of elements due to their nation’s large mining industry. Gold is the only metal found in nature in its elemental state. The discovery in 1747 at Abraham Darby’s foundry in England, that adding small amounts of the element carbon to iron, made it less brittle and better for use in railways. This was the beginning of the Industrial Revolution. The burning of sulfur was the “brimstone” in the Biblical “fire and brimstone”. The German chemist Fritz Haber weaponized chlorine gas for use in World War I, (and killed thousands in the process), was in later years awarded a Nobel Prize for converting ammonia to nitrogen. The element bromine was the “Bromo” in the antacid “Bromo Seltzer”. In 1797 the English chemist Joseph Priestley added CO2 to water creating carbonated water. This was successfully commercialized by Joseph Sweppes. Antoine Lavoisier was instrumental in understanding oxygen’s role in life and as a cause of decay, “oxidation” or rust. Radium was used commercially in the early 20th Century until it was discovered to be a health hazard. Copper sheets were proposed for their light weight and...
noted in "Absolute Nonsense", we must use words correctly in contract documents to avoid misunderstanding.

Precision also is required in informal documents if those documents imply terms of a contract. Michael Chusid, a building product consultant, blogged about an interesting legal decision, in which Lowe's was required to correct "false, misleading, deceptive or inaccurate product descriptions." Even though Lowe's used common industry terms, often repeating manufacturers' information, the settlement required Lowe's to pay nearly $1.5 million.

What horrible transgression did Lowe's commit? They were selling 2x4s without stating the actual dimensions. Apparently, the issue wasn't raised by consumers, who seem to be able to cope with nominal dimensions; instead, the suit was brought by the local weights and measures department. I wonder what will happen when they discover the fact that wood changes dimension. And where does the money go? Not to the consumers who supposedly were harmed, but into the government coffers.

Isn't that just mind-blowing?

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The periodic table of the elements ranks up there alongside the psychometric chart, developed by Willis Carrier in the 1920s, as one of the greatest graphical depictions of physical phenomena ever created. Periodic Tales provides great insight to the table and the elements that inhabit it. The book was published in 2011 by HarperCollins. It includes some historical photographs including one of Mendeleev’s first periodic tables. Interestingly it does not include a modern periodic table. For that you’ll have to look elsewhere.
# Meeting Schedule and Information

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

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