

## THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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As I begin to look back on last year's activities within Orange County CSI, and as I begin to look forward to returning to relative obscurity as my term in office as President comes to an end, I feel a bit nostalgic and in a reflective mood.

Coming back to once again "sit in the chair", I began my term in office with just two goals in mind. That was to return some financial stability to the Chapter and to keep it moving forward in this rather unstable world we find ourselves in.

Such goals cannot be achieved by any one individual alone, and I am not in any way, shape or form trying to take any credit for reaching the goals. For it takes a group of dedicated and hard-working individuals that take control and make it happen. I was blessed this year to have that group of individuals working within the Chapter Leadership and Membership who collectively made it happen, and made it look so easy in the process.

From the Holiday Christmas Party at the Anaheim White House to the recently completed OCCCSI Trade Show held at the Santa Ana Elk's Club, so much hard work and effort was put forth by so many people to make these events and our year a huge success.

The typical and well deserved "THANK YOU" to all seems inadequate in comparison to all the heavy lifting required behind the scenes to make it all work (and look so effortless in execution). I am always amazed at our TEAM!!

To everyone who participated in our events this fiscal year... a Heartfelt and Sincere THANK YOU for all your efforts to make The Chapter a SUCCESS. Without each and every one of you helping to move us forward... we fail... and failure is NOT an option!!!



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### Go Totally Paperless, Go Stupid!

The green movement has promoted the “go paperless” behavior for years. You shall not cut down trees to create paper (people who have been burned out by old trees think differently). The folks promoting this movement, by my experience, are financially stable and have plenty of time to promote their beliefs. These green to the core folks will “die on their hill” eventually.

#### Considerations:

You may “think” that the IRS will never audit you. One of my favorite design professionals believed that. He went totally green with his home and life. His entire life was paperless - bills, bank statements, insurance, medical documentation, etc. He dutifully deleted his financial documents after he dealt with them. Then, the IRS “knocked” on his door. He could not believe that the IRS would not accept his computer financials during an audit! They wanted to see hard copies of his bills, bank statements, etc. He spent many months recreating his financial documentation for the IRS. Lesson learned.

#### Job Site Issue:

A meeting was held that involved a structural problem on a multi-story commercial building. The smaller green developer walked around with his iPad that had the working drawings and specifications. Those of us with brains had a full-blown printed set of working drawing and specifications. The developer was shocked to see details that were missed in construction. Previous to this meeting, he argued that we were wrong. The evidence on the printed plans revealed the truth. Note: This example is NOT rare. The idiot project managers on my new home had the working drawings on their cellphones. The questionable inept builder eventually fired all of them. Lesson learned.

#### Real ID:

This is an issue that has been around for 20 years. It was fun times for those who waited around until the last minute before the May 7 deadline to go to the DMV - “The nation’s most notorious, time-honored places of dread.”\* Those who presented evidence on their electronic devices were turned away to come back and suffer on another day with paper copies. I had the Real ID experience in California (CA) and Texas. My Bishop, CA DMV experience many years ago was a breeze. My Texas DPS experience was ridiculous. The same hard copy documentation required by CA DMV was presented. DPS required additional documents regarding my vehicles (actual title, insurance) and rejected me. Fortunately, I grabbed (literally) my CA Real ID out of the agent’s hand



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## WALL & CEILING TECHNICAL CORNER

By Bryan Stanley, CSI

Efflorescence

### SOLUTION:

Solutions may be used to clean efflorescence. Some are proprietary products and available at plaster materials dealers. The manufacturer's instructions must be closely followed when using the products.

Most plastering contractors have had the best results with a vinegar and water mixture. A more aggressive product such as muriatic acid diluted with water may be needed as the efflorescence calcifies.

Always add vinegar or acid to the water.

Cleaning efflorescence should take place within 24 to 48 hours from the time it first appears. Otherwise, the efflorescence can become more difficult to remove if it is not removed within that time frame.

- Do not inhale fumes.
- Wear protection (safety glasses, gloves, boots etc.).
- Protect plants and shrubs.
- Be aware of "runoff" of applied and rinsed solution.

### PROCEDURE:

Always test the acid solution in an inconspicuous part of the surface to make sure this procedure does not harm the appearance. The area should be pre-wet, this includes the surrounding areas and where "run-off" is anticipated. The area to be cleaned will likely have a slight change in color shade and should be done from architectural break to architectural break.

Pre-wet wall from bottom to top. A Hudson or Chapin type sprayer may be used to apply the diluted solution to the surface. It may be necessary to use a stiff bristle brush and lightly scrub the affected area. Rinse the wall thoroughly with clean water. The "run-off" area must be kept wet at all times and also rinsed thoroughly. It is also not uncommon for a slight stain to be left on the surface when the efflorescence is removed. Even when removal is complete, efflorescence can recur at any time, although usually to less of an extent.

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