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Newsletter for

TIDEWATER VIRGINIA CHAPTER



January 2007

BUILDING A HOME FOR A NATIONAL TREASURE- OLD IRON AND NEW STEEL JANUARY 9, 2007

The new *Monitor* Center at the Mariner's Museum in Newport News, VA will officially open to the public on March 9, 2007. However, the Executive Manager for Programs has accumulated some valuable lessons learned during the design and construction of this project, which he will convey to those who attend this presentation. An overview of the *Monitor* Center Project Scope of Work will be presented, but also included will be a discussion of

why a local architect of record can save a lot of grief on a project; why trade coordination is critical for museum projects; and why the field of exhibit design and fabrication is in need of a standard set of specifications for referencing and controlling performance/appearance expectations. Attend this enlightening program to learn how inadequate specifications cause field problems.

**Speaker: David V. Dwyer, V.P. and Executive Manager, Programs
The Mariners' Museum, Newport News**

David Dwyer is the Vice President and Executive Manager of Programs for The Mariners' Museum in Newport News, VA. Mr. Dwyer has had broad experience as a Director and Senior Project Manager for Explus, Inc. in Dulles, Virginia, and as a Director of Business Development for Design Craftsman, Inc. in Midland, Michigan. Mr. Dwyer has also served as an Exhibits Coordinator for the Collier Automotive Museum in Naples, Florida and

has over twenty-one years of experience in the cultural attractions field. Mr. Dwyer holds an A.A. in American History from Wheaton College, and a journeyman certificate from the Chicago District Council of Carpenter & Joiners of America.

NOTE:

We have changed our lunch meeting location to the **Offices of Clark Nexsen** in the Clark Meeting room, First Floor, East Wing, 6160 Kempsville Circle, Norfolk, VA

11:30 am Registration (come early to network)

12 noon Lunch and Presentation (1 AIA LU)

**Our February meeting will be the Hampton Roads
Building Product Show at the Holiday Inn Exec. Ctr.**

Meeting Fee:

CSI Members: \$15.00 (includes lunch)

Non-Members: \$20.00 (includes lunch)

RSVP for each meeting so we will have a place waiting for you!

Contact

Shelton Clough at 757/617-7663 or sclough@cox.net to give a reservation to pay at the door

or check page 5 & fax your credit card reservation to

Lee Fry at 757-422-4419 no later than COB the Friday before each meeting.

Thanks!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year to everyone! and hope you enjoyed your holidays last month.

2007 is bringing lots of challenges to the Tidewater VA Chapter CSI and to CSI in general. Events over the last few months will have a major impact on members of our Chapter and on the way we do business in CSI.

First locally, the TVA Board has convinced me to step into Ray's position as President so I will be serving you in that capacity for the remainder of the year and if you will have me, next year. In taking the position, I'm really looking for some help to produce the Communicator each month. So... anyone that would be willing to work with me on this, please give me a call.

We had such a great response to the November meeting at the Clark Room in the Clark Nexsen Training Facilities that we have decided to return there for the remainder of our Monthly Lunch Chapter Meetings and Seminars. Zachary's does a nice job of catering lunch and the price is right.

We have a wonderful Building Products Show planned for February 13, Linda and Susan have done their magic again to put the Show together at the Holiday Inn Executive Center. The feedback from the exhibitors and the attendees at the Show last year indicated they felt we had a better venue at the Holiday Inn so we have returned with a great line up of seminars and exhibitors for all of our friends to network and learn together in a positive environment with great food and information.

There is change at the Institute Level in the wind also. On Nov 18 the Institute CSI Officers and Directors voted unanimously to propose a recommendation to the membership to restructure the CSI Board of Directors, reducing it's size from it's current number of 29 members to a more efficient streamlined governing body of 12 persons. This will require a bylaws change at the Institute level and if passed, a bylaws change at the Region level. There is currently a very active discussion going on in a Leader's discussion area of the CSI Forum weighing the pros and cons of this change. More information is available to CSI Members on the CSInet.org in the Membership area under the topic of Governance Recommendation. Sheldon Wolfe has penned an essay on page ** discussing the impact of this event in the scope of our organization. Please check out the available information and call your chapter board members if you have questions.

On a lighter note, my friend Ralph who writes the column SpecReflections has the right idea when it comes to New Year Resolutions. We've included his offering for the New Year for your enjoyment.

Happy New Year to all and I look to see you at the January Chapter Meeting on the 9th.

Margaret

Hampton Roads Building Product Show

We are going back to the Holiday Inn for our annual Products Show and going to an earlier date - Feb 13, 2007.

We plan to still offer informative seminars and opportunities for networking. Our space will be limited so get registration information in early to reserve a booth to show your stuff.

By the way, booths and table tops aren't limited to Product Reps!. A/E's if you have an interesting project you want to show off, you can join in the fun too!

More information is located on page 3

Take Note of Local and Region CSI events....

Now	Registration for Spring CDT and Certification Exams is Open
Jan 9 2007 Lunch	Building a Home for a National Treasure Clark Nexsen Training Facility 6160 Kempsville Cir. Norfolk
Jan 31 2007	Deadline to sign up for Cert Exams and the Fundamental Formats Workshop
Feb 8 2007	Fundamental Formats Workshop Starts
Feb 13 2007	Hampton Roads Building Products Show, Holiday Inn Executive Ctr
Mar 13, 2007	Chapter Meeting, Luncheon
April 10, 2007	Chapter Meeting, Luncheon
April 21, 2007	MAR Leadership Training Gettysburg PA
May 8, 2007	Chapter Meeting, Luncheon
June 12, 2007	CSI Chapter Awards Meeting, Dinner
June 20 - 28, '07	CSI Show and Convention Baltimore, Maryland



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THE TIDEWATER VIRGINIA CHAPTER OF
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THE HAMPTON ROADS BUILDING PRODUCTS SHOW

LOCATION

Holiday Inn Executive Center
5655 Greenwich Road at Newtown
Virginia Beach, Virginia 23462

DATE

February 13, 2007

TIME

11:00 A.M. to 2:00 P.M.

PARKING

Free Parking

LUNCH

(Buffet style)

Contact: Susan Martin, ph - 757/467-3952, email - susan@fantasiesandfeasts.com

The Tidewater Virginia Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) presents **The Hampton Roads Building Products Show 2007**, the annual design and construction products show for the Tidewater area of Virginia. **This year's theme will focus on LEED™ and Sustainable Building Products.**

The 2007 Building Products Show offers something of value to all area architects and exhibitors alike. The list of exhibitors and events includes construction related software and services as well as construction products representing all CSI divisions, and other related construction services. A new element this year provides an opportunity for our Architectural and Engineering community to shine as well. A/E firms are invited to exhibit display board about their best projects over the last year.

Continuing with a most successful show format we will present a three hour show with Seminars presented before and after the show, at 8:00 and 2:00 respectively.

All Architects, Engineers and Contractors from all segments of the construction industry is invited attend, view the exhibits and network with your colleagues. Valuable door prizes will be awarded to attendees at regular intervals throughout the day. Admission to the exhibit room is at no charge and you are invited to enjoy lunch available in the Product Show room.

Our planning committee is working on some wonderful seminars to complement the show theme. More information will be available in next month's Communicator.

In all, **The 2007 Building Products Show** will be the industry event of the year for the Tidewater area. The date, February 13, was carefully chosen to ensure the maximum possible turnout, and we hope you will agree that this event provides you with an excellent opportunity to learn new things and network with your fellow professionals in product representation and design. We at the Tidewater Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute look forward to meeting you in February.

CSI Tidewater VA Chapter

2007 Fundamental Formats Workshop

**6 - 9 pm, Thursday Evenings
February 8 - March 22**

Location:
The new Training Center
at the office of Clark Nexsen,

A basic workshop intended to acquaint **building design and construction professionals, owners** involved with construction projects, and **construction product representatives** with the fundamental formats of Construction Information Management as provided in the [Project Resource Manual](#), CSI's Manual of Practice (MOP) and to prepare candidates for CSI's Certification Exam program.

Contact Margaret Chewing or Rick Rivin for more information;

Dead line for registration January 31, 2007 see attached registration form for cost and requirements.

AN IMPORTANT - AND AMAZING -DECISION

*Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA
Institute Director, North Central Region, CSI*

This past November, in one of its most important decisions in decades, CSI's Board of Directors unanimously approved a recommendation to restructure the Board. The most obvious difference would be a change in size from twenty-nine members to twelve, but related changes will be just as significant if not as visible.

I am not going to try to explain the recommendation in this article; you will have ample opportunity to read about it, ask questions, and discuss it online. Furthermore, I am not going to try to convince you that we made the right decision, except in a roundabout fashion. Instead, I want to explain to you how amazing this event is, and to impress upon you the significance of the unanimous decision.

Unanimous decisions are anything but common in CSI Board meetings. The only time they *can* happen is when an issue is clearly defined, the proposed solution is well prepared, and the recommendation is supported by overwhelming evidence.

Despite what you may have been told, we *do* have politics in CSI, and the Board definitely is *not* a rubber-stamping body. In the first half of my three-year term, we have had many spirited debates. In some cases, the executive committee was split almost evenly; other times, as one reasonably would expect, a majority supported one view. Unanimity, even within this smaller part of the entire Board, is a rarity. When the full Board discusses an issue, some directors will support an executive committee recommendation, while others will oppose it. There are no permanent alliances; directors will support one officer's view on one issue, and oppose that same officer on another. With rotation of officers and directors on a two- or three-year schedule, it is difficult to believe that anyone would be able to continually convince a majority of Board members to support a position that is contrary to the best interest of the Institute.

So what does all that mean? Simply this: a unanimous decision by the Board cannot be anything but a response to a convincing argument, one that persuades all officers and directors, regardless of where they come from, when they joined the Board, or who their friends are. The same group that has passionately argued different aspects of many issues considered this recommendation, debated it, and agreed to support it. As noted in an earlier MWGTW, directors do *not* represent regions to the Board; directors and officers alike act in what they see as the best interest of the Institute. We may have politics, but we don't have a pork barrel to influence our judgment.

I know this sounds like a "trust me" message, and in a sense it is - but please don't just accept it as that. Read the *whole* recommendation, and think about the purpose of a board of directors. Talk to your chapter, region, and Institute leaders, and post your questions on CSINet. And, whatever your conclusion, don't forget to vote on this important recommendation.

RESOLUTIONS?.....NAH!

by Ralph Liebing, RA, CSI, Cincinnati, OH

Hey! How about this?

We give up resolutions this year [we usually don't keep them beyond January 12th anyway] and do something different?

Instead let's each of us make a formal, truly working list of;

- what good thing we're going to do this year
- what problem we are going to help solve
- what new thinking we're going to bring to things
- what new positive aspect we're going to bring to ourselves
- what new positive thing we're going to bring to our work
- what new positive thing we're going to bring to our profession
- what new positive thing we're going to bring to our professional organizations [idea; suggestion; contribution; comment; action]

Now don't pile on-- note the singular items we call for, so just put down ONE SINGLE thing under each category. We don't want you stressed so soon in the year, and besides we understand you're still bloated from Thanksgiving, over-nogged from Christmas, and well, over-whatever from New Year's.

And if you do well this year, 2007, we just might look to you for even more next year, mainly because you will be better then for what you do now!!

OK?

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Construction Specifications Institute Tidewater VA Chapter 2007 Fundamental Formats Workshop

**Thursday Evenings
February 8 - March 22**

Location/Time: Office of Clark Nexsen,
6160 Kempsville Circle, Suite 200,
Norfolk, VA 23502
6-9 pm, Thursdays

Purpose:

Workshop is intended to acquaint **building design and construction professionals, owners** involved with construction projects, and **construction product representatives** with the fundamental formats of Construction Documents as provided in CSI's Manual of Practice (MOP) and to prepare candidates for CSI's Certification Exam program. This is not a lecture series. Participants are expected to read and discuss material scheduled for each session in a workshop setting.

Topics:

- Organizational Formats used in Construction Documents
- Use of Construction Documents
- Construction Process Overview
- Construction Contract Types
- Modifications and Substitutions
- Contract Provisions
- Rights Duties and Responsibilities of the Contract Partners

Agenda for each Session:

- Overview/ Light supper
- Presentation of Topic Material
- Discussion and Review

NOTE: Signing up for the workshop does NOT register you for a CSI certification exam.

Please contact CSI at www.CSInet.org to register for the exam.

Materials Required

Study Guide: Received as part of exam registration.
If not taking the exam, this is provided at \$10.00
PRM - CSI Manual of Practice may be ordered through the workshop for \$200.00.

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Tidewater VA Chapter CSI 2006 Fundamental Formats Workshop

February 8 - March 22

Deadline:

For our planning purposes please return this application form no later than January 30, 2006.

Registration

Name: _____

Firm: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Fax: _____

E-mail: _____

Occupation: _____

What do you wish to gain from this workshop?

Signed up for Exam March 31, 2006 Yes No

**NOTE: Signing up for the workshop does NOT register you for the exam.
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	note	Cost	Subtotal
Work Shop		\$100.00	100.00
Certification work book	If registered for exam you do not need.	\$10.00	
Manual Of Practice '96	Need?	\$200.00	
Total cost			

We will be having a light meal as part of the workshop. Typically, the menu includes pizza, subs, sandwiches, etc.

Do you have any dietary restrictions that need to be considered?

Please return with Check made out to "Tidewater VA Chapter CSI" to
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As a service to our members, the Tidewater VA Chapter has set up an account to allow us to take credit card payment for lunch meetings and other events such as reservations for the Hampton Roads Building Products Show. If you wish to reserve your seat for our monthly lunch meetings you can fax the form below to Lee Fry at 757-422-4419 and we will have a plate waiting for you.

Tidewater VA Chapter CSI

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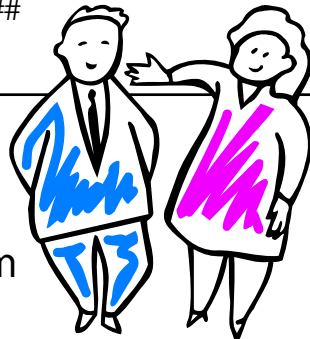
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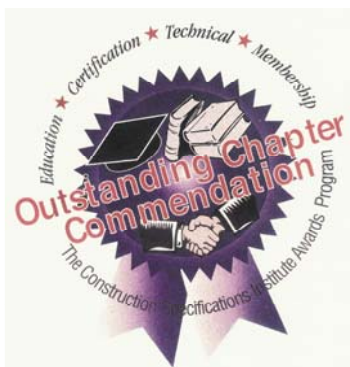
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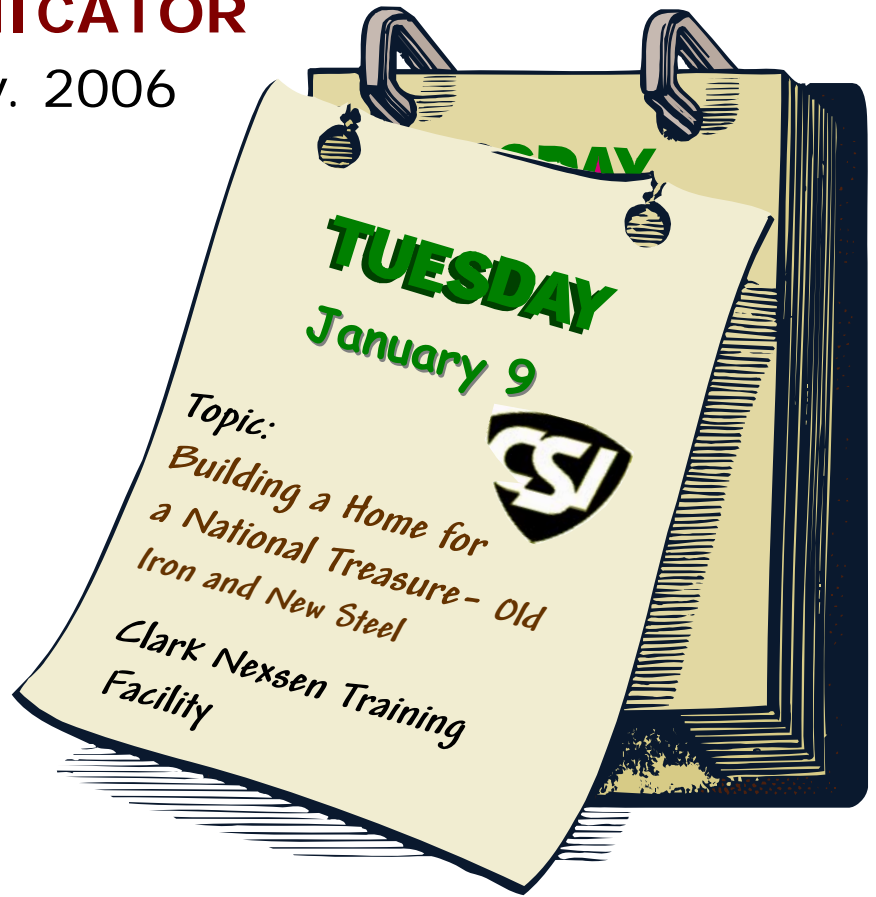


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