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THE MUNICIPAL REDEVELOPMENT PROCESS

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There are costs and benefits to redevelopment, and the objectives of this presentation are to inform all members of the building team about those costs and benefits. Attendees will learn about the public need for redevelopment, the public process of redevelopment and the economic benefits of redevelopment. This presentation will give attendees a look at how the Norfolk and Redevelopment Housing Authority works and what might be upcoming in the future at N.R.H. A.

Speaker: **Jim Gehman, AIA,**
Assistant Executive Director, NRHA

Jim Gehman is an architect with 30 years of experience in private practice, who is a member and past president of the Virginia Society, American Institute of Architects, and the Urban Land Institute. He holds a Real Estate Development Certificate from the ULI and is a NCARB certificate holder. Currently, he is responsible for all real estate development and community development activities at N.R.H.A. and leads a staff of 60, including architects and engineers, as well as land acquisition and disposition professionals.

Chapter Meetings: 2nd Tuesday of Month

Location:

Holiday Inn Exec Center, Greenwich Road, VA Bch
11:30 am Registration (come early to network)
12 noon Lunch and Presentation (1 AIA LU)

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

Now	Registration for Spring CDT and Certification Exams is Open
Oct 1, 2006	Exhibitor Registration for Hampton Roads Building Products Show Open
Oct 16-18 2006	CSI Academies Snowbird Utah
Nov 14 2006	TVA Chapter Meeting <i>Peninsula Town Center Project</i>
Dec 9, 2006	Pick and Sing at the Fry's Chapter Holiday Gathering Bring your favorite other.
Jan 9 2007	TVA Chapter Meeting
Jan 31 2007	Deadline to sign up for Cert Exams
Feb 8 2007	Fundamental Formats Workshop Starts

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

fax your credit card reservation to Lee Fry at 757-422-4419
no later than COB the Friday before each meeting. **Thanks!**

Meeting Fee:

CSI Members: \$25.00 (includes lunch)

Non-Members: \$30.00 (includes lunch)



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Raymond Dery CSI CCPR AHC
TVA Chapter President

Here we go again! Start of a new year. Lots of things are in the planning and you are needed to keep things moving.

We have set a goal to have more than one person working a committee to accomplish the work of the chapter and allow those who have been working on your behalf to move up in leadership or to have a rest.

We've included information on each committee that operates within the Chapter in previous issues of the Communicator. If you have lost your copy pull it down on the website. See where your interests lie and contact that chairman or a board member to see where you can lend a hand.

I look forward to seeing you in October if not before.

Ray

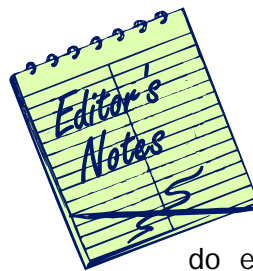
Hampton Roads Building Product Show

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!

Some of the details are being worked on as you read this, so if you are interested give Linda Pressler a call or email and she will get the appropriate information to you.



Margaret G. Chewning
FCSI CCS CCA

Never seems to be enough time to do everything. The Region Conference last weekend was an excellent example. We were located in Arlington right at the Ballston Commons Metro Station with full train access to DC. The tours we went on could have been much longer. I really wanted to stay the day at the Native American Museum. The design is wonderful as is the history of the native peoples of the Western Hemisphere. The seminars were also wonderful, dealing with our everyday practice in our international world.

There was great networking among colleagues planning various events for our organization. The **Leadership Conference** in the Spring will be held at Gettysburg PA and will be an excellent opportunity for new and current leaders to learn about the CSI organization and how to make it work for the Chapter and themselves.

Another Event is the **CSI Show in Baltimore** in the June timeframe. The Middle Atlantic is hosting the Student Events so here is an opportunity for you to help guide our future leaders. I'll have more for you on this in future issues and probably talking to you directly about sponsorship and participating as a mentor at the Show.

Locally we have information on our own **Hampton Roads Building Product Show** and the **Fundamental Formats Workshop**. Check out the appropriate articles for more information.

We also have **sponsorships for the Chapter**. The funds you provide as a sponsor go toward the various events and speakers we provide for you. Take advantage of sponsorships to possibly get your membership in CSI paid for, a booth at the show, exposure for your company in the Communicator and in a slide presentation shown at all TVA CSI events. It's a good deal which ever level you pick. The exact benefits will depend on the level of sponsorship you select.

Keep it busy all and I'll see you at the TVA CSI meeting in October.

Margaret

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Tidewater Chapter Meeting Programs 2006-2007

The Tidewater Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute announces its 2006-2007 Chapter Meeting Programs. The tentative speaker schedule for the entire year is as follows (subject to last minute modifications):

- Tuesday, November 14, 2006: Speaker: Kathy Grook, Senior Development Manager,
Hampton Department of Economic Development
Topic: "Peninsula Town Center Project" (Colliseum Mall Replacemnt)
- Tuesday, December 9, 2006 "Pick 'n Sing" Party at the Fry Residence
Evening Social, for members, spouses and significant others.
- Tuesday, January 9, 2007: Speaker: N.R.H.A.
Topic: "What's On the Horizon? "
- Tuesday, February 13, 2007: Hampton Roads Building Products Show
(All day event with seminars and Show)
- Tuesday, March 13, 2007: Speaker: Tidewater Community College or ODU University Architect
Anticipated Topic: Plans for the New School of Nursing (TCC) or
Plans for the new Book Store (ODU)
- Tuesday, April 10, 2007: Speaker: Chesapeake Public Schools
Anticipated Topic: " The A/E Selection Process"
- Tuesday, May 8, 2007: Speaker: Norfolk Department of Public Works
Anticipated Topic: "The Process of Selecting Consulting Engineers "
- Tuesday, June 12, 2007 CSI Chapter Awards meeting (dinner)

For the Spring 2007 many of our ideas are not as yet nailed down. So if you have a topic or a speaker **you** want to hear not listed above, contact the Program Committee headed up by Rick Rivin to set it up.

Other Ideas in the wings:

Impact of the new General Assembly Funding Legislation on VDOT

Overview of the 2003 NFPA 101 Life Safety Code (With a Heads-Up on the Changes Coming in 2006)

The Future of Design-Build in Construction

What We Should Know About WiFi and How WireLess Technology Can Help

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,
6160 Kempsville Circle, Suite 200,
Norfolk, VA 23502

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.



How may I serve you?

Election season is upon us, not just for public office, but for CSI offices, as well. Our elections won't take place for a couple of months, but across the country, CSI chapters are gathering to find new candidates to replace their retiring Institute directors. Despite the long history of this process, and the importance of electing members to our board of directors, I suspect most members don't know much about what their Institute directors do, or where they come from. I recall that I was a member for many years before someone explained the difference between a region director and an Institute director.

Each of CSI's ten regions has two Institute directors; each director serves a three-year term. One director from each region is a design professional; the other is an industry professional or an associate member. Each region holds elections for Institute directors in two consecutive years; there is no election in the third year.

This arrangement allows regions to elect one new Institute director at a time, thereby providing continuity that would not be possible if both directors were elected at the same time. It also provides an interesting rotation of representatives on the Institute's board of directors, with new people coming each year, and a continually evolving group of senior directors.

What does an Institute director do? According to CSI's Administrative References,

- a. Institute directors are corporate directors of the Institute whose first priority is to establish Institute policy and to manage and control the affairs of the Institute. In this capacity, they serve the interests of all members of the Institute.
- b. Institute directors are the managers and operating officers of their respective regions. They are responsible for administration of their regions and assistance to chapters within their regions. In this capacity, they serve the interest of the members of their regions.

That's simple and straightforward; except for the additional region duties in the second paragraph, it sounds like the description of the duties of any member of any board of directors. Of course, reading only a few paragraphs further we find a long list of specific duties, but still, they are typical for the job.

Looking carefully at this short description, we can draw some interesting conclusions.

- The Institute director's first responsibility is to the operation of the Institute's board of directors.
- Institute directors do not represent their regions in the same way as members of the US Senate or House of Representatives; each director serves all members of the Institute.

Acting as officers of their regions, Institute directors serve all members of their regions.

As is the case with any board of directors, our Institute and

Mr. Wolfe Goes to Washington

region directors set policy, determine the course of the organization, and manage the budget. Because of this responsibility, members should not casually serve as directors, nor should regions take lightly their responsibility to nominate qualified members. For those who are interested, there are several references that explain the duties of the position: the Administrative References (on the Institute website), which include bylaws and policies; a summary of qualifications; a biography form; and a conflict of interest/confidentiality agreement.

In my first year on the Board, budget discussions have been less than uplifting. We all know the economy was on the decline even before 9/11, and the following years were hard on CSI at all levels. Membership fell, as did convention attendance and size; it doesn't take much imagination to understand the effect on income. The CSI show, once a primary source of income, is now close to a break-even event. In response, the Board and staff have taken sometimes drastic measures to control expenses, and have been working on new sources of income.

In last month's article, I mentioned the work of several CSI task teams, and other initiatives intended to increase awareness of CSI, thereby increasing the value of CSI membership and activities. In coming articles, we'll look at ways the Board is considering to increase revenue and further reduce expenses.

MAGLEV Approach Shows Promise

Engineers at Old Dominion University have unveiled a new approach to levitating a maglev undercarriage designed to overcome fundamental problems of the "magnetic levitation" train car installed on an elevated campus railway four years ago. The undercarriage, which the engineers call a "bogie," is accomplishing sustained and reliable levitation after being outfitted with a newly engineered decentralized magnet control system. A computer with new programming drives the control system and this latest design employs additional sensors and some custom-built components.

"This truly is a story of the little engine that could," said ODU President Roseann Runte. "The university community is proud of the work done by our engineers to bring this project along." Two dozen of ODU's top research faculty, administrators and representatives of the university's Research Foundation and Board of Visitors saw a demonstration of the levitating bogie in an engineering laboratory on Friday, Aug. 4. The presentation was presided over by Thomas Alberts, professor of aerospace engineering. Alberts and other maglev team members have spent much of the past three years working on maglev technology, sometimes volunteering their time because of a lack of funding.

The 2-ton bogie was built in the ODU laboratory to the dimensions of an undercarriage of the original maglev at ODU. The 45-foot-long, 100-seat passenger compartment of the maglev vehicle rests on one undercarriage in the front and a second in the rear. Alberts said the project's next step would be to move the bogie from lab to railway and test it for levitation and propulsion.



The Job Board

The following is a service of the Tidewater VA Chapter CSI to its members and readers of the Communicator. Members of CSI may post positions available or positions wanted. Contact the Editor for additional information regarding posting information on the Job Board.

TVA CSI Chapter Operating Committees and what You can do

We realize this is a repeat item from last month, but the Chapter and the Board need your help to run the chapter. Review the list below of our Operating Committees and what they do. Where you see an item of interest contact the chair or any Board member if you can participate in the activities of any of these Committees. Refer to the list of Board members and Chairmen at the end of the Communicator for contact information.

Education

- Develop and promote an educational event during the Chapter year on a topic requiring a full day or half day seminar.
- Promote and encourage participation in Institute educational events and products (ie Webinars, CSI Academies, Education Program packages).
- Submit AIA LU's on behalf of attendees for Chapter meeting topics.

Products Show

- With the assistance of an event planner, oversee registration of exhibitor spaces
- Organize events including educational programs (in coordination with Education Committee) for the day of the Show, February 13, 2006.
- Note this is the Chapter's big fundraiser, this is one committee that definitely needs multiple hands.

Program

- Organize and schedule program topics for each chapter meeting.

Hospitality

- Make recommendations and arrangements for locations used for Chapter Meetings, Socials and other events.
- Receive reservations for Chapter Meetings and receive payment for lunch fees.
- Organize member greeters at meetings.

Membership

- Promote and coordinate Chapter activities pertaining to Institute membership programs.
- Track status of member information and renewal.

Members of the Board will be calling Chapter members to invite them to participate in the leadership of the Chapter. Please give serious consideration to learning more about CSI and your chapter by be an active member of a standing committee.

Academic Affairs

- Promote the Institute's Academic Affairs Program by developing relationships with local institutes of higher learning on behalf of the Chapter.
- Encourage Student Membership and development of Student Affiliates.
- Provide a resource for speakers on topics of interest and value to students in a construction/design curriculum.
- Promote student participation in Chapter events.
- Organize at least one program (pizza lunch) on each campus each year to promote CSI and the study of Construction Documents.

Certification

- Promote the Institute's Certification Program within the Chapter by encouraging certification exams
- Organize and provide sources of mentoring and education for potential Certification candidates.
- Develop and schedule a Fundamental Formats of Construction Documents Workshop on a yearly basis.

Technical -

- Promote the Institute's Technical programs
- Including the review and comments on the current updating and revisions to the SectionFormat and PageFormat,
- As well as the continuing review and addenda process for MasterFormat 04.

Publications -

- Maintain current information on the Chapter website.
- Produce and distribute a monthly informational newsletter - The Communicator.
- Develop special publications as needed.

Awards -

- Promote the recognition of exemplary work among the chapter membership through Chapter Awards and nominations for Region and Institute Awards.

How Do YOU Tell Someone of the Value of CSI?

The Elevator Speech

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CSI also offers continuing education programs and the CSI Show to help you learn the latest industry advances to help you do your job better. CSI certification helps you implement construction documents, contract administration and project delivery on par with industry standards and practices.

> Doing your job better means less errors and less money lost.

Some may say though, that the greatest part of CSI is belonging to a chapter. It offers you education, networking, resources, and leadership opportunities. Being a part of your local CSI chapter lets you really take part in the industry conversation.

> Taking part means moving you and the industry forward.

The Chapter can now take Credit Card payments for Dinners and for Seminar fees

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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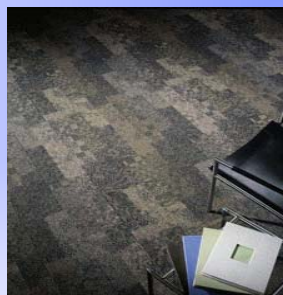
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- A 1/2 page ad in The Communicator throughout FY07

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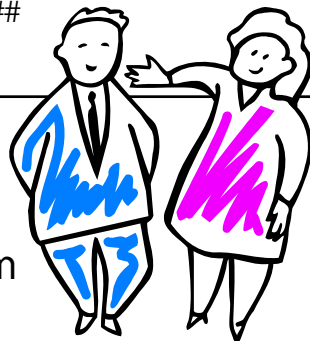
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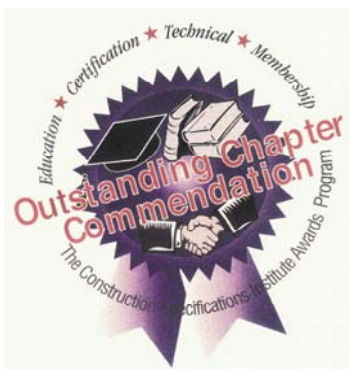
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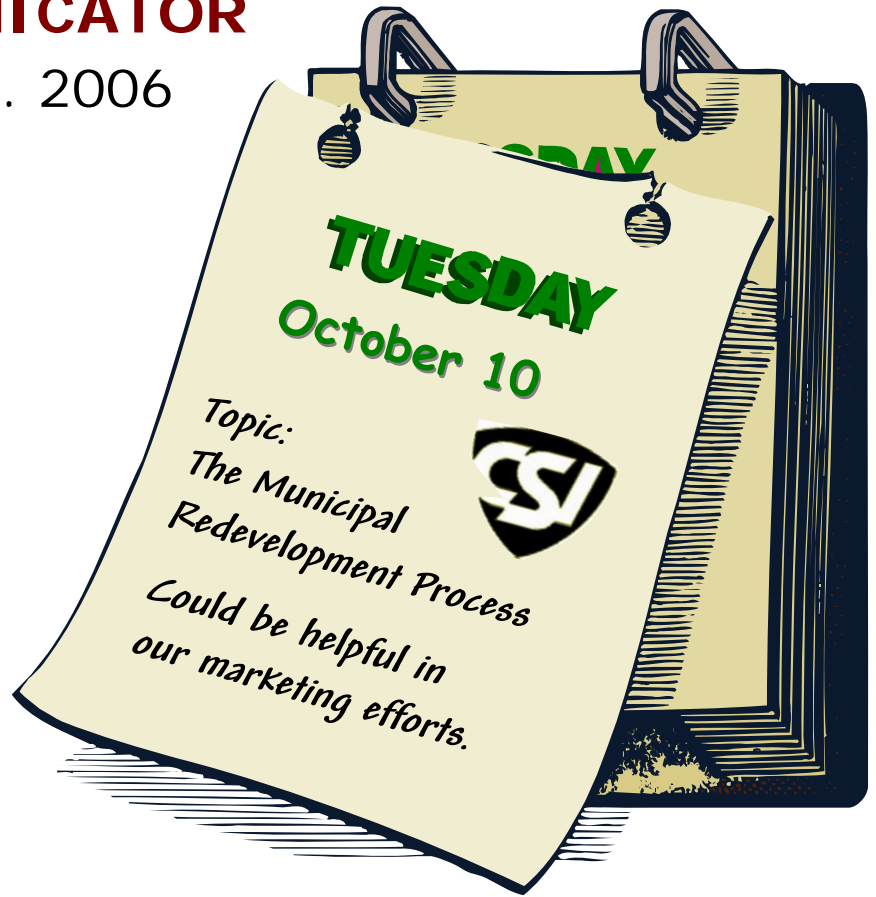


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