



THE COMMUNICATOR

NEWSLETTER OF THE TIDEWATER VIRGINIA CHAPTER CSI

HAPPY HOLIDAYS



*You are Cordially Invited to join
Local Design and Construction Professionals
for an evening of music and celebration of the
Holidays*

Tuesday, December 7, 2004

Reception at 6:30 pm (cash bar)

Dinner at 8:00 pm

At the

Town Point Club, Norfolk Virginia

Dinner Tickets:

\$45.00 per plate

\$450.00 table for 10

Payment for this event can be delivered at the door.
RSVP'ed No-shows will be billed by mail.

RSVP so we will have a plate waiting for you!

Contact Lee Fry at 757/437-0807 or FryWL@aol.com

no later than Friday, December 3, 2004.

Next Month

Tuesday Jan. 11, 2005

How to Avoid Getting Sued:

Reducing Prospects of Liability Claims

CHARLES R. HEUER, Esq., FAIA,

The Heuer Law Group

AVOIDING PROBLEMS WITH SUSTAINABLE ROOFING

Monthly Chapter Meeting
Tuesday, December 14, 2004
All members of the Design and Construction
Community Welcome

Speaker: MICHAEL D. PERRY, Hon. AIA,
president of Building Logics, Inc.

The Green Building revolution currently taking place across America has provided a real challenge for the roofing industry. Various options now exist for sustainable roofing design – vegetated, reflective, solar, and soy bean. This presentation will explore the various approaches to providing a green roof that have been proven practical and economically feasible over the past 30 years. Conceptual roof design as well as roof design details will be discussed. Actual installations of green roofs will also be covered. Emphasis will be given to the need for the roof to protect the building from water infiltration, and how this may be best accomplished in order to avoid problems with sustainable roofing.

Location: Holiday Inn Exec Center,
Greenwich Road, VA Beach

Time: 11:30 am:

Registration and Networking
(come early to network)

12 noon:

Lunch and Presentation (1 AIA LU)

Fee: CSI Members: \$25.00

(Remember to wear your CSI pin!)

Non-Members: \$30.00

includes buffet lunch

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no later than the Friday before the event. Thanks!



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Linda Pressler, AIA, CSI, CDT
LEED Accredited Professional
TVA Chapter President

We are continuing with this year's theme for the monthly lunch programs which is "**Avoiding Building Envelope Material & Design Failures**". Our November meeting was well attended. We expect the December meeting which will discuss problems associated with garden roofs or "green roofs" to draw an even larger group. As you review the schedule of programs for this year you will want to record the dates on your calendar so you won't miss any of this educational series.

On December 7th we are sponsoring a Joint Industry Holiday Gala which will be held at the Town Point Club in Norfolk. This event will also serve as our membership annual holiday social. We have sold 70 tickets to date so this promises to be a very good party that you will not want to miss. Information regarding how to make reservations can be found on the announcement published in this newsletter. We have invited members from all the local chapters that represent the construction industry. Sponsorship opportunities for the event are also advertised within the newsletter.

Our awards meeting will be held in March and will be a wine and cheese event that will be held in the new City of Norfolk Neighborhood Design Center. This year there will not be a fee for the event. We would like to highlight a sustainable design that has been constructed in the Hampton Roads area. The design could be one element such as a sustainable site, or a garden roof, or a facility with superior energy efficiency. If you want to nominate a designer or firm for this award please notify Calvin Crofford, the awards committee chairman, and write a brief paragraph as to why the award should be given. We would also like to honor local people who have made significant contributions to the industry. If you know of someone who should be recognized, please forward the information to myself or Calvin Crofford. The nominee does not have to be CSI member.

Our annual Product Show will be held concurrently with Architects Week again this spring. It will be scheduled for April 5, 2005 so those of you who want those booths in that special location need to get those requests and registration fees into Karenlee Oreo at the AIA office. Once again we will partner with the AIA Hampton Roads chapter for this event.

The annual picnic held each June has not yet been planned. We are still seeking a sponsor for this event. Last year's sponsor attracted nearly 100 architects and engineers. We are considering having another joint event with the AIA.

The Board of Directors meet the 4th Thursday of each month. This year, all meetings are held at 6:00 pm in the City of Norfolk Neighborhood Design Center at 111 Granby Street. All members are welcome to attend. The next Board Meeting will be in January. I hope you will become active and be part of what makes our chapter an Outstanding Chapter.

Our Chapter has once again been nominated to receive the Outstanding Chapter award at the National Convention next April.

I look forward to seeing you at the meetings. Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends and remember to take some time out for yourself. Stay healthy and travel safely. **HAPPY HOLIDAYS! ##**



MEMBER NEWS

The Tidewater Chapter CSI Membership Committee reports the following new members during the months of September and October.

Please **WELCOME**

MS. DEMARIS BRASWELL, CSI-I and
MS. HUNTLEY KENDALL, CSI

as new members to The Tidewater Chapter, CSI

A continuing **THANK-YOU** is extended to renewed members

Mr. John Fowler, CSI
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**Thanks for being a part of what makes
CSI great!**

EDITOR'S NOTES

Margaret G. Chewning CSI CCS CCCA



Well the Holidays are here. I can't believe how fast this year has gone.

Hope you have registered for your Certification Exam next spring. We have information about the CDT Workshop to prepare you for the exam, the New MasterFormat 2004 and the New Construction Administrators Academy. These are all excellent education opportunities for you. Take advantage of them.

May the Season be wonderful
and good fortune in the NEW YEAR!

See ya at the Gala and the Chapter Meeting

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Chapter CDT Exam Prep Workshop

An opportunity to study the new PRM and MasterFormat 2004 and brush up on the Fundamental Formats covered in the CDT Exam

Thursday evenings, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm

February 17—March 24, 2005

Location: to be announced.

Lead by Margaret G. Chewning CSI CCS CCCA
and Richard A. Rivin FCSI CCS

\$100 per person includes handouts, and a light meal.
Student must provide their own PRM and MasterFormat 2004 copies.

If interested: Contact Margaret Chewning at
mgcccs@spexresources.com

Mark your Calendars Now!

Nationwide Exams (Norfolk is an exam site)

Saturday, April 2, 2005

Final Registration Deadline

January 31, 2005

Register

Online:

www.CSInet.org/certification

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For more information or to request a brochure and application form, visit www.CSInet.org/certification or contact CSI Member Services 800-689-2900 or call the Chapter Certification Chair Margaret Chewning

Note: Exams are now based on the *Project Resource Manual—The CSI Manual of Practice and MasterFormat 2004 Edition*

Have you been receiving CSI Institute and Chapter correspondence?

If the answer is **no**, you need to update your membership contact information. This can be done on line at www.csinet.org. Help the Chapter help you by maintaining current and accurate membership contact numbers and addresses.

See you at the next lunch meeting.

Bring an associate and introduce them to CSI. You'll be glad you did!

**MasterFormat™ 2004 Edition:
A Re-tooled Classic is Now Available
Most Significant Revision in Product's History**

ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 10, 2004) – Forty years after its introduction as the industry-wide format for organizing construction information, the 2004 edition of MasterFormat™ released today has undergone the largest transformation in its history and re-emerged as a blockbuster.

As the "Dewey Decimal System" for project information, MasterFormat is a master list of titles and numbers for organizing data about construction requirements, products, and activities used for well over 70 percent of the commercial and institutional building projects in the U. S. and Canada. The resource aids project delivery by facilitating communication among architects, specifiers, contractors, suppliers, and others, which helps them meet building owners' requirements, timelines, and budgets.

The changes in the new MasterFormat reflect the rapid growth in the amount and complexity of construction information generated for today's increasingly complex buildings since it was last updated in 1995. In part this was accomplished by adding new divisions to the previous edition's 16-division structure. They address such rapidly developing areas as computer and telecommunications networks and integrated building automation systems. New divisions also enable specifications to better address building owners' post-9/11 security and life safety priorities as well as the trend toward more environmentally friendly facilities.

Also enabling MasterFormat users to better handle the volume and complexity of information for modern construction projects is the 2004 edition's new six-digit numbering system for the sections within each division. It greatly expands the room in each division that can be used for developing and organizing more complete and detailed specifications, and provides more room for future expansion. To further help users handle future growth in construction project information, MasterFormat 2004 Edition reserves 16 of its 50 division numbers for addressing new products, practices, and priorities as they develop.

Previously, MasterFormat didn't address engineering-related construction. Now a new Site and Infrastructure subgroup of divisions covers transportation, utility, and marine construction, and the new Process Equipment subgroup addresses industrial and process engineering projects.

"I'm very proud of the new 2004 edition of MasterFormat and the great work our MasterFormat Expansion Task

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UPCOMING EVENTS OF INTEREST

Tuesday, Dec. 7, 2004	Joint industry Holiday Gala Town Point Club
Tuesday Dec. 14, 2004	Chapter Meeting, Sustainable Roofing
Jan 31, 2005	Certification Exam Registration Deadline
Jan 11, 2005	Chapter Meeting, Avoid Getting Sued.

**CSI's Contract Administration Academy
Teaches Skills for Contracts,
Communication, and Courts**

- **CSI's Contract Administration Academy takes places January 27-28, 2005, in Tampa, Fla.**
- **The program targets professionals who execute contract documents.**
- **Topics include: project delivery, construction documents, controlling costs and schedules, networking, how courts interpret specs, claims, disputes, LEED™, temporary facilities, submittals and warranties.**
- **Registration, limited to about 150 people, is now open at www.csinet.org/caacademy.**

ALEXANDRIA, VA (November 15, 2004) – In an increasingly complex construction environment, professionals need a reality-based understanding of each participant's role in a project and detailed knowledge of construction documents. These topics often aren't taught during the formal training of architects and engineers, but they are key elements of the Construction Specifications Institute's (CSI) Contract Administration Academy (CAA).

The CAA will be held January 27-28, 2005, in Tampa. Registration, limited to about 150 attendees, is now open at www.csinet.org/caacademy. For those who register by December 20, the cost is \$415 for CSI members and \$545 for others. After December 20 registration is \$515 for CSI members and \$645 for others. Group discounts are available.

The CAA covers issues relevant to both specifications and contract administration in two intensive days of education. Experienced instructors will guide participants through discussions and hands-on and written exercises that help participants improve their skill at coordinating projects with clients and consultants. Participants will grasp the roles of each construction team member and improve communication among them. Better communication can improve project delivery, prevent cost

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Team did, with broad industry input, to produce it. It's the biggest and best upgrade ever to a resource the industry relies on. This new edition is going to facilitate project delivery for decades to come even as buildings, and what goes in them, get more and more complex," said CSI President Gary Betts, FCSI, CCS, AIA. "But our work doesn't end with releasing the new edition. We will also be providing education to help the industry's learning curve and transition be as brief and as smooth as possible."

Praising the release of MasterFormat 2004 Edition was Norbert W. Young, Jr. FAIA, McGraw-Hill Construction's president. "McGraw-Hill Construction is proud to be working closely with CSI to promote the use of MasterFormat 2004 Edition and we fully support this effort. This new standard is consistent with our vision to transform the global construction industry by setting new standards through connecting people, projects and products. We will align our product offerings with this updated standard. We urge those in the U.S. design and construction industry to join us in supporting this new standard," he said.

For more information or to order MasterFormat 2004 Edition, go to www.csinet.org/masterformat. The discounted introductory price is \$89 for CSI members and \$129 for nonmembers through Dec. 31. The regular list price will be \$109 and \$159 respectively. Orders also can be made by e-mailing CSI at csi@csinet.org or calling 800-689-2900. To check for updates on MasterFormat education programs, visit www.csinet.org/masterformateducation.

MasterFormat 2004 Edition is a product of CSI and Construction Specifications Canada. --###--

**The Project Resource Manual --
CSI Manual of Practice, 5th ed.**

The Construction Specifications Institute
Available July 2004 ISBN: 0-07-137008-4
McGraw Hill Retail Price: \$295.00
CSI Members \$236.00

The authoritative resource for the organization, preparation, use and interpretation of Construction Documents encompassing the entire life cycle of a facility. This new edition considers the need for interdependent processes of design, construction and facility use. The 5th edition expands the scope of the manual to meet the requirements of all participants involved in a construction project in a stage-by-stage progression. It promotes a team model for successful implementation

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overruns, and avert disputes that delay completion and lead to lawsuits.

Commercial construction is changing fast, making continuing education essential to staying competitive. The Contract Administration Academy helps professionals understand the construction process, construction specifications, and the roles of key project team members and their expectations. Participants will learn new ideas and solutions, network with others in their field, and earn Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and AIA Learning Unit Hours (LU Hours).

The following sessions will be offered at the CAA:

Thursday, January 27, 2005

- "The Critical Role of the Contract Administrator"
- "Get Started Before Breaking Ground: Preconstruction Activities"
- "Submittals & Warranties"
- "Site Visits: Assessing the Work"
- "It's Hard Being Green: LEED™ & Temporary Facilities in Contract Administration"
- "Beyond the Hard Hat: Job Site Safety"
- "Moving the Project Forward: Meetings & Conferences"
- "Substitutions: Best Practices"

Friday, January 28, 2005

- "How the Courts Interpret Specs"
- "Contract Document Modifications"
- "Contract Administration from an Owner's Perspective"
- "Applications for Payment"
- "Keeping the Project on Schedule: Time & Delays"
- "Essential Issues in Quality Control"
- "Claims & Disputes: Preventative Measures"
- "Project Close Out"

The CAA's instructors include:

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For more information or to register for the Contract Administration Academy, go to www.csinet.org/caacademy or contact CSI Member Services at csi@csinet.org or **(800) 689-2900**-- ### --



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