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Tidewater Virginia CSI Chapter



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The Construction Specifications Institute

GREAT THINGS ARE IN THE PLANNING FOR TIDEWATER VA CHAPTER CSI PREVIEW ISSUE FOR FY 09

The TVA CSI Board met on July 12th at the home of President Rick Rivin to learn a bit about the history of CSI in general and the Tidewater VA Chapter particular. We also brainstormed and discussed plans for various events and activities of benefit to the TVA chapter for the coming fiscal year.

Meeting dates for the year were resolved and the list is included in this issue for all members to post to their planner calendars. Tom has some programs lined up of interest to all of our members and colleagues. If you have a program or topic of interest, contact Tom Gill, program chair



Planning for the Products Show is already in the works. We have brought a new meeting planner onboard, Debi Ernest, to assist the PS Committee with the booking of exhibitors and behind the scenes arrangements. You may have met her at one of our meetings last spring, Debi is on the lookout for new exhibitors for our show, check page 6 to forward possible vendors to Debi. The seminars will have a "green tone" again this year. We are considering an education program on GreenFormat, CSI's newest program to provide a consistent format for accurate information regarding the sustainability and environmental impact of construction products without the "greenwash" found in some product literature.

The Chapter Membership Directory will be updated and reprinted for FY09; Chapter members should be expecting their copy sometime in September.

CDT Exams are now offered nationally twice a year. Our annual Fundamental Formats Workshop

is still scheduled for February; If interest is generated, a class for August can be pulled together pending a location offered and instructors arranged. Mentoring and brushup classes for the Certification (CCS, CCCA, and CCPR) exams will be developed on a requested basis. Contact certification chair Margaret Chewing for more information.

There was a lot of interest in the Emerging Professionals at the CSI Convention this year. Emerging Professionals are those who are in the construction industry with less than 10 - 12 years of experience. They want to connect with similar people across the country, in order to help each other network, and navigate through these early career years. AND -- maybe even have some fun! The Academics Program will work to expand our contacts at ODU and HU to promote some of the ideas generated by this energetic group.

Efforts to form alliances with other professional groups in the Hampton Roads area will continue with the idea of promoting a joint program and dinner sometime in the spring.

We had such a good time at the Ocean View Pier at our June Dinner social, that a request has already been made to go there again. Our December Holiday Social is still in the planning but we should have information as soon as arrangements have been made.

All in all there were good ideas floated and tasks assigned to be worked on. As they come to fruition more information will be provided.

We look forward to seeing **you** at the first Chapter meeting of FY 09 on September 9 at the Clark Room, Clark Nexsen Offices.



PRESIDENT'S
MESSAGE

Happy "New Year" and welcome to Fiscal Year 2009 (7/1/2008 – 6/30/2009)!

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About CSI

CSI is an individual membership technical society that serves as the premier integrating force for those that create and sustain the built environment, and as a primary gateway to resources for programs, services, and the exchange of knowledge. The Institute offers products and services that provide a common system of organization and presentation of construction information, enhancing communication among all construction industry disciplines. CSI's 18,000 members include architects, specifiers, engineers, contractors, product representatives, building owners, and facility managers. Founded in 1948, CSI is headquartered in Alexandria, Va., and has 143 local chapters nationwide. For more information about CSI, call 800-689-2900 or visit www.csinet.org.

The Little Green Frog made our June Chapter meeting at the Ocean View Fishing Pier much more enjoyable by sponsoring the bar. To those of you who could not join us, we who attended agreed that it was an excellent venue for a weeknight social – very relaxing. In addition, Ronnie Boone, the owner of the pier, was genuinely glad to have our CSI Chapter use his 1700 foot long, bi-level premises, which were constructed after Hurricane Isabel destroyed the former Harrison's Fishing Pier, in 2003 – 04. He described the reconstruction process in detail, including the precast concrete pilings, the concrete pile caps, the DOT-type concrete girders, and the attempt to create a "fisherman-friendly" appearance, by sheathing the structure in natural wood. Besides eating and drinking, our immediate past president, Margaret Chewing, recognized (with awards) those who helped the Chapter have a successful 2008 fiscal year, which ended on June 30th. Let's hope **The Little Green Frog** is still generous in 2009, so that we can return to the OV Pier upper deck as a Chapter next year, for more adult beverages.

In our July planning meeting, your Board of Directors made plans for the next year and approved an FY 2009 calendar, which is provided in this issue of "The Communicator" for your information. Please take the time now to enter these dates in your personal calendars, so that you can be reminded to attend as many of our planned events as possible. Our first Chapter meeting will be on Tuesday, September 9th, at the offices of Clark Nexsen, a centrally located venue in Southside Tidewater. We value you as Chapter members, and look forward to having you join us. In fact, if you just want to have lunch with a great bunch of "like-minded" people, with no extensive time commitment, consider coming to one of our Board meetings at Friendly's restaurant on Virginia Beach Boulevard, adjacent to JANAF Shopping Center. There is always room for extras, and you do not need a reservation!

Finally, I invite you to take a more active roll in our local CSI organization. Trust me, getting more involved will:

1. improve your self-confidence,
2. add to your technical support group circle of peers, and
3. enhance your leadership skills.

If you only benefit from one of these top three advantages of making this effort to participate in CSI activities, you will have well spent your time.

Cordially,

Richard Rivin, FCSI, CCS, AIA
Chapter President



Top Ten Reasons to Attend

Reason #10

Learn the true definition of [MACUNGIE](#).

Reason #9

5th Annual Ron Nattress Memorial Golf Tournament, in Ron's home chapter!

Reason #8

Fly high at [Hawk Mountain](#) and get serious shopping at [Cabela's](#)!

Reason #7

Taste the wine of the region at local vineyards.

Reason #6

Meet an US ex-president, who was an outdoor enthusiast.

Reason #5

State-of-the-Art [DaVinci Science Center](#) for your cubs.

Reason #4

The [Lehigh Valley](#) - Big enough to [shop](#) at big name stores and hit a [theme park](#), Small enough to enjoy the culture of museums and strong, small-town history.

Reason #3

Be one of the first in the nation to experience [America On Wheels Museum](#)



CSI Allentown

Middle Atlantic Region Conference 2008 -

Event and Hotel Reservations are now being accepted - Register now

Welcome to our ongoing countdown of the Top Ten Reasons to Attend the great Middle Atlantic Region Conference in Macungie, PA from September 25th to the 28th, 2008.

UPDATES

- Event registration and room reservations are now on-line.
- Click [HERE](#) to Register for the event. Fill out the form online and pay via credit card or paypal or print it out and mail it with your check.
- Click [HERE](#) to book your hotel room. Enter code "ACSI" to receive our discounted rate. Or call 866-SKI-AT-BC. Rates start at \$110.95 for Thursday night and \$140.95 for Friday and Saturday nights (Upgraded rooms are available at a discounted rate)
- Please check out www.marc2008.com for more info.

Don't forget to sponsor. This can also be done online at www.marc2008.com with a credit card or PayPal account. Thanks to all who have already sponsored.

Many sponsorship opportunities are still available
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CSI Education Opportunities



The 2008 Commonwealth of Virginia Energy and Sustainability Conference (COVES) will focus on "Meeting the Climate Change Challenge." The Conference takes place September 17-19, 2008 at the Greater Richmond Convention Center in Richmond, Virginia.

The Climate Change Challenge provides opportunities for policy solutions, technological innovation, and economic development. The conference will showcase the actions that state and local

governments, institutions, and businesses in Virginia and across the country are taking to meet the most pressing environmental issue of this century.

Nationally recognized speakers, including Christopher Flavin, President, Worldwatch Institute; Kenneth Ostrowski, Director, McKinsey and Company; and Don Juhasz, P.E., CEM, Chief, Energy and Utility Programs, U.S. Army, will address plenary audiences. State leaders, including Governor Tim Kaine (invited); State Senator Frank Wagner; and Stephen Walz, Senior Energy Policy Advisor for the Governor, will provide attendees with updates on the state's actions to address energy policy and Climate Change. Regional representatives from business, institutions, and government, will highlight the opportunities to reduce energy use and carbon emissions while keeping the economy and our communities strong.

The Conference will also feature an exhibit hall with innovative products, alternative fuel vehicles, state agency programs and a Green Building poster display. Companies can showcase their support for sustainable approaches to energy and Climate Change as a conference sponsor or exhibitor.

The conference is being organized this year by the Virginia Sustainable Future Forum, led by Co-Chairs, Annette Osso, President, Virginia Sustainable Building Network and Harry Gregori, Vice President, Environmental Solutions Inc. COVES 2008 is supported by public and private sponsors including the Virginia Departments of Mines, Minerals and Energy, Agriculture and Community Services, and Conservation and Recreation; Dominion, DPR Construction Inc., Pepco Energy Services, Trane, and U.S. Green Building Council Chapters.

Learn more about COVES 2008 at www.vsbfn.org/coves2008, or contact the VSBFN office at 703-486-2966.

Fundamental Formats Workshop

There has been some interest in a fall schedule workshop to assist CDT Candidates to study for the Exam in September.

We have had a location in Virginia Beach offered and have an instructor ready and willing to start the workshop in Mid August, with weekly Tuesday or Thursday evening workshops and a possible closing session on a Saturday.

Workshop costs include \$100 per person workshop fee, participant must have access to a CSI Manual of Practice - PRM for study.

Contact Margaret Chewning, 588-9120, **before Aug 1** if interested.

YO! OVER HERE.. I'M A MEMBER!

by Ralph Liebing, RA, CSI

YO! OVER HERE..... I'M A MEMBER! An explanation that should NEVER have to be uttered!

Consider-- membership is a two-way street! It is not strictly an upward effort, hollow and without mutual benefit [to members and to permanent organizational players' efforts]. It is not a "system" of giving and never taking or receiving.

Membership is a voluntary effort usually in reaction to a perceived benefit in the way of status, return values, added exposure, betterment, mutual concern, discussion and solutions, and the reaping of something received for something given.

We join to become a full member; we pay dues; we may or may not become more involved in the programs and activities, but involved or not, we expect some values in return for dollar sent. Deal or no deal! [but forget the million dollar prize].

For dollar spent, Dear Member, what do you really expect? Now be reasonable. You know what CSI is all about, or what you have heard or read it is all about. You have become interested; you have been moved to at least "try it out" and see what gives!

But what do you expect in return?

New member: "Welcome aboard" note; membership certificate [add a buck to the dues if you must] with annual date sticker with each renewal; list or booklet of "stuff" from programs, documents to knick-knacks; promotion of opportunities; pertinent communication on-going [not only industry-wide news, but other CSI-specific information]

Member: Respect [until proven unworthy]; answers to questions; prompt communications; problem solutions; route to **having** ideas, and suggestions heard, and answered; a continuing feeling of belonging;

Certified Member: Well-formed, educationally-sound exams; valid study material [no irrelevances]; prompt and accurate grading and publication of grades; certificates [add a buck again if necessary]; level of care in this process to be same as expected in "average" specifications writers work!;

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Fall 2008 CDT exam registration now open!
Take the exam Sept. 22-27, 2008 at one of 400+ testing locations in the U.S.

Early Registration Deadline 6/23/2008 Final Registration Deadline 8/22/2008	Early/Final MEMBER	Early/Final - NON-MEMBER Join CSI and Save!
CDT	\$235 / \$295	\$370 / \$430
CDT (Student)	\$105 / \$105	\$105 / \$105

*Application Fees cover registration, study guide, and exam.
Source materials are not included.*

(Yo I'm a Member! Continued from page 4)

To all of the above, mere acceptance of, and recognition of the fact that their dues monies pays at least part of every staffers salary-- and that deserves some return. Also elimination of the mere thought that the membership is dumb, remote or uncaring-- or that no good idea exists within that group.

Now again, it MUST be remembered that members who choose to become more involved are NOT the elite group at the expense of the others. Rather they are the group who wants to help [and has the resources and inclination to help] and that this is not necessarily a universal holding in all of the membership-- we each choose our member-niche! Some embers simply have the capacity to willingly offer more, and usually get a good return [or should!!!!] for their efforts [don't be remiss here!!!!]. But they are still members despite their upward vision, openness, participation, "face-time", and efforts.

Not every one-- and indeed very few!-- will be President! and yes, not even something more than just a member or perhaps a chapter committee member, BUT.....

The crux of all this is that those who choose to become members do so with a mutual intention. Their work in the profession is unique, usually high quality, quite accurate, and deeply drawn. Each in her/his own way they choose to be "member" and do what they see fit. Surely, more so than just in the back of their minds, their chosen professional organization, dedicated [supposedly] to being a strong support, well-spring of information and wealth of assistance should match all that its members are! ##



Hampton Roads Building Products Show 2009

Sign on to be a part of the show and get the exposure our exhibitors look for in connecting with professionals within the construction industry. In conjunction with the products show, there will be top notch educational seminars, valuable to attendees in maintaining certifications and keeping up to date on new trends. This is a trade show you won't want to miss, the CSI Tidewater VA Chapter is dedicated to giving you a great return on your investment. Seminar attendees will include architects, engineers and contractors and as an exhibitor not only will you have the chance to educate and make connections to the people coming through, you will also find your fellow exhibitors to be a great networking resource.

We offer you a unique opportunity to get the most of the Products Show and year-round membership benefits as well as advertising your company. Included in the newsletter is a Sponsorship application form with details on the five levels. Please contact Debi Ernest at 575-9550 for more information or by email at debi@oceansblueconcierge.com

Details:

Date: February 10, 2009
Location: Holiday Inn Executive Center,
5655 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach, 23462
Booth Information: 6' x 8' Booth, including draping
(Includes lunch)

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opportunities**

A Little Girl Needs Your Help!

Richard Ivy NCARB and a board member of the STOP Organization contacted us requesting assistance for a young lady in Norfolk, Jessica Simpson, who suffers from Recessive Dystrophic Epidermolysis Bullosa, a condition that causes blisters and scarring on her entire skin and mucus membranes from the slightest trauma or friction.



Richard's goal is to gather support from the local Construction/Design industry to add an 800 SF addition to her home providing a accessible bedroom for Jessica and modifying her kitchen so she can be more self reliant as well as tend to her ongoing medical needs.

STOP has created The Jessica Simpson Fund to donate tax deductible gifts of cash or material. They are also looking for labor and management to get the work done, specifically a contractor willing to take the point to coordinate the work of the volunteers.

Any one interested in helping Jessica, or wanting more information, contact Richard J. Ivy NCARB at 757-557-6800 (ivy@ivyarchpc.com)





SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Time to be thinking about next year! Take an opportunity now to sign up for next year's show, plus get advertising in the Communicator, and membership dues for a year.

Fill out the form on the back of this sheet for a FY 09 Chapter Sponsorship, provide a commitment reservation for HRBPS 09 if you wish to exhibit at the Show , and a membership application to save some money next year.

Your sponsorship provides a way to get your name and your company's name out to the design and construction community you serve throughout the year in the Communicator, the chapter's monthly newsletter, a sponsor powerpoint slide presentation shown at every meeting, and reserves your place at next year's show! .

We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

The annual sponsorships and ad sizes available for FY09 are on page 2 of the Sponsorship form.

Newsletter ads and PowerPoint slides run Sept 08 through Summer 09.

The Chapter can now take Credit Card payments for Sponsorship 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 our various events.

Payment to: Tidewater Virginia Chapter CSI

Payment Information	AMOUNT \$ _____
NAME	Event: Sponsorship FY 09
COMPANY	circle one: VISA MASTERCARD Check enclosed
ADDRESS	CARD NUMBER _____ EXP DATE _____
ADDRESS	V-CODE (3-DIGIT NUMBER ON BACK OF VISA/MC CARD)
CITY STATE ZIP CODE	
TELEPHONE FAX	SIGNATURE _____

Please mail or fax your sponsorship with this form to the attention of our treasurer,
Lee Fry CSI. 541 Susan Constant Dr., Virginia Beach VA 23451; fx: 757-422-4419

TVA CSI - FY 09 Sponsor information:

Company:

Contact Name

Address

City/state/zip

Phone _____ Fax _____

Email

Ad size requested:

- Master -** \$1500 enclosed
- Journeyman -** \$1000 enclosed
- Apprentice -** \$500 enclosed
- Sponsorship only -**\$300 enclosed
 - Ad copy is attached
 - Please contact me for graphics assistance
- Novice Level -** \$250 enclosed
Please indicate how you would like your listing in Newsletter and Powerpoint

Membership information

- I am a current member of the TVA CSI Chapter. I understand that I am responsible for maintaining my membership, My renewal notice for FY08 will be sent to Lee Fry upon receipt a minimum of one month prior to renewal. If my renewal information is not forwarded in a timely fashion, I will be responsible for membership renewal.
My membership renewal date is _____
My membership number is _____
- I am a new member, my membership application is attached.

Master Level - \$1500

- Full year CSI dues, Institute and Chapter
- A booth or table at the HRBPS 09
- Full powerpoint slide that continually wraps at all monthly membership meetings
- A 1/2 page ad in The Communicator throughout FY 2009

A \$1,610 value for \$1,500!

1/2 page
7.5 x 4.5 inches

Journeyman Level - \$1000

- Full year CSI dues, Institute and Chapter
- 50% off cost of table at the HRBPS 09
- Half PowerPoint slide shared with another sponsor at the same level that continually wraps at all monthly membership meetings
- A 1/4 page ad in The Communicator throughout FY2009

A \$1085 value for \$1,000!

1/4 page ad
3.5 x 4.5 inches

Apprentice Level - \$500

- Full year CSI dues, Institute and Chapter
- quarter PowerPoint slide shared with another sponsor at the same level that continually wraps at all monthly membership meetings
- A Business card ad in The Communicator throughout FY 2009

Business card
2 x 3.5 inches

Novice level - \$250

Listing in Newsletter and Slides

If not interested in membership or a booth, \$300.00 will get you a Business Card Ad and PowerPoint Slide.

Chapter distribution:

.Treasurer - post sponsorship; Copies side 2 to Membership, Newsletter, Products Show.



TVA CSI CHAPTER BOARD AND COMMITTEES FOR FY08

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Board Meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Tuesday of each month at lunch time at Friendly's Restaurant, Virginia Beach Blvd and Military Hiway. (757) area code unless noted otherwise			
Board meetings are open to all Chapter Members .			

the small stuff

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Meeting

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