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August 2005

NEXT PROGRAM:

SEPTEMBER 8th, 2005

NATIONAL CAD STANDARDS AND 3-D IMAGING

SPEAKER

Jeff Caird, CSI, CDT
Morris Switzer and Associates
Bill Brothers, AIA Assoc.
Morris Switzer and Associates

TIME

Thursday, September 8, 2005
12:00 noon – 2:00pm

LOCATION

Vermont Technical College
Old Dorm Lounge
Randolph Center, VT

SUMMARY

Join us for this exciting program on Computer-aided Drafting and Modeling. Jeff Caird and Bill Brothers, both of the Burlington architectural firm Morris Switzer and Associates, will present the National CAD Standard and the Uniform Drawing System (UDS), as well as 3-D imaging as it relates to the architectural design process. Come and be amazed by the many possibilities.

AGENDA

12:00 Registration & Box Lunch for professionals (provided by New England Culinary Institute)
12:20 Introductions
12:30 Speaker
2:00 Program Concludes

CREDITS

(1.5) hours of AIA HSW credits available

COSTS

\$30 for CSI members
\$40 for Non-Members
Students **FREE!** (*BYO lunch*)
New Members **FREE!**

RSVP / QUESTIONS

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Vermont Wood Products Showcase *Invitation to CSI Members*

The following is an invitation extended to all Vermont Chapter CSI Members and Specifiers, courtesy of Kathleen Wanner of the Vermont Wood Products Marketing Council.

We are pleased to offer you, Vermont Chapter CSI members, an opportunity to visit the Second Annual Vermont Wood Products Showcase to be held at the Union Arena in Woodstock, VT on September 24-25, 2005 from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. This year's event will feature about three dozen of the state's premier furniture makers and woodworkers, winning entries from the Second Annual Design Competition, on-site production of wooden pens and bowls, as well as other woodworking demonstrations, activities for the children, and displays from several of the forest products industry representatives.

Complimentary tickets are available to download and print for CSI members. This ticket will also enter you into a special drawing for an overnight stay at the Kedron Valley Inn, Woodstock. While you don't need to be present to win, you must enter in person at the Showcase.

From the Union Arena, which has ample parking, you can ride our shuttle service to Marsh Billings Rockefeller National Historical Park where the annual Forest Festival will be held. Attendees will have an opportunity to take a woods walk with a forester, see a portable saw mill operate, ride the horse-drawn wagon, see woodworking demonstrations, join a panel discussion and storytelling presentation by

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...to make a contribution to the Green Mountain Specifier – ideas, articles, letters, advertising or other relevant material (if you're polite, maybe we'll even take irrelevant material). Contact:

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woodworkers, and other exciting events.

In addition to the Showcase and Forest Festival, you are also invited to attend our Saturday evening reception from 5:00-7:00 PM. We have a very special program planned for this gala event that includes recognition of Design Competition winners and a presentation by celebrated author Thomas Moser of Thos. Moser Cabinetmakers, Auburn, ME. Light refreshments will be served.

For those who wish to get continuing education credits for attending, we will have self-reporting forms available.

If you are a CSI member and would like to attend the festivities, please contact our Program Chair John Kamencik at johnk@donvac.com or (802) 878-5006 and you will be e-mailed your complimentary ticket.

Thanks to Kathleen and the Vermont Wood Products Council for their gracious invitation. Nice gathering with interesting furniture and more – should be fun! Look for our own Jonathan Miller there too; he did his part as a competition judge for the entries.

PROG. SUMMARY:

AUGUST 11th, 2005

CONTRACT ADMINISTRATION II

SPEAKER

William Alexander 'Sandy' Fead, CSI
Paul Frank & Collins

TIME

Thursday Aug. 11 2005, 11:00am– 2:00pm

LOCATION

Hampton Inn Hotel & Conference Center
Colchester, VT

SUMMARY

Sandy started off with a quick review of what he'd covered back in January – especially the tone of AIA A201 (General Conditions of the Contract), and a rundown of the varying roles of Architects and which interests they must represent at different times.

Submittals were a good-sized topic – this is one area where often the written specs are not necessarily followed to the letter. For example, A201 requires a complete schedule of submittals to be agreed upon by the Architect and the Contractor.

Sandy also spoke about the courses of action that can be taken upon review of a submittal, and what each is about (Change Orders, Field Orders, and others). Process every substitution as a Change Order.

Sandy being in the legal profession, responsibility was much discussed. What authorities does the “clerk-of-the-works” have? When must the Architect function as an advocate for the Owner, and when must the Architect be impartial or represent the public interest or his own professional interest? These are simple questions with complex answers.

Withholdings from Certifications For Payment are sometimes mis-used. Owners may seek to withhold more than is actually justified, on the theory that it will “motivate” the Contractor. That’s a no-no.

Substantial Completion – the first time that an Architect must “inspect” the construction rather than merely “observe.”

Final Completion – requires that the results are “acceptable”, not necessarily “perfectly conforming.” Be careful with Final Payment – if it’s conditional, you may not want to call it “final” so as to be able to inspect the conditional work asked for.

Thanks to Sandy for another great talk!

Winooski Downtown Progress

by Chris Eling, CSI, CDT

Winooski has always endeavored to be on the cutting edge of urban planning. Occasionally it has bitten off more than it could chew, and once even entertained the possibility of building a dome over the entire city. Back when "urban renewal" was a brand-new idea, the city took the concept and ran with it, razing ¼ of its downtown in the 50's without an in-place plan for the site afterwards. At the start of the “redevelopment” era, the Champlain Mill and Woolen Mill were renovated and opened as an downtown mall and apartment complex, respectively – the large area left fallow by urban renewal was converted to a parking lot. Fast-forward to today’s “revitalization” project, a build-out project that aims to make the downtown whole again.

There is a new headquarters building for VSAC, hundreds of housing units, a parking garage (now completed), and retail/restaurant/storefront space. But one of the central features of the new downtown area of Winooski will be the roundabout & park at the intersection of Main Street and Route 15.

Roundabouts are the latest fashion in traffic planning, and aided by recent changes in federal transportation funding Vermont is looking to plan more. In addition to improving the currently congested traffic flow, the extended roundabout in central Winooski will create an urban open space in the center of the new downtown. A terraced park, complete with a 60' cascading fountain, will be added to the center of the roundabout. The roundabout is scheduled for completion in the fall of this year.

Call For Volunteers - VT CSI Leadership

We are always looking for help from our membership to continue to be successful. Get a more rewarding experience from CSI and help out! A couple hours a month is all it takes for most positions.

All those interested are welcome at our board meetings. See the summary of the most recent board meeting minutes on page 4 for the date of the next scheduled meeting. Contact Victoria Rickert at vrickert@eastcoasttile.com to let us know that you can come...thanks !

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COMING SOON:

OCTOBER X, 2005

FLOORING – MOISTURE & CONCRETE SUBSTRATE PROBLEMS

SPEAKER

John Kamencik, CSI
Don-Vac, Inc.

TIME

Thursday October 13, 2005
11:00pm– 2:00pm

LOCATION

Hampton Inn Hotel and Conference
Center
Route 7 just north of I-89 Exit 16,
Colchester, VT

SUMMARY

Flooring expert John Kamencik of Don-Vac Inc. will speak about his experiences with flooring and problems / issues he has come across. He will discuss details and procedures, corrective floor products, innovative new materials and solutions, and assemblies.

AGENDA

11:00 Registration
11:20 Introductions
11:30 Speaker
12:30 Lunch
1:00 Speaker Resumes
2:00 Speaker ends

CREDITS

(2) hours of AIA HSW credits available

COSTS

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RSVP / QUESTIONS

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The Concrete Corner

Placing Concrete in Hot Weather

By Bob Myers, Carroll Concrete

Caution needs to be applied when placing concrete in hot weather. Without the proper care, concrete may have reduced strength and will be very prone to cracking due to rapid drying. It also may stiffen quickly, making finishing quite difficult. At some point, usually between 75°F and 100°F, hot weather problems for concrete may begin. The combination usually causing the most problems is low relative humidity and high wind velocity that when added to sun and high temperature, create a very high potential for problems.

Basic Guides for Hot Weather Concreting

1. Plan in advance. Have equipment and materials ready before the hot weather arrives.
2. Keep the subgrade and forms moist so they will not absorb water from the mix.
3. Keep sunshades and windbreaks available and use them whenever possible.
4. Have everything prepared before the ready mix truck arrives. Don't make the truck wait for you.
5. Keep in constant communication with the ready mixed concrete provider. Coordination between contractor and producer is key.
6. Concrete should be placed, struck off and bull-floated immediately.
7. Use evaporation retardants after screeding. This will help prevent rapid drying, crusting, plastic shrinkage and rubber sets.
8. Substituting a burlap drag or broom finish will eliminate other high risk finishing practices, such as smooth trowel finish.
9. Incorporate synthetic fibers (polypropylene) to resist shrinkage cracking.
10. Curing should take place immediately after final finishing operations are complete.
11. Remember to protect concrete cylinders from the hot weather. Store in a location of 60°F to 80°F for up to 48 hours before transport to the lab.

If you have any questions on concrete topics, please feel free to ask me at: bmyers@carrollconcrete.com.



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July Board Meeting Summary

This is but a summary; the full text of the 7/29/05 meeting minutes will be available from the Chapter Secretary.

- For FY06, we will be trying to regularize the chapter's schedule. Monthly board meetings are proposed to be on the 1st Tuesday of each month.
- John Ostrum reviewed the programs for FY06, and was commended for all his work on program themes and scheduling.
- The August program will be at the Hampton Inn in Colchester – a test run for a potential regular location in the coming year.
- In conversations with Chapter President Victoria Rickert, Awards Chair Susan Coleman has relayed that not only is she looking forward to working on awards, but that several of her co-workers at Efficiency Vermont could be interested in CSI membership, obtaining CSI certifications, and being active volunteers with the chapter. This was of course contingent on Efficiency Vermont's continued existence. *[The state did renew their contract with VEIC after making them sweat a little – congratulations!]*
- Chapter revenue will need to be stabilized in this fiscal year. We will be looking at increased tabletops, sponsorships, attendance packages, and other sources. Tabletops in particular will likely be emphasized during this year, after a dip in the past year due to lack of time to promote them.
- A Fees Task Team – Victoria Rickert, Jonathan Miller, John Gant, John Kamencik, and Chris Eling – will conduct a comprehensive review of the prices we charge for various services – GMS ads, programs, tabletops, certification study sessions, etc. and present recommendations to the board.
- **Next Board Meeting:** to be confirmed (summer schedules are complex). Contact Chapter President Victoria Rickert for more information.

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What If The Owner Asks For A Substitution?

A professional opinion from an architect or specifier should be enough to convince an owner which products and manufacturers should be included in a project.

So what do you do if it's not?

Put some strong language on paper that protects the design professionals who've been overridden, said Gregory Markling, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED-AP, and Paul Simonsen, FCSI, RA, CCS, CCCA, LEED-AP, two of the expert speakers who will appear at CSI's academies. *[See article on p.7]*

Owners do sometimes ignore the objections of specifiers and architects and demand a particular substitution be made on a project.

"It's a tough situation to be in, and you don't want to be there, but it does happen," Markling said.

In those cases, Simonsen said he crafts a letter that states his position on the substitution and makes it clear that he will not be held liable for the consequences of using it. He does not, however, detail what those consequences might be. Were he to miss a potential problem in such a list, a lawyer could argue he's responsible for it, he said.

Markling said a letter is sometimes enough to convince an owner to reconsider his position.

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- The monthly *NewsDigest* has become *NewsDigest Quarterly*, which is mailed to all CSI members every three months or so. Its mission is to report to you on the Institute's activities at the national level.
- CSI has launched *CSI NewsBrief*, a FREE, weekly e-mail that summarizes the most important news in the construction world, as reported by leading news sources including the *New York Times* and *Engineering News-Record*. It also includes briefs and links to information about CSI that is posted on the Institute's website, www.csinet.org.
- CSI has created *CSI Weekly*, a new area of CSINet that is updated weekly (sometimes daily) with the latest information about CSI's programs and events, and news from CSI's chapters and regions.

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Back To School, The CSI Way

by Joy Davis, CSI Communications

I have a confession to make: I've never wanted to re-live high school. Or college, either.

Every fall I run into someone who watches the kids march off to the bus stop with a near-paralyzing case of nostalgia. "Oh, if I could do it all again..." he or she says, and I make a mental note not to be near them in June, 'cause you know graduations make those people cry.

It's not that I don't want to advance my education – you'd have to be 19 years old to think the material they teach you in college will cover every professional challenge you'll face in life. I don't want to go back to school because I'm a working adult. I can't dedicate myself to a full-time education program – I've already got a full-time job.

We adult professionals are a relatively new force in education, and organizations like CSI are racing to meet our needs. Which leads me to CSI's academies, the topic of this month's "Just Click Here."

CSI will offer three academies targeting experienced professionals October 12–14 in San Francisco: The Product Representative Academy (PRA), the Contract Administration Academy (CAA), and the Construction Specifications Academy (CSA).

What You Get Out Of It

The academies were created for professionals who already have experience in their fields. The speakers are working professionals like you, who face the challenges you face every day. The topics are relevant to your job. Participants will get 2.35 Continuing Education Units (CEUs), 23.5 Learning Units (LUs) and 23.5 Health, Safety, & Welfare (HSWs) credit for the sessions they attend.

The academies are also a chance to capitalize on CSI's most powerful asset: our members. CSI has co-located the three academies in San Francisco and scheduled joint-sessions so that participants can mix with construction professionals from outside their fields.

Registration for the academies through September 12th is \$525 – unless you're a CSI member. CSI members pay only \$425 for early registration. After September 12th, non-members pay \$660 and CSI members pay only \$560.

Ready To Start? Then Just Click Here

CSI has posted detailed information about the speakers and the sessions they'll be teaching on CSI's website, along with information about hotel reservations and travel.

To read more about the academies, visit www.csinet.org/education. To register, go to www.csinet.org and click "Event Registration" in the green navigation bar at the top of the page. The membership price will appear a few steps into the registration process, when CSINet recognizes you as a member.

Have fun in class!

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FY2006 Vermont Chapter CSI Events

Note: Events after October 13 TBC (To Be Confirmed)

- August 11 **“Construction Administration II”**
William ‘Sandy’ Fead, CSI; *Paul Frank & Collins*
11:00am-2:00pm at the Hampton Inn
- September 8** **“CAD Standards and 3-D Imaging”**
Jeff Caird & William Brothers, Morris Switzer & Associates, noon-2pm at VTC Old Dorm Lounge
- October 13 **“Flooring – Moisture & Concrete Substrate Problems”**
11:00am-2:00pm at the Hampton Inn
- November 10 **“Alternative Septic System Designs & Water Conserving Fixtures”**
Gunnar Baldwin, *Toto*
- December 1 **“Glazing For the North East Climate”**
John Krajewski, *Guardian Glass*
11:00am-2:00pm at the Hampton Inn
- 2006**
- January 19 **“State Code Updates 2003 IBC and NFPA”**
Bob Howe, *State of VT, Division of Fire Safety*
11:00am-2:00pm at the Hampton Inn
- Feb. 8 & 9 **“Better Buildings by Design 2006”**
by *VEIC / Efficiency Vermont*, Burlington Sheraton
2 days of Seminars, Forums, and Exhibits
- Feb – Mar **6 Weeks of CSI Certification Study Sessions**
Adam Bortz, CSI, CCS, SCIP
- March 9 **“IBC Structural Codes & Snow Load Failures”**
Carl Childs, PE ; at VTC Old Dorm Lounge
- April **Vermont Chapter CSI Annual Meeting**
- April 20 **“Hot ANR/DEC Permits – Stormwater & Construction General”**
- May 12 **“Green & Sustainable in VT Conf & Trade Fair”**
Green Booth Exhibits, Seminars and Food
- June 15 **“Chapter Awards Banquet & Golf Outing”**
at Basin Harbor Club

VT Chapter Stats as of July 31st:

New Members last Month	0
Total New Members for Year 2004	56
Total New Members for FY 2005 / Sponsored	15/9
Retention rate year to date	67.5%
Total Home Chapter Members	89
Total VT Chapter Members (back to the century mark!)	100

FY ‘05 New Members Welcome!

* *Welcome to old members returning too !*

15 new Members for FY’05 with 9 Sponsored

June 2005

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October 2004

56 new 2004 Members!

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Mr. Robert Buchan, CSI, CDT, AIA, *BMA Architects*

September 2004

Mr. Dan Chalifour, CSI, *Firestone Bldg Products*

Student Members Looking For More?

Student members are the most difficult members to keep beyond a year or two. A large part of this issue can be addressed with chapter members being more involved with students. We need volunteers to adopt one of our institutions of higher learning and talk about CSI and what CSI can do for the students. The Vermont Chapter offers a scholarship to any Vermont student who wants to join CSI.

Vermont Technical College is hosting a VT Chapter CSI program on September 8th, the first of two during this academic year. This is an opportunity for the chapter to expose new students to the benefits of CSI membership.

Contact *Academic Affairs Chair*, John Gant, at jgant@adelphia.net or *Membership Chair*, Jonathan Miller, at campesi@earthlink.net for more information on how you can help.