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Winter 2007

NEXT MONTH:

JANUARY 17th, 2007

NEW AIA CONTRACT DOCUMENTS

WITH AIA VT

TIME

Thursday, January 17, 2007
11:00am – 2:00pm

LOCATION

Doubletree Hotel
Williston Road, South Burlington VT

SPEAKER

William 'Sandy' Fead, Esq., CSI
Fead Construction Law

CREDITS

(2) HSW/AIA credits available

COST

\$35 for CSI members
\$35 for AIA members
\$50 for non-members

SUMMARY

To kick off the new year, Vermont CSI is teaming up with AIAvt to present a program on the recent changes to commonly used AIA documents. Our speaker is William 'Sandy' Fead, Esq., CSI, of Fead Construction Law, who will address the impacts on the design and construction processes.

The first portion of the program will be: "The top ten changes to the AIA A201 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction."

After a break for lunch, the second half: "The new Owner-Architect Agreements, AIA B101 (Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Architect) and B201 (Standard Form of Architect's Services: Design and Construction Contract Administration)."

REGISTRATION

Watch your e-mail for further details in the program announcement. Or check the chapter website, www.csivermont.org for registration information to be posted as it becomes available.

President's Message

By John Ostrum, President Vermont Chapter CSI

For those of us involved in the practice of design, building material supply and construction, **the emergence of the issue of global warming has triggered the greatest change we will ever see in our professional lifetimes in the art of building.** 'Business as usual' is over. All around us are positive signs of change toward green and sustainable design and construction practices.

Will those changes occur fast enough for a soft social and environmental transition? I think not unless we all increase our efforts to lead by example in our professional and public lives. Change in our practices is now occurring so fast that **we must continuously re-educate ourselves, our fellow professionals, and our clients.**

Perhaps the biggest hurdle encountered at all levels of utilizing emerging green technologies and construction practices is the **assumption of risk.** No one wants a project that doesn't function properly and consequently no one wants to be the first to try a new idea – whether architect, mechanical/electrical engineer or contractor. The 'risk factor' seems to be softening though with the emergence of the **'enlightened Owner'**. The USGBC's LEED rating system is not perfect, but it has helped to put the words 'Green Building' into the national vocabulary. With the Owner brought to the table as an equal participant with the designers, material suppliers and contractors, and with all members striving for LEED certification (Certified, Silver, Gold or Platinum), 'buy in' is achieved and the risk factor is minimized for all parties.

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WE WANT YOU ...

...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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CSI Certifications

Early-Bird CDT Registration

There is still time to sign up for the next CDT (Construction Document Technologist) exam date at the lower 'early-bird' cost! The early deadline to register for the spring exam is January 2, 2008.

The early CDT cost for CSI members is \$235; the regular cost for CDT registrations between Jan.2 and the final deadline of Feb.29 is \$295 for CSI members.

For non-CSI members, the cost is \$370 early, \$430 regular. Become a CSI member beforehand and the savings covers over half the membership fee.

If you are interested in the upper levels of certification which require the CDT as a prerequisite, including the CCPR (Certified Construction Product Representative), CCCA (Certified Construction Contract Administrator), or the CCS (Certified Construction Specifier), the early-bird has already gotten the worm but you can still register for those exams until Jan. 31.

The exams will be March 31 – April 5.

We hope many more Vermont Chapter members join the ranks of the CSI-certified in 2008!

PREV. PROGRAM:

DECEMBER 13th, 2007

HIGH PERFORMANCE WINDOW TREATMENTS **"MADE IN VERMONT" TOUR** **GORDON'S WINDOW DÉCOR**

TIME/LOCATION

December 13, 2007; 3:00pm – 6:00pm
Gordon's Window Décor
4 Laurette Drive (east end of Fort Ethan Allen), Route 15, Essex Junction VT

SPEAKER

Gordon Clements, CSI

SUMMARY

Snow was falling heavily, but nearly 30 intrepid souls (and skilled wintertime drivers) gathered on Thursday Dec. 13 at the Gordon's Window Décor Factory in Essex Junction to learn about window treatments. As a bonus, everyone in attendance had the opportunity to build their very own custom insulated cellular window shade!

The seminar addressed the relative characteristics, pluses and minuses of many different window treatments and options, including cellular shades, roller shades, edge tracks, blackout fabrics, mini-blinds, interior light louvers, modern roman shades, flame retarding treatments, and more. Gordon also spoke about some of the interesting technologies coming more often out of Europe, like heat-reflective fabric, and technologies which have been used often in Europe and have not gained much of a foothold yet in the colonies, like exterior light louvers.

Gordon also spoke about his efforts to lead a movement for standardization in testing and data, for example when looking at insulating properties of cellular shades. Currently there is no standard for assemblies – Gordon related a story about how one product, with no design change, doubled its advertised R-value benefit. It later turned out that the shade hadn't changed, but in the tested assembly the window behind the shade had been changed to a higher-performance unit! So Gordon is helping to organize some standards so that we all won't have to take these figures with such a big grain of salt.

Thanks to all those who sledded their way through the winter weather to this interesting program!

President's Message

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A large part of the lowering that risk factor is the exchange of higher quality project information – especially the construction drawings and material specifications. **The Construction Specification Institute has a host of programs and services to help you achieve better construction documents and raise the standard of your professional credentials and services.** The registration deadline for the next round of exams is soon approaching. Please investigate online at www.csinet.org and sign up today. Vermont Chapter CSI will coordinate 'study groups' for the various exams if enough participants sign up. The offerings are:

Certificate ...(*CDT must be taken and passed before taking other exams*)

- o **CDT** – Construction Documents Technology

The 'Early' registration deadline is 01-02-08; the final deadline is 02-29-08
The CDT exam date 3-31-08 to 4-5-08...or...9-22/27-08

Certifications

- o **CCS** – Certified Construction Specifier
- o **CCCA** – Certified Construction Administrator
- o **CCPR** – Certified Construction Product Representative

The 'Early' registration deadline has passed. The final deadline is 01-02-08
The exam date is 04-05-08

CSI Publications.....available online at www.csinet.org

- o Masterformat 2004 Edition – the organizational standard for specs
- o SectionFormat – outlines standard three-part spec section structure
- o PageFormat – outlines standard spec page structure
- o OmniClass – a strategy for classifying the Built Environment
- o UniFormat – a uniform classification of const. systems & assemblies
- o The Project Resource Manual/CSI Manual of Practice – 5th edition, the authoritative resource for organizing, preparing, using and interpreting construction documents for the life cycle of the facility from conception through facility management.
- o The U.S. National CAD Standard – the consensus standard incorporating CSI's 'Uniform Drawing Standard' and the AIA CAD Layer Guidelines. Applicable for CAD, BIM or pencil.
- o GreenFormat – (in development)
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PREV. EVENT:

NOVEMBER 15th, 2007

INSULATION SUMMIT

TIME/LOCATION

November 13, 2007; 11:00pm – 2:30pm
Doubletree Hotel, South Burlington VT

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SPEAKERS

John B. Unger Murphy
Murphy's Cell-Tech

Glenn Brower & Scott Miller
Knauf Insulation

Robert Ingham
Johns Manville

SUMMARY

54 were in attendance to hear about insulation, both envelope and mechanical.

John Unger Murphy began by talking about strategies for figuring out what was needed from the insulation part of a project, and also how that related to the HVAC system. What are the energy goals of the project? Is the top priority cost? Comfort? Operating expenditures?

An insulation contractor or consultant may know about tax incentives that are available when certain efficiencies are achieved. John also shared some eye-opening 'aim-high' R-value goals for various building components. One major point was to make sure the HVAC equipment is designed to match the insulation! Lots of money can be saved.

Glenn Brower and Scott Miller then came on to talk about mechanical insulation, in terms of recommendations above the ASHRAE 90.1 standard ("Revisiting Mechanical Insulation Thickness in Commercial Buildings" for effective moisture/condensation control) and on life-cycle comparisons for the material itself.

Robert Ingham then came on to deliver an Introduction to LEED Ratings talk, and then how that related in a general way to the principles of efficiency in insulation.

Thank you to all of our speakers, our sponsors, and to all of the attendees!

Better Buildings By Design 2008

Conference Returns to Vermont in February

The region's premiere conference on building durability, efficiency and value returns to the Sheraton Conference Center in Burlington on February 13-14, 2008. Presented by Efficiency Vermont, the Better Buildings By Design 2008 Conference will offer 40+ workshops on design and construction approaches and technologies that are being used to create today's high-performance commercial and residential buildings. Led by leaders in the industry, workshops will be featured in four simultaneous tracks on building envelope, lighting, mechanical systems, and innovations/high performance. More than 1,000 attendees are expected.

A special feature this year will be a pre-conference workshop, on February 12th from 9am – 4pm at the Sheraton, introducing the new Vermont edition of the Advanced Buildings' Core Performance Guide. This guide, designed as a companion tool with existing design publications available from Efficiency Vermont, is unique in its ability to not only provide a specific set of strategies that will reduce commercial buildings' energy use by more than 20% above State energy code but also to enable designers to find out about financial incentive levels in the design phase of a project. Attendees registering for both this workshop and the full Better Buildings By Design Conference will receive a \$100 discount off the total cost.

In addition to workshop sessions, conference participants will have access to a trade show of more than 50 providers of cutting-edge, energy-efficient products and services for the construction industry. Also featured throughout the conference will be a display of the year's award-winning Vermont commercial and residential designs.

As in past years, the conference's popular evening reception will offer attendees the opportunity to connect with other design and construction professionals in a casual atmosphere. This event will feature hearty refreshments, a cash bar, music and more. All are welcome, free of entry charge, including those unable to attend the conference.

Conference participants will be able to earn continuing-education credits from a range of professional organizations, including Construction Specifications Institute, American Institute of Architects, and Building Performance Institute.

Conference registration discounts are available to groups of four or more. For more information or to register, visit www.encyvermont.com/conference or call 802-865-5202.



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December Board Meeting Summary

This is but a summary; the full text of the 12/5/07 meeting minutes is available from the Chapter Secretary.

- Victoria was heartily welcomed back from her long absence by all of us. We missed her!
- John Gant will be going to VTC after the semester break to attempt to pitch CSI membership scholarships to the new VTC freshmen. We have missed the fall semester window.
- Jonathan had the opinion that the expansion of the CDT certification to include the UDS (Uniform Drawing System) will go a long way to making CSI more relevant to architecture firms. This should subsequently lead to an increase in membership. The UDS development is an exciting one that has been long in the making.
- Victoria noted that we needed a kickoff meeting in January regarding the G&S Conference
- [Thanks to Jonathan Miller for being the ‘guest scribe’ in the absence of the Secretary!]

LEED New Construction Seminar Registration Open for Feb. 15, 2008 Event

The LEED for New Construction Technical Review in Burlington, VT on February 15, 2008 has been posted to the USGBC website and is now [open for registration](#).

CEU credits from several organizations are available, including AIA/CES seven (7) hours of Health, Safety, and Welfare (HSW) Learning Units (LUs).

Chris Schaffner and Nadav Malin (editor of Brattleboro based Environmental Building News) will be instructing this workshop. If you are interested in the workshop, please register early. 25 registrants are needed by the ‘early’ deadline of 2/8/08 in order to hold the workshop. Rates are significantly lower for early registration.

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All those interested are welcome at our board meetings. Typically the monthly meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month. Contact President John Ostrum at john.ostrum@state.vt.us for more information or to let us know that you can come...thanks !

How Not To Screw Up

Podcasts on CSInet

Every week, CSI's AudioCast Series "How Not to Screw Up" presents construction tales from the professionals who lived them. This week, Disney Chief Specifier Tom Davis explains the connection between soupy concrete...and getting thrown off a six-story building (?!). Hear it at audio.csinet.org.

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- Cost PER SITE: **\$75 CSI members / \$95 non-members**

Because participants are charged per site/telephone connection—not per person—a group can split the cost of a session registration! CSI members are encouraged to share a session (and the CSI member discount) with co-workers, other members, and guests from other firms. Invite your colleagues to join you for this seminar at no additional charge. Register Now!

Space is limited for sites and individuals registering and is on a first-come-first-serve basis. Register now to ensure your space.

All Registrations must be received two (2) business days prior to the Webinar. Telephone dial-in and web log-in instructions will be forwarded to you 48 hours prior to event.

- ❑ **1/22/2008 – How The Courts Interpret Specifications**
Tuesday Jan. 22, 2008; 2:00-3:30pm (ET)
Gerald Katz, Esq. – *USA Architects, Planners & Interior Design*
Dave Wyatt, CSI, CCS, CCCA, *Wyatt's Words*
- ❑ **2/12/2007 – MasterFormat For Engineers - HVAC**
Tuesday Feb. 12, 2008; 2:00-3:30pm (ET)
Charles E. Gulledge, PE, CSI, MAI, ASHRAE –
AC Corporation
- ❑ **2/26/2007 – To Be Or Not To Be Vapor Permeable
Selecting the Proper Envelope Barriers Based
on Climate, Codes and Design Criteria**
Tuesday Feb. 26, 2008; 2:00-3:30pm (ET)
Maria Spinu, PhD, CSI

For more information on these programs and how to register, visit the [Event Registration](http://www.csinet.org) page at www.csinet.org.

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CSI 2008 Election - Candidates

The candidates for the upcoming Institute election, to be held February 2008, have been announced. In addition to the national offices of Institute President-Elect, Vice President and Treasurer, in our neck of the woods the "Region Director (Industry)" position for the NorthEast Region is also up for election this year. The candidates for that spot are:

Howard A. Levine, CSI, CDT

Tom Minnon, CSI, CCPR, LEED AP

Timothy "T.J." Gottwalt CSI, CCPR, AHC/CDC

CSI Members will receive a ballot in the mail in February, which will include bios and info on the candidates.

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CSI "MasterFormat™ 2004 Edition"

by The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and Construction Specifications Canada (CSC)

Paperback (no CD): 516 Pages

Non-Member Price \$159, CSI Member Price: \$109; not available on Amazon today ... asking \$80

"Construction Specifications Writing - Principles and Procedures"

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"Architectural Acoustics - Principles and Practice"

Edited by William J. Cavanaugh and Joseph A. Wilkes
NCARB Hardcover Monograph: 352 pages

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The live weekly webinar series:

- CDT One Week at a Time! - Starting January 7, 2008
- CCCA One Week at a Time! - Starting January 15, 2008

These webinars are in preparation for the national exams held at the end of March. Continuing education credit is available.

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Contributions to the newsletter are welcome, and should be submitted to the editor by the 24th of the month in order to be eligible for the next issue. Contributions may need to be edited for, among other things, clarity, file size, and length. Submitted pieces also may not be able to be accepted due to space constraints. -Editor

FY2008 Vermont Chapter CSI Events

**April 24, 2008 Green & Sustainable Conference:
Planning Successful Outdoor Spaces and
Landscape Design For a Warming Climate**

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at the Hilton (formerly Wyndham, formerly Radisson),
Battery Street in downtown Burlington, VT
Watch your Inbox for details on our fourth annual
Green and Sustainable conference, coming soon!

Jan. 17, 2008 New AIA Contract Documents

How will the recent changes to AIA documents impact
the design and construction processes? Lunch at the
Doubletree Hotel, Williston Rd, S. Burlington
11am-2pm: Sandy Fead, *Fead Construction Law*.

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Insulating Shades and Blinds
3:00-5:00pm at the GWD facility in Fort Ethan Allen,
Route 15 in Essex Junction VT.

November 15 Envelope and Mechanical Insulation
at the Doubletree, S. Burlington, VT
11am-2pm, with ASHRAE

September 28 Certified Wood – From Sustainable Forest to Finished
Wood Product
in and around Woodstock, VT, conveyance by tourbus
11:45am – 4:45pm, www.vermontwood.com
Tour of managed forest land; certified sawmill
presentation; Copeland Furniture factory tour; seminar
on LEED planning; and preview of VT Wood Festival.
VT CSI is co-sponsor of this event.

August 1 The Architecture and Libraries of Henry Bacon
by Historic Windsor VT, at Windsor Public Library.

June 14 Vermont Chapter CSI Awards Banquet
at the Basin Harbor Club, Vergennes, VT
Lake Cruise, Gardens Tour, Dinner & Awards

New Members Welcome!

7 new Members for FY’08

* *Welcome back to old members rejoining!*

October 2007

Mr. John Unger Murphy, CSI, *Murphy’s Cell-Tech*

September 2007

* Mr. Russell Lunt, CSI, *BMA Architects & Planners*

Mr. Charles Monteforte, CSI, *Andersen Windows*

August 2007

Mr. Gene Kelly, CSI, *Rulon Company*

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June 2007

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VT Chapter Stats as of Nov. 30th :

New Members to date, FY08:	7
Total Home Chapter Members	111
Total VT Chapter Members	117