



## ***NEXT PROGRAM:***

### **JANUARY 27<sup>th</sup> PROGRAM**

#### **CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION**

##### **SPEAKER**

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

##### **DISCUSSION PANEL**

- Bob Rea  
*VT Dept. of Bldgs. & Gen. Services*
- Dennis Webster, CSI, AIA  
*Wiemann Lamphere Architects*
- David Mitchell, PE, CSI  
*Engineering Ventures, Inc.*
- Matt Martin, CSI, Assoc. AIA  
*FAHC Renaissance Project*
- Jeff Davis  
*DEW Construction*

##### **TIME**

January 27, 2004 - 11:00am – 2:00pm

##### **LOCATION**

Sheraton Burlington, on Williston Road

##### **SUMMARY**

The always very informative and engaging Sandy Fead will be our speaker for the fourth consecutive January. This time around he will bring his construction-related legal expertise to bear on the topic of Construction Administration – various types of contracts, benefits and pitfalls. We will also have a discussion panel with members from a range of disciplines, each with their own perspectives on the issues involved.

##### **AGENDA**

- 11:00 Registration
- 11:25 Introduction & Speaker
- 12:30 Break for Lunch
- 1:00 Panel Discussion Begins
- 2:00 Done

##### **COSTS**

- \$30 for CSI members
- \$40 for Non-Members
- \$10 Students
- New Members *FREE!*

##### **RSVP / QUESTIONS**

Contact Program Chair Jonathan Miller  
via e-mail at: [campsi@earthlink.net](mailto:campsi@earthlink.net)

## **January 27<sup>th</sup> Program** *Construction Administration*

Sandy Fead, a construction lawyer and CSI member, will discuss the legal pitfalls and proper approach to construction administration for the first hour – including proper contract language, proper contract documents to contract implementation issues.

Sandy will then join our distinguished panel of construction industry experts for the second hour to discuss the issue from various perspectives...

owner/state buildings, an architect, an engineer, an owner/project manager and a construction manager/contractor.

Please come as close to 11am as you can, as it will take a full half-hour to process the 70 attendees we usually get for a Sandy Fead event. See you there!

## **CDT Study Sessions**

The Vermont Chapter will soon begin its annual round of CSI Certification study sessions. The 2005 edition will be held from 4-7 pm weekly, each Thursday from February 10 through March 17.

Our Certifications Committee Chair, Adam Bortz, CSI, CCS, SCIP has once again volunteered his time and effort to lead the study group. Just as last year, he has generously made his home available as the meeting space. Cost is \$60 for VT chapter members, \$75 other CSI members, and \$90 for all others (\$15 per individual session if you will not be attending all six meetings).

For those who have completed the sessions over the past three years, the pass rate on the certifications exams is near 100%. If you wish to take part in the 2005 go-round, please contact Adam as soon as possible to reserve your spot.

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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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## **CSI Certifications**

The registration deadlines are approaching for the CSI Certification exams. The final registration deadline is January 31.

The test is administered on April 2, 2005. There are testing sites in 95 cities around the country.

Check the Certifications page on [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org) for more info and news.

## **NER Conference Set** *New Hampshire Steps Up!*

Mark your calendars for **August 25-27, 2005**, and plan for a great time at the **Sheraton Harborside Portsmouth (NH)**. Join fellow CSI members and their families in enjoying a very walkable historic town with lots to do, including shopping there and at the Kittery Maine Outlets not 10 minutes away. Tour a Lighthouse, enjoy a dinner cruise, attend CSI Workshops, Seminars and Exhibit Booths. The Sheraton will be newly renovated this spring with the chance of touring an addition under construction as well. Three cheers for the New Hampshire Chapter for getting organized and stepping up to the plate !!!

## LAST MONTH:

### DECEMBER 2<sup>nd</sup> PROGRAM

#### MASTERFORMAT 2004

##### SPEAKER

Dennis J. Hall, FCSI, AIA, CCS, CCCA  
*Managing Principal - Hall Architects, Inc.*

##### TIME/LOCATION

Thursday, December 2, 2004

11:00am – 2:00pm

Sheraton Burlington on Williston Road

##### SUMMARY

The Chapter was pleased to welcome the Chairman of CSI's MasterFormat Revision Committee, Dennis Hall. The committee worked for three years on the biggest revision to MasterFormat since its inception, and Dennis has given over a hundred presentations on the subject over that time.

First he gave a brief historical overview. Before CSI came up with MasterFormat, there were varying regional specs around the country, often with 40+ divisions. In 1961 CSI devised a 22-division system, and in 1964 refined it to the 16 divisions so familiar to us today. The 1964 edition was 28 pages long.

In 1972 CSI merged the system with Canada's spec format. By 1978 an expansion was required, and upon completion it was renamed MasterFormat. That system has remained substantially intact, until now.

Guiding principles for the revision included:

- minimizing changes to the architectural building subjects from divisions 3 to 14 (the biggest segment of the 16-division system);
- make the new MasterFormat more acceptable to the engineering disciplines;
- and to provide for future expansion in every division.

After demonstrating how the new 6-digit numbering scheme breaks down into levels, Dennis took us on a tour through all the new divisions. You can peruse all the division and section titles yourself: [download](#) at CSInet.org.

For more, check out Dennis' "Southern Fried Architect" at [www.aecdaily.com](http://www.aecdaily.com).

Thanks to Dennis Hall for a great education !

## The President's Corner

By John A. Gant, AHC, CSI, CCPR; [john\\_gant@irco.com](mailto:john_gant@irco.com)

### ***The Price Is Right!***

This is an Open Invitation to all members of the Vermont CSI Chapter.

As Chapter President I have had the pleasure of heading the Vermont delegation (OK, there were only two of us) to the CSI Convention in Chicago the past two years. In the next few weeks my wife and I are expecting the arrival of a baby daughter and because of this I will be unable to attend this year's Convention. The 49<sup>th</sup> Annual CSI Show and Convention will once again be held in Chicago, IL on April 19<sup>th</sup> through the 24<sup>th</sup>.

We are actively looking for someone to represent the Chapter and gather our plethora of awards and carry them back to Vermont. No speaking will be involved but you will have to get up on stage and accept any and all bounty. The Chapter will cover as much of the reasonable expenses (convention fees, hotel, meals, and travel) as we can.

This will be a great way to gather all of those education credits you desperately need, a chance to attend the Convention, hobnob at all of the associated dinners and banquets, and of course experience the architecturally rich city of Chicago.

For more information about 49<sup>th</sup> Annual CSI show and Convention go to: <http://www.theccsishow.com>

Any and all members interested in this offer should contact me ASAP.

Some lucky chapter member will get to attend the convention because, as Bob Barker would say, "The Price is Right!"

### ***Remember – Volunteers Are Always Wanted!***

Please contact me at [john\\_gant@irco.com](mailto:john_gant@irco.com) or by phone at 1-802-482-4763 if you have any questions, comments, or complaints (I mean 'improvement opportunities').



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## **IN TWO MONTHS:**

**FEBRUARY 9-10, 2005**

### **BETTER BUILDINGS BY DESIGN 2005 CONFERENCE**

#### **TIME/LOCATION**

February 9-10, 2005

Sheraton Burlington, on Williston Road

#### **SUMMARY**

Once again, the Vermont Chapter CSI is proud to be a sponsor of the Better Buildings By Design Conference, held annually by Efficiency Vermont. The event features workshops, exhibits, sponsor booths, and more.

Throughout the conference will be four simultaneous workshop tracks: Building Envelope, Mechanical Systems, Lighting and Innovations & High Performance. Over forty workshops in all are scheduled.

#### **SCHEDULE**

Includes a Keynote address; exhibits; an evening reception; and many, many workshops and seminars.

#### **RSVP / QUESTIONS**

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You may also [register online](#) or call 1-877-248-9900 for more information.

## **Construction and Demolition Debris**

### ***What Do I Do With It?***

*By Wayne Wheeler, PE, CSI, CDT, New Hampshire CSI*

During construction and demolition projects, there is always a certain amount of construction and demolition (C&D) debris to dispose of. The problem is that it is getting more difficult to dispose of.

“C&D debris accounts for 38 percent of all residential and commercial solid waste generated in Massachusetts, and 95 percent of the state’s total non-residential solid waste stream. The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP), in its Beyond 2000 Solid Waste Master Plan, committed Massachusetts to an 88 percent reduction in C&D waste by 2010. To help achieve that goal, DEP has proposed a disposal and transfer for disposal ban on asphalt paving, brick, concrete, metal and wood.”

In the fall of 2004, New Hampshire landfill owners were told that the Department of Environmental Services (Department) would no longer allow the co-disposal of fines from the processing of C&D with municipal solid waste (MSW). C&D fines are defined as fine-grained materials resulting from the processing of C&D which contain detectable amounts of gypsum (CaSO<sub>4</sub>). The Department believes that there is a link between these fines placed with MSW and the production of high amounts of hydrogen sulfide, mercaptans, and other sulfur compounds.

The number of odor complaints over the past year from various New Hampshire landfills necessitated the ban.

C&D processing facilities are currently investigating procedures to remove gypsum from the waste stream, but a final solution has not yet been reached. A task force, comprised of C&D processing facility owners, engineers, and representatives of the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Waste Management Division, has recently completed the document, “Interim Best Management Practices For the Use of C&D Process Fines”.

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## **Dec. Board Meeting Summary**

This is but a summary; the full text of the December 2, 2004 meeting minutes is available from the Chapter Secretary.

- The Institute membership application has been converted to PDF by our own John Gant – it can now be filled out electronically.
- The Project Resource Manual (PRM), the newly published successor to the CSI Manual of Practice, is available at a discount in quantities of 10 or more. The Chapter is considering buying 10 copies on spec for resale at cost to members.
- Similarly, the brand-new MasterFormat 2004 is available at a discount with orders of 10 or more. We know of 5 members so far – contact John Gant or Jonathan Miller if you would like to order through the chapter to get a discount.
- The 2005 North East Region Conference will be in Portsmouth, New Hampshire. It will be held in the fall, possibly the last week in August. Stay tuned.
- The chapter is trying to find out if the VT Green Building Network will help hold a Green Building Trade Fair in May.
- Volunteers are needed to man the VT CSI-sponsored booth at the Better Buildings By Design Conference in February. Members who help out can receive in return a free pass to attend the conference.
- Adam Bortz, CSI, CCS, SCIP, is retiring as a specifications consultant. He will continue to be an active chapter member; Adam is a charter member of the Vermont Chapter CSI, established 1968. Best of luck!
- Nominations for FY06 chapter officers are needed by March – elections in April. We are in need of new active members.
- **Next Board Meeting:** noon-1:30pm, Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005 at Buono's Restaurant in Shelburne, on Route 7 / 3182 Shelburne Road.

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Adam Bortz, CSI, CCS, SCIP, has offered to teach specification writing to someone who has the ability and the desire. Adam retired last month and is willing to pass on his many years of experience for a reasonable fee.

A Specifier is someone who has a working knowledge of construction contracts, current construction materials, means and methods, and an understanding of how the construction team works together. They must be able to write, to work well with diverse clients and speak with authority from knowledge. If you haven't already done so, be prepared to join CSI, study for and pass the CDT exam, and then pursue your CCS. Interested ?

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## 2005 CSI Show In Chicago

The 49th Annual CSI Show & Convention (Chicago, April 19-24) will deliver an education-packed week for construction professionals from every field. From implementing LEED, to advances in security technology, to specifications that stand up in court, this event is an opportunity to delve into the industry's hot topics under the leadership of expert speakers. With more than 70 education sessions scheduled, participants can earn all the Continuing Education Units (CEUs), Education Contact Hours (ECHs), Learning Unit (LU) Hours and Health, Safety, Welfare (HSW) credit they need for the year. [see list of education session topics on p.6]

April 23-24, participants can also attend [CSI University](#), which will co-locate with The 49th Annual CSI Show & Convention. CSI University trains participants to be leaders in their professions and local CSI chapters. This program builds professional skills and exposes attendees to what CSI has to offer, including its education and certification programs, leadership opportunities, and networking.

The 49th Annual CSI Show & Convention is also co-locating with [The Masonry Showcase](#) and [The TFM Show](#). Participants who [register for The 49th Annual CSI Show & Convention](#) may choose from the education sessions offered at these events as well. ■ g m s ■

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## CSI Show 2005, April 19-24 Education Sessions in Chicago

The topics offered include:

- **MasterFormat** including the sessions “Keynoting with MasterFormat 2004 Edition” and “MasterFormat Accredited Instructor Training Seminar”
- **Building Envelope** including the sessions “Advanced Waterproofing Design” and “How to Specify and Design with Commercial Air Barriers”
- **Legal** including the sessions “How the Courts Interpret Specifications” and “The 10 Biggest Mistakes You Can Make On Your Project”
- **Case Studies** including the sessions “Implementing LEED: A Case Study” and “Moving a Capital Project Forward after a Contractor Bankruptcy”
- **Safety & Security** including sessions “Closing the Door on Crime with Compartmentalization” and “Moisture-Related Flooring Failure Epidemic: Future Effects for the Specifier”
- **Contract Documents** including sessions “Introduction to AIA Contract Documents” and “Beyond the Basics – AIA Documents for Special Situations”
- **Project Resource Manual** including sessions “Division 01 Checklists for Consultants and Subcontractors” and “Using the Project Resource Manual–CSI Manual of Practice in College and University Curriculum”
- **OmniClass** including the sessions “IFC-Based Building Information Models: The Real Solution with OmniClass” and “What in the World is Happening: A Report on ICIS & OmniClass”
- **Specifications & Design** including the sessions “Introduction to Hazardous Materials & Wastes for Construction Professionals” and “Value Engineering: Plucking Disaster from the Jaws of Defeat”

## Call For Volunteers Vermont CSI Leadership

The chapter is looking for nominations for the fiscal year 2006 chapter officers. Nominations must be made by March 2005; chapter elections will be held in April. We need 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, regularly scheduled for noon to 1:30pm at Buono Appetito Restaurant at 3182 Shelburne Road...just south of the S. Burlington – Shelburne town line. See the summary of the most recent board meeting minutes on page 4 for the date of the next scheduled meeting.

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## Construction Debris *cont'd from p.3*

The Best Management Practices consist of:

- (1) gypsum removal prior to processing or transfer;
- (2) disposal of bulk gypsum in one area;
- (3) mixing the alternate daily cover with soil;
- (4) mixing the alternate daily cover with ash (coal or wood ash);
- (5) education regarding the sulfur cycle in landfills.

In the meantime, community opposition to the proposed burning of C&D wood chips in New Hampshire has been increasing over concerns of estimated lead emissions.

What's the answer? Removal of gypsum wallboard from the waste stream is a start and should be considered on all new and renovation projects. Georgia Pacific can recycle new construction wallboard and used wallboard may be disposed of in New Hampshire landfills. It is the fines that are the problem.

C&D wood chips have been approved in numerous states as alternate daily cover at landfills and as a fuel source at C&D waste-to-energy facilities.

To ensure that lead emissions at C&D waste-to-energy facilities are safe and to enable industry to utilize C&D waste to the fullest, make sure your firm follows the Department's Management of Lead-Based Paint Waste disposal requirements.

*[Reprinted from the January 2005 issue of the New Hampshire CSI Chapter newsletter, A Spec Of Granite.]*

## Tsunami Reconstruction Effort CSI Develops Information Clearinghouse

The earthquake and tsunami that devastated South and Southeast Asia on Dec. 26 has brought forth a global outpouring of concern, support, and aid.

CSI is now developing an area of its website, [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org), to serve as a clearinghouse of information about the tsunami recovery effort for the construction community. The Institute is collecting the names and addresses of organizations that are now channeling aid to the affected region and that will support the reconstruction. CSI urges members and chapters to e-mail the Institute at [csi@csinet.org](mailto:csi@csinet.org) if they have any information that should be included in the clearinghouse. [Visit the clearinghouse.](#)

CSI is also asking members to help the Institute share CSI's expertise in communication and construction documentation where it will benefit the recovery and reconstruction processes. Some members may be called on to write or comment for articles about the reconstruction, or to speak at CSI education events. [Help CSI communicate information to the public.](#)

CSI is dedicated to clear communication that delivers safe, cost-effective construction. Its membership includes professionals from across the U.S. who are experienced in dealing with the construction that follows a natural disaster and the standards that ensure safe buildings. As members of the construction community, we share the responsibility to step forward in a crisis and offer our help.

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- Sep. 30, 2004    “Masonry Accessories & Estimating Masonry”  
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At Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center
- October 13        “Vermont Codes 2004 Update”  
Bob Howe, Asst. State Fire Marshal  
11:00am-2:00pm at the Sheraton Burlington
- November 11      “Waterproofing the Building Envelope”  
Mark DerMugrditchian, CSI, CDT; *W.R. Grace*  
11:00am-2:00pm at the Sheraton Burlington
- December 2        “MasterFormat 2004”  
Dennis J. Hall, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA  
11:00am-2:00pm at the Sheraton Burlington
- 2005**
- January 27**      “Construction Administration”  
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- Feb –Mar**         6 Weeks of CSI Certification Study Sessions  
As taught by Adam Bortz, CSI, CCS, SCIP  
*Adam Bortz, Specifications Consultant*
- March**            Casework & Countertop VTC Installation  
by Steven Benjamin, CSI, CCPR  
At Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center
- April**             “FAHC Renaissance Project – Final Site Tour”  
Host - Matthew Martin, CSI, Assoc. AIA  
Sr. Project Manager, *Fletcher Allen Health Care*
- May**              Green & Sustainable VT Trade Fair  
1 day of Booth Exhibits, Seminars and Food  
10:00am – 5:00pm
- June**             “Chapter Awards Banquet / Annual Meeting”  
3:30 – 9:30pm at Basin Harbor Club near Vergennes

### **VT Chapter Stats as of December 31<sup>st</sup>:**

	December ‘04
New Members last Month	0
Total New Members for Year 2004	56
Sponsored New Members in FY 2005	2
Retention rate year to date	47.7%
Total VT Chapter Members	<b>121</b>

## **New Members Welcome !**

### November/December 2004

#### October 2004      **56 new 2004 Members!**

Ms. Ann Marie Harmon, CSI, AIA, *Architect*  
Mr. Robert Buchan, CSI, CDT, AIA  
*BMA Architects & Planners*

#### September 2004

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

#### July/August 2004

#### June 2004

Mr. Timothy J. Renaud, CSI-I, *Overhead Door Co.*

#### May 2004

Mr. Ryan Adler, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Ms. Heidi Ainsworth, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Mike Becker, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Steve Belleville, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Brian Blair, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Jeremy Broe, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Chris Carey, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Rob Cuccio, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. John Cushing, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Shawn Forbes, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Brad Frey, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Ms. Megan Gontarz, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Travis Hale, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Caleb Hamel, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. William Hansen, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Dave Holbrook, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Matt Hunt, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Ms. Tiffanie Husk, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Joe King, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Lance Lowell, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Ms. Jamie Montague, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Arex Nguyen, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Eric Overton, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Chris Pike, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Michael Quirion, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Jesse Richards, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Jason Swain, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Chris Taft, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Brandon Walbridge, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Justin Wright, CSI-S; *VTC*

#### April 2004

Mr. William Lawliss, AHC, CSI, CCPR  
*Ingersoll Rand - Safety & Security of NE*

#### March 2004

Mr. Todd M. Potasky, CSI  
Mr. Clark P. Agnew, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Seth Allen, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Jason Andrews, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Peter Belitsos, CSI-S; *VTC*  
Mr. Ken Bushey, CSI-S; *VTC*  
*and a few more !*

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