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July 2001

NEXT EVENT:

THURSDAY, JULY 12, 2001
11:15 PM - 1:30+ PM

BASIC DOOR HARDWARE & ELECTRONIC ACCESS CONTROL SYSTEMS

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LAST MONTH:

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6, 2001

AWARDS BANQUET

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Banquet and Boat Cruise on the
The Spirit of Ethan Allen II

AWARDS

Joseph Zajchowski Dedicated Service Award
Robert H. Rand
Institute Certificate of Merit & Appreciation
Jonathan M. Miller
President Certificate of Merit & Appreciation
Peter D. Morris
President's Certificate of Appreciation
Christopher Eling
Chapter Certificate of Appreciation
Roger Marshall
Firm Award
Peter Morris Architect
20 Year Pin
Roger Marshall
10 Year Pin
Dennis Frehsee
10 Year Pin
Jonathan M. Miller

July 12th Program

HARDWARE – Basic & Electronic

Speaker, William Lawliss, CSI, CDT

Basic Doors & Hardware:

William will first cover general information on hollow metal frames & doors, wood doors, and finish hardware. We will learn the basics of the door & hardware industry with a better understanding of product offerings.

Electronic Access Control Systems:

After lunch we will cover general information on electronic access control systems. We will learn the method by which an electronic access control system is constructed so informed decisions can be made.

CSI Certifications Study Group

The CDT is the first step in CSI certification. Normally, certification exams are given but twice a year: once in April by each chapter, as well as at the national CSI convention. However, for a limited time only we are offering it to you in this fall on a Thursday morning, October 11th, at the CSI Regional Conference at Basin Harbor Club!... near Vergennes VT.

A group of CSI members will be setting up a certifications study group in late summer – it is anticipated that these sessions will be from **4-7 PM**, starting on **Thursday, August 30th** and go for **six weeks** leading up to the conference October 11th exam.

Act Now! Take advantage of this Special Offer! If you would like more information, please contact Jonathan Miller, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA.

WE WANT YOU ...

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

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Donations Requested A Member's Tragedy

Last March, active member Martha Hornbostel's teenage son, Adam Van Tubergen, slipped on a snow bank and shattered his 5th vertebrae. He is now a quadriplegic, an event that has changed Martha's life priorities.

If anyone wants to get in touch with Martha her e-mail is JVTME@aol.com or send cards to:

Martha Hornbostel

102 Foster Street

Burlington, VT 05401

Martha has set up a 501c3 tax-deductible fund for Adam.

Contributions can be sent by making your check payable to:

"NTAF Spinal Cord Injury Fund,"
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MAY PROGRAM:

MAY PROGRAM RECAP

**“Fireproofing and Firestopping”
Including The U.L. ‘Orange Bible’**

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SPEAKERS



Bob Walsh George Guanci
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TIME/LOCATION

Wednesday May 9, 2001

The Clarion Hotel, South Burlington

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44 were in attendance for the seminar on Fireproofing and Firestopping. First, George Guanci spoke to the difference between the two, as well as a third term: fireblocking. After the terms of the discussion had been defined, we were shown a few examples of firestopping jobs gone wrong, and we were reminded that nearly everyone involved in a project is part of firestopping.

Bob Walsh then took a turn, and talked about firestopping methods and products, including some intriguing new developments on the market like intumescent (they expand with heat to block openings) and endothermic materials (they absorb heat), as well as tried-and-true solutions like putty pads, sealers, collars, and bags.

The podium was then turned over to George again for the topic of fireproofing terms and methods. He explained the difference between “sprayed fiber” and “cementitious” types is actually rather small. He also spoke about density of application, and the importance of specifying the amount of Portland Cement in the mixture.

Thanks to W.R. Grace for a free lunch!

The President’s Message

Jonathan M. Miller, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA

This is my final President’s message since I will be handing off the mantle of Chapter President to Peter Morris on July 1st. I’d like to thank you all for the privilege of serving you for the last two years. As I leave the most important idea I can try to get across to our readership is to **“Get Involved with CSI”** because of what it can do for you personally AND for your firm. By studying for and taking the Certification Exams (CDT, CCS, CCPR, CCCA) your new knowledge of the construction process will help you to understand what your office is doing as you are creating or interpreting the Contract Documents. Incorporating and using CSI developed standards like MasterFormat, SectionFormat, PageFormat and the Uniform Drawing System (UDS) will also help you and your office to organize and perform professionally, as you are creating the Bid/Contract Documents. Becoming **“Active”** as a CSI member by volunteering your time by joining a committee or becoming an officer, can help you to develop a network of people and other valuable resources. You can then tap these resources to give you advice, whether it is what type of hardware or paint is best for a certain situation, or for job seeking, or mentoring you through a difficult period. Take advantage of an opportunity to better your knowledge and experience, **Join Us and Become Active Now!**

I would also like to thank Peter, Bob, Gene, Chris and my wife, Regina, for their active volunteer help and support.

Call for Committee Chairs !

by your incoming President & outgoing President

We have learned over the last 10 years that the more you can put into active volunteerism the more you get out of it. Please join our elite group and develop your network into the construction industry by chairing a chapter committee. Contact us for more info!

Peter Morris & Jonathan Miller

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Member Award Profiles

Robert H. Rand, CSI, RA (Retired Architect) **Joseph S. Zajchowski Dedicated Service Award**



A CSI member for more than 14 years, Bob was a Philadelphia architect for many years before retiring to Brandon, Vermont in the early 90's.

In the Vermont Chapter of CSI, Bob has been our annual Product Show Chair, Vice-President, Region Director and is presently serving as Vice President and Treasurer (FY 01), and will continue to serve as Treasurer for FY02. Bob has been a mainstay active member and the chapter would not be the same without his valued input.

The Dedicated Service Award is the highest Chapter Award we can bestow and is given in memory of longtime active member Joseph S. Zajchowski, CSI, CCS, RA, NCARB, who died last September.

Jonathan Miller, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA **Institute Certificate of Merit & Appreciation** **10 Year Pin**

Freeman French Freeman, Inc.
Burlington, VT



A CSI member for more than 10 years, Jonathan lived in Minneapolis for 13 years where he received his M.Arch from the U. of Minnesota in 1985. He and his wife relocated back east in 1994, first to Connecticut (Hartford Chapter) and then to Burlington in 1997. As a Project

Manager / Architect & Construction Administrator with FFF, Jonathan first worked on the Burlington International Airport, then Johnson State College dormitory renovations, a bit with Fletcher Allen's Central Plant and the McFarland State Office Building.

What can you say about Jonathan and CSI? In the Vermont Chapter of CSI, Jonathan has served as Chapter President, Secretary-Treasurer, and Program & Technical Chairman. He is also the Regional Technical Chair and this year's Region Conference Co-Chair. Without Jonathan Miller, the Vermont Chapter would be a very different thing today – not to mention a great deal smaller! Jonathan will accept two awards at the Dallas Convention on behalf of the chapter – and without his contributions, you can bet the chapter wouldn't be receiving them. Great thanks to Jonathan for continually going above and beyond the call of duty.

Peter Morris, CSI, RA

President's Certificate of Merit & Appreciation
Chapter Firm Award - Peter Morris Architect, Inc.
Vergennes, VT



A CSI member for 8 years, Peter first started out as a student member at Syracuse University where he received an Architecture degree in 1969. He founded his own Architecture and Planning firm in 1973, which he has run ever since. Past projects have included the Shelburne Museum Gateway Project, a master plan and several buildings for the Lake Champlain Maritime Museum, and residences throughout Vermont, New York, and New England.

Peter has been active in CSI since the mid-90's when he answered the call of Joe Zajchowski to keep the Vermont Chapter alive. Since then Peter has served on the Board in several offices including President (98-99), is currently the Secretary, and the President-Elect. For the last two years Peter has been the chapter representative to the region and served distinctively on the Northeast Region Board as the Vermont Region Director. He and his firm have been recognized for all his great support and service in maintaining and improving CSI at the chapter and region levels.

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Christopher Eling, CSI

President's Certificate of Appreciation

Peter Morris Architect, Inc.
Vergennes, VT

CSI member for three (3) whole months!

Chris received his B.Arch degree from Virginia in 1999. He has now worked as an intern architect at Peter Morris Architect for 1½ years. The firm focuses primarily on custom residential projects, but also does work in planning, light commercial, and educational facilities.

In the Vermont Chapter CSI, Chris serves as the Editor of the e-newsletter. The chapter newsletter had been discontinued in the early 1990's for lack of an editor, but was finally resurrected in March 2001. And if I do say so myself, I sure think he's done a great job!

Roger Marshall, CSI, CCS, AIA

Chapter Certificate of Appreciation 20 Year Pin

Roger has been a CSI member for over 20 years, joining us from the Boston Chapter early last year, with retirement as a goal. He was also a Hartford Chapter member in the early 1990's. He has also been a Registered Architect since 1962 and a member of AIA since '63.

Roger received his MA from Amherst College '53, served in the US Army [Korean occupation duty] '54-56, earned his B.Arch at MIT '58, did a year of graduate study at Royal Academy of Fine Arts, Copenhagen, Denmark from '58-59, 8 yrs. in Boston with Anderson Beckwith & Haible, 8 yrs. in Cambridge with Hugh Stubbins & Associates, Solo Practitioner Architect [Roger Marshall, AIA - Architect] since 1977, specializing in Public Housing Modernization, Building Envelope Repairs, etc.

Roger has run his own firm for many years and relocated to Springfield, Vermont to plan for retirement.

In the Vermont Chapter of CSI, Roger has been a big part of the regular seminars and CSI events, and is being recognized for 20 years of membership and participation.

Dennis Frehsee

10 Year Pin

Dennis is the "Build" half of the Design-Build firm Williams & Frehsee, Inc. of Brattleboro, where they have designed and built mostly custom residential since they were founded in 1984. Situated smack dab in the middle of four chapters, Dennis is a good 3½ hours away from Burlington and would like the chapter to have some meetings in the Norwich and White River Junction area so he could attend. We will try and accommodate.



▲ A table of delicious Hawaiian cuisine

▼ A CSI student member at the banquet



Meet one of our chapter's newest members: it's Michael Lancione, Vermont's very first student member. Michael attends McGill University in Montreal and is currently working at Freeman French Freeman, Inc.



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North East Region CSI

What Your Region Does

by Peter Morris, VT Chapter President

Currently in CSI there is some debate over the necessity of the Regions in CSI – should they continue to be part of the CSI organization structure? Below you can find some of the details of how our Region works. Here also are some of the benefits that the North East Region (NER) has had for its chapters, as well as some of its accomplishments over the three-year tenure of our outgoing Region President, Mike Owens.

NER consists of 14 Regional Chapters – from Buffalo to the west, to New Jersey and Metropolitan New York to the south, and up north to Maine (including Chapter #103, Vermont) – form the North East Region of the Construction Specifications Institute. The President and Vice-President of the NER are elected by the membership at large to also serve as Directors on the National Institute Board.

Through the local Chapters, NERcsi represents over 1700 members; there are 300 at-large members. Each of the 14 Chapters appoints a Director to the NER Board. In addition, there are seven Standing Committee Chairs as well as an ad hoc Operational / Planning Committee. Outgoing NER President Mike Owens, FCSI, CDT summarized NER's accomplishments over the past three years, and they are impressive.

In three years, NERcsi has:

- Established a strategic plan, clearly defining our purpose, mission, and goals. As we proceed on into the future we will continually revisit this plan, ensuring it meets our members' needs and provides the value they deserve from membership in this association.
- Provided 13 one-thousand-dollar scholarship grants (\$13,000) to our members at the region's annual conference.
- Provided increased leadership training opportunities for chapter leaders and future CSI leaders. Nationally recognized programs and speakers have presented to our membership, inspiring them on to become more productive managers and business partners.
- Established an Academic Liaison Committee within the region to reach out to the members of the future – our students.
- Launched a regional website to foster better communication between our chapters, providing a medium for all North East Region members to access region policy and information. (continued)

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- Established the first regional alliance partnership with a for-profit company within CSI. This business partnership will help to provide necessary funding needed to achieve our FY 2005 goals.
- Created a new image and logo for use in our marketing and publications initiatives.
- Standardized the conference sponsorship program, providing regional support with the printing and distribution of the fundraising materials.
- Updated and amended the region's Awards Committee operating guide, creating one new award, modifying another to reflect the information age, and renaming another in honor of a very dear friend of this region.
- Began the process of looking at how our current governance structure works and whether we need to modify it, leave it alone, or replace it.
- Re-energized old friends and sought out new ones to help move the Northeast forward toward providing value and support to our grassroots establishment – the member.

Much more has happened and will continue to happen. These achievements above are true testimony to the sacrifice of our membership as they try and make this region more accountable to its chapters and members.

To Members: A Continuing Request

One of the most common complaints of CSI newsletter editors is "I don't have anything to put in the newsletter!"

When you think about it, this is really odd. By definition, a newsletter is "A printed report giving news or information of interest to a special group."* According to this definition, a newsletter has two components: news and information. News isn't too hard to come by, and the newsletter regularly lets readers know about coming chapter events, and committee activities (note to committee chairs: you're getting off easy - this time!).

Information is another matter. Assuming that we want information that is useful to the reader, the newsletter should contain articles that help them do their jobs, and, in our case, improve the quality of construction documents. Among CSI's 18,000 members are the top experts on construction products - the people who make and install them. Despite this wealth of expertise, newsletter editors go begging for articles.

Who better than the manufacturer of a product knows its characteristics, or the standards it meets? And who knows more than the installer about conditions required for successful performance?

When manufacturers and installers see specifications or drawings that are unclear, incomplete, long-winded, or incorrect, they are presented with a great opportunity to help design professionals do better. Is that manufacturer out of business? Does the indicated assembly require another component? Are the specified accessories incompatible with the intended use? Is the detail impossible to construct? Have the referenced standards been replaced?

Many of these problems and conflicts can be discussed in short articles, then submitted for publication in chapter newsletters, where they are accessible to the design professionals. To simply ignore a recurring problem doesn't do anyone any good. So the next time you see a problem you've seen more than once, take a few minutes to explain what is wrong - and how it should be done. Specifiers will love you!

by Sheldon Wolfe, reprinted from CSI Newsletter Exchange

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Supplementary Conditions

Part 2: Frosting On The Cake

by Sheldon Wolfe, CSI, CCS, CCA, RA

Many modifications found in supplementary conditions or other parts of a project manual are merely re-statements of existing requirements. They usually appear after a firm has had a dispute on a project.

"I know we told the contractor to do something, but we got into this horrendous argument, and I want to make sure the next contractor knows what we want done!"

The response is understandable, but wrong. Proper interpretation and continual enforcement of contract requirements is the correct way to avoid and resolve this type of conflict. One can argue that, since we are merely restating requirements to make them understood, no harm arises from these modifications.

In fact, this direct violation of the "say it once" principle is harmful in at least two ways. First, any restatement of a requirement that is not identical to the original provides a second way to interpret the requirement. If it is an identical statement, it does nothing to clarify the original, and is clearly unnecessary. If the two statements differ, then they are not the same, and introduce a conflict.

Another effect of repetition is that it needlessly makes the documents longer and more difficult to understand. We have a nasty tendency to over-specify products and procedures, thus burying those items that make a given project different from the ordinary. The contractor or supplier may start with the intention of reading and understanding the entire project manual, but boilerplate text and endless repetition of well-know requirements quickly forces them into skimming the specifications. The result is that they miss that truly unique provision in the twenty-third subparagraph on the fifth page.

example 1

Add the following subparagraph 1.2.6.

1.2.6 By executing the Contract on this Work, Contractor warrants that it has reviewed the Contract Documents and that products will be installed satisfactorily (including features unique to a specific product or assembly not specifically indicated in the Drawings and Specifications, or different from those indicated) including the payment of the cost of additional Work of others as may be necessary to bring the Work into conformance with the unique requirements of any such products.

Sounds logical, doesn't it?

Let's see what the general conditions already require.

1.1.3 The term "Work" means the construction and services required by the Contract Documents...and includes all other labor, materials, equipment and services provided or to be provided by the Contractor to fulfill the Contractor's obligations.

1.2.2 Execution of the Contract by the Contractor is a representation that the Contractor has visited the site, become familiar with local conditions...and correlated personal observations with requirements of the Contract Documents.

1.2.3 The intent of the Contract Documents is to include all items necessary for the proper execution and completion of the work by the Contractor.

3.4.1 Unless otherwise provided...the Contractor shall provide and pay for labor, materials, equipment, tools, construction equipment and machinery, water, heat, utilities, transportation, and other facilities and services necessary for proper execution and completion of the Work...

It looks to me like the example adds nothing to the existing requirements. The phrase "or different from those indicated" leads me to suspect that the author of this modification used specific details for one product but specified something else.

The contractor is required to comply with the contract documents, but the design professional is responsible for preparing documents that are correct and that can be easily and correctly interpreted.

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- January 11** “Specifying & Designing Lighting”
Donna Leban, AIA
- February 8** “Code College 2001”
Bob Patterson, Asst. State Fire Marshal
Stan Baranowski, Asst. State Fire Marshal
- March 15** “CSI Certifications” at the Windjammer
Jonathan Miller, CSI, CDT, CCS, AIA
- April 12** “Paint and Coating Systems”
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- May 9** “Fireproofing and Firestopping”
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Basic & Electronic Hardware
William D. Lawliss, CSI, CDT – Essex Industries
- August 9** “Vermont Brick - Factory Tour” Highgate, VT
Sponsored by Vermont Brick & Trowel Trades
- September 13** “Codes & Door Hardware for Schools”
Shelley Hudson, CSI, CCPR – Ingersoll-Rand Co.
- October 12** North East Region CSI Conference – Oct. 11-14
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Jonathan M. Miller, CSI, CCS, AIA
NERCSI Conference Co-Chair
- November 8** Concrete & Construction Methods
Herman G. Protze, III, ASTM, ASCE, ICRA
- December 6** Division 17 – Communications
Impact on Vermont Construction
Michael P. Kirick, CSI, PE

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The Vermont Chapter CSI welcomes the following new 2001 members:

June 2001

Michael Lancione, Student Member
Freeman French Freeman, Inc.

May 2001

Mitchell Weinberger, CSI
Acrymax / New England
Robert Labracio, CSI
R K Miles
Robert O. McEachem Jr., CSI
Intersource Roofing Sales
Bryant Bouchard, CSI
Schluter Systems, Inc.

April 2001

Michael P. Kirick, CSI, PE
Riser Management Systems

March 2001

Christopher Eling, CSI
Peter Morris Architect, Inc.
JoLanna King, CSI
Compass Flooring Solutions

Interested in Joining CSI ?

Contact any of the chapter officers and we will put you on the road that can connect you to the rest of the construction industry and explain the benefits of chapter membership. You can also check out the institute’s website at www.csinet.org and the region’s website at www.neregioncsi.org for information, links and much more.

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To improve the process of creating and sustaining the built environment.