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NEXT EVENT:

THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2001
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

AFTERNOON LUNCHEON SEMINAR:

CSI Certifications:
Construction Documents Technologist
Certified Construction Specifier
Certified Construction Product Representative
Certified Construction Contract Administrator

SPEAKER

Jonathan Miller, CSI, CDT, CCS, AIA

LOCATION

The Windjammer Restaurant
South Burlington
Williston Road near I-89 Exit 14E

TIME

Thursday, March 15, 2001
11:30 AM - 1:30 PM

AGENDA

11:30...Introductions and Speaker
12:30...Lunch – Speaker continues
1:30.....End Program

CREDITS

AIA Member & VT Architect
Program Attendees will receive credit for (1.5) hours of Health Safety & Welfare Learning Units.

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COSTS

Order off the menu and buy your own food, or \$15 per person if more than 12 preregister.

CSI Certification

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GUI Bytes

by Sheldon Wolfe, CSI, CCS, CCCA, RA

Internet politics

As I write this, one month after the election, I am tempted to say that by the time you read it, we will know who our next president will be. Having already read a couple of articles that started with that premise, I'll play it safe - we may not know!

The interest in politics might lead one to ask how computer users are affected by government policy. Some effects are fairly obvious. If the government decides that all school children should have computers, or that all people outside of metropolitan areas should have Internet access, both computer manufacturers and Internet service providers will benefit.

Given the nearly universal commitment to providing more money for education, and the growing demand by consumers for

LAST MONTH:

FEBRUARY PROGRAM RECAP Code College 2001

SPEAKERS

Asst. State Fire Marshals:
Bob Patterson
Stan Baranowski

TIME/LOCATION

February 8, 2001
Clarion Hotel, South Burlington

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDITS

4 direct Health Safety & Welfare
hours of Learning Units for AIA or
VT Architect Program members.

42 were in attendance for the luncheon seminar on VT Code Review. Assistant State Fire Marshal, Stan Baranowski, opened with a rundown of height and area limitations - how to read the code tables, how they can be increased and decreased with different modifiers, and by changing different building characteristics. We all went through demonstrative examples of calculations and square footage problems to help familiarize us with the process. A few of the various important modifiers to pay attention to were sprinkling the building, fire access around the building perimeter, building construction Type, and location of building Use Groups.

Bob Patterson followed with a review of sprinkler systems - the different types of systems, when and where each type is required, and delved into details of installations he's reviewed in the past. He exhibited some sprinklerhead designs and regaled the audience with tales of sprinkler systems and fire damages he's seen in his experience as a builder, fireman, state building inspector, and as an Assistant State Fire Marshal.

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more Internet access, it looks like a rosy future for the computer industry and Internet service providers. In fact, it seems like anyone associated with computers or the Internet should do well for the foreseeable future.

Is there anything to worry about? After all, times are good, and Congress seems unable to say no to anyone.

Use of the Internet has always been free. Of course, as we all know, there ain't no such thing as a free lunch. The Internet is heavily subsidized by the government, and there have already been attempts to charge users for access - and there will be more.

For some odd reason, the public seems to think that free Internet access is a right. You may have seen a TV commercial that makes that point as if it were true. But, as we have seen in politics time and again, perception is reality, and it would be difficult to eliminate free Internet access.

There are, however, at least two ways that access fees could be painlessly introduced.

The first is the same way used to provide free broadcast TV - sell advertising space. This is already used by some companies to provide free dial-up service or web sites. The user pays nothing, but has to put up with advertising.

The other is to set up two parallel Internets. One would remain free, the other would be an improved system with greater capacity, offering better service for a fee.

Now that the Internet is an established part of business, there is no way to turn back. This commitment ensures further development and improved services, but it also makes it much easier to charge fees for something no one will want to give up.

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TechNotes

Weak in faith, part 4 - specifiers vs. themselves

Incorporating any document by reference, be it an ASTM, a building code, or manufacturer's instructions, makes the incorporated document part of the contract, just as enforceable as if the information it contains were written out in the specifications. Similarly, Division 1 provisions need not be repeated in other sections to be enforceable. According to the MOP, this means that none of the contents of the referenced document should be repeated in the specifications. To do otherwise is to be redundant, introducing the possibility - no, the probability - that there will be conflicts.

Proper use of these simple rules should result in shorter, simpler specifications, and reduce the possibility of conflicting requirements. For example:

- defining general requirements for delivering, storing, and handling products can eliminate most of the "Delivery, Storage, and Handling" article.
- using reference standards for masonry construction obviates the need to specify special requirements for installation in cold or hot weather.
- explaining installation requirements in Division 1 makes it unnecessary to specify, "Install according to manufacturer's instructions" in every section.

Of course, improper use of these rules can produce unacceptable results. For example:

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- specifying compliance with reference standards without knowing what they say can allow use of a wide variety of products when only one is right for the job.
- assuming that everything is covered in Division 1 may mean that unique storage requirements are forgotten.
- relying entirely on manufacturer's instructions is fine for most installations, but custom design or performance requirements - exceptions to those instructions - need to be explained for the contractor.

As noted in previous columns in this series, there is plenty of blame to go around. Producers of master guide specifications continue to write as if there is no Division 1, continually making unnecessary references to it, and then ignoring what is there by frequent repetition of Division 1 requirements. Specifiers casually incorporate reference standards without knowing what they say, then repeat requirements of those standards or fail to select options within those standards. And manufacturers and contractors, who know their work better than anyone else, do little to point out discrepancies during bidding. The most important standards for preparing specifications - CSI's Manual of Practice and MasterFormat - have been accepted by the construction industry. Isn't it time we stopped paying lip service and started using them?

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2001 Vermont Chapter CSI Events

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” with tabletops at the Clarion Hotel Sponsored by Sherwin-Williams Co. Shance Burchill, CSI, ASID
May 9	“Fireproofing and Firestopping” with tabletops at the Clarion Hotel Sponsored by W.R. Grace Co. Robert Montanaro
June	Joint ASHRAE/CSI Awards Banquet Cruise On <i>The Spirit of Ethan Allen</i>
July 12	Membership Meeting & CSI Convention Debrief Jonathan Miller, CSI
August 9	“Vermont Brick - Factory Tour” Highgate, VT Sponsored by Vermont Brick & Trowel Trades
September 13	Membership Meeting & NERCSI Conf. Update
October 12	North East Region CSI Conference – Oct. 11-14 Basin Harbor Club, Ferrisburgh, VT “Green and Sustainable in Vermont” Friday Technical Theme [Open to Non-Members] Up to 8 hours of HSW Learning Units offered. <i>Jonathan M. Miller, CSI, CCS, AIA</i> <i>NERCSI Conference Co-Chair</i>
November 8	To Be Announced
December 6	To Be Announced

Joseph Stanley Zajchowski, CSI, CCS, RA, NCARB

CSI Member Emeritus
(b. 4/5/1928 – d. 9/21/2000)

Joe and his wife of 46 years, Joyce M. Weber Zajchowski, died in a car accident on Route 22A south near West Haven, VT, west of Rutland. They were on their way to Joe’s high school reunion in Adams, MA, when their car turned into an oncoming truck.

Joe Zajchowski was the patriarch and heart of the Vermont Chapter. One of the 1968 Vermont Chapter charter members, Joe was continuously active for over 32 years. He held every title in the chapter more than once, was the chapter President for 5 years, ran the annual product fair for over 15 years, and became a CCS in 1978. He was also very active in the North East Region, and was the chair of the Program and Technical committees, chair of the 1974 Region Conference and 6 times the Vermont Director to the region board. Since July 1st and until his death Joe was Chapter Treasurer, and both he and Joyce were members of the Marketing Committee for the fall 2001 NE Region Conference to be held at the *Basin Harbor Club* in Vergennes, VT.

From 1977 until 1992, Joe was the sole owner of the firm *Joseph S. Zajchowski, Architect*, where he primarily designed religious and commercial architecture. Joe then joined Alan Brown as the Senior partner in Zajchowski Brown Architects P.C. for 4 years until he retired in 1996. After serving his country during WWII as a *U.S. Navy Air Cadet*, Joe studied under *Mies van der Rohe* at the *Illinois Institute of Technology* in Chicago where he received his Bachelor of Architecture in 1952.

Donations to the chapter scholarship fund in Joe’s name can be sent to the Vermont Chapter Treasurer.

by Jonathan Miller