



NEXT MONTH:

APRIL 27th, 2006

WATER CONSERVING FIXTURES AND ALTERNATIVE SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

SPEAKERS

Gunnar Baldwin, *Toto USA*
Steve Revell, *Lincoln Applied Geology*
Frank O'Brien, PE, *Vermont ANR/DEC*

TIME

Thursday, April 27th, 2006
11:00am – 2:00pm

LOCATION

The Doubletree Hotel and Conference
Center; Williston Road

SUMMARY

We've been looking forward to this program for a while. Our speakers will examine water conservation at the individual fixture level, look at alternatives to typical mound systems and leach fields, and talk about what the Agency of Natural Resources and Dept. of Environmental Conservation look for in reviewing these alternative systems.

AGENDA

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

CREDITS

(2) hours of AIA HSW credits available

COSTS

\$35 for CSI members
\$50 for Non-Members
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Contact Program Co-Chair John Ostrum
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The current Institute President, Michael Owen, FCSI, CDT of the Rhode Island Chapter, will remain on the board for one more year as Immediate Past-President. Current President-elect Edd Soenke, FCSI, CCS, AIA, NCARB will begin his one-year term as Institute President on July 1, 2006.

Congratulations to the winners; a full list of all newly elected officers and region directors can be found [here](#).

CSI Show Next Week

The CSI Show and National Convention is set for March 28 – April 2 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Jonathan Miller will become the first Vermont Chapter member elevated to Fellowship status (FCSI). Vermont CSI will also be one of 25 chapters to take home an Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award, marking VT's sixth consecutive award.

The Vermont Chapter delegation is scheduled to consist of Jonathan Miller and John Ostrum, and we hope to get a full report upon their return.

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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Green and Sustainable In VT Conference

Mark your calendars for the 2006 Green And Sustainable Existing Buildings Conference, May 18-19 at Basin Harbor Club in Vergennes, VT. We hope you can join Vermont Chapter CSI and the Vermont Green Building Network (VGBN) as we build on the success of last year's conference.

This year's events include a full day LEED EB (Existing Buildings) workshop, followed by a day of classes on the greening of existing buildings and a green building product fair. Keynote speaker Jean Carroon, AIA, LEED AP of Goody Clancy Architects in Boston, Mass. will address 'Holistic Greening of Existing Buildings.'

Scheduled class topics include case studies on green-oriented construction projects underway in the area, A/C alternatives, methods of evaluating green building materials, and more.

A full announcement of conference info and schedules is due out shortly; watch your inboxes for details...

PREV. PROGRAM:

MARCH 9, 2006

2005 VT FIRE SAFETY CODE, IBC SEISMIC CODE, AND STUDENT PRESENTATIONS

SPEAKERS

Bob Patterson, *VT Div. Of Fire Safety*
Carl Childs, PE, *McFarland Johnson*

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TIME/LOCATION

Thursday, March 9th, 2006, 1:30-4:30pm
Vermont Technical College, Randolph VT

SUMMARY

Carl Childs walked us through a detailed analysis of seismic provisions, which the newly adopted IBC code uses. Part of a standard project code review should be determination of the seismic zone of the site. Some have reported that poor soils in this area can even put a project in the same Seismic Design Category as parts of California.

Bob Patterson looked at some of the more significant changes adopted in the 2005 VT Fire Code, and covered the ways that permit applications can be made more complete for a quicker and easier review process.

Two students also presented on their HVAC design project, which involved designing an efficient system for an existing residential tower in Dallas TX. Thanks very much to our speakers and to the students who presented their work !

Speaking Of Construction...

Arabella Holzapfel, CSI, is developing a podcast, *Speaking of Construction*, which she expects to debut in early May 2006. A typical episode will feature a conversation with an owner, designer, builder, or supplier from New England and will include segments covering industry news items and events in the region. The aim is to explore industry trends, learn about new materials, products, tools and practices, and have a good time doing it.

At least one special episode of *Speaking of Construction* will focus on the "graying" of the labor force -- the average age of skilled tradespeople in Vermont is 52-55. *Speaking of Construction* will talk to high school students, tradespeople (who look 'average age'), a representative of the Association of General Contractors, and others so we can view this situation from multiple perspectives.

Arabella also hopes to have a series of episodes that visit a building project every three months -- from pre-schematic design through completion of construction. Over the course of the building project, *Speaking of Construction* will chat with the owner's project team, the architecture team, consulting engineers, contractors, subcontractors, tradespeople, building occupants, and even specifiers!

If this sounds interesting, but you don't know what a podcast is or how to access one, visit www.noipodrequired.com. If you know of a project that will be approaching the schematic design phase this fall or winter, and whose key players may be willing to participate in the podcast series, please email arabella@speakingofconstruction.com.

You can listen to a sample of *Speaking of Construction* by visiting www.speakingofconstruction.com. And keep an eye on future issues of the Green Mountain Specifier for news of the official launch of *Speaking of Construction*.

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LAST MONTH:

FEBRUARY 8-9th, 2006

BETTER BUILDINGS BY DESIGN 2006 CONFERENCE

TIME/LOCATION

February 8th and 9th, 2006
Sheraton Burlington Hotel and Conference
Center, Williston Road off I-89 exit 14,
South Burlington

SUMMARY

The 2006 edition of this conference went well – we hope you had a chance to visit us at the Vermont CSI table this year. The conference continues to be a good source of information on many areas of building performance and construction industry efficiency.

This year's conference featured over 40 workshops in four separate tracks. Topics were diverse and ranged from "Zero Energy Homes," to "Ground Source Heat Pumps," "Lighting Design For High-Performance Homes," and there was even a workshop on financing and tax credits.

As was the case with past conferences, Efficiency Vermont plans to post conference materials online, including presentations & handouts from the seminars as well as partner & exhibitor info and contacts. This distribution of conference material has been a great resource, and a good way to make sure that you retain the information you gleaned from attending the seminars. Sometimes you just can't write it all down fast enough.

Visit www.encyclopedia.com for more information and links on the conference.

Upcoming CSI 'Webinar' Schedule

CSI's "Webinars", which are offered through CSI's Audio Exchange Program, bring quality education into the home or office at a reasonable cost through the Internet and a phone line. Speakers are able to answer questions posed by participants in real time. Each session begins at **2 p.m. (ET) and lasts 90 minutes**. Participants must have simultaneous access to a telephone and the Internet (high-speed access preferred). These sessions each qualify for 1.5 Learning Unit (LU) Hours.

Because participants are charged per site—not per person—a group can split the cost of a presentation. CSI members are encouraged to share a session (and the CSI member discount) with co-workers, other members, and guests from other firms. Cost for this session is \$165 for CSI members, \$260 for non-members. To register, visit www.csinet.org and click "Event Registration."

'Legal Roundtable: Issues Affecting Design & Construction' Webinar scheduled for March 23

Speaker: Gerald I. Katz Esq.

This presentation looks at key issues affecting CSI members including jobsite safety, liability to contractors and subcontractors, the standard of care, responsibility for mold, the role of the construction manager, "transparency" in contracting, and the risks associated with "value engineering." The presentation reviews recent decisions from courts across the country that have addressed these issues. If CSI members are informed of the latest developments in these areas of concern, they are better prepared to negotiate and administer their contracts, and manage the risks associated.

'How The Courts Interpret Specifications'

Webinar scheduled for April 6

Speaker: Gerald I. Katz Esq.

Specifications are contract provisions. Like any other portion of a construction contract which is unclear or unambiguous, a faulty specification often creates disputes which then must be resolved by the courts according to the basic rules of contract interpretation. Being familiar with these rules will not only help in understanding and using specifications, but it will enable specifiers to do a better job of crafting clear, concise specifications and avoiding disputes.

'LEED In Specifications, Part II

Webinar scheduled for April 12

Speaker: Ross G. Spiegel, FCSI, CCS, CCA, AIA, LEED-AP

The family of LEED Green Building Rating Systems has grown from the original LEED-NC (New Construction & Major Renovations) to include LEED-EB (Existing Buildings) and LEED-CI (Commercial Interiors). In this session attendees will learn about the differences between the systems and how the specifications respond to the requirements for each system. The session will also include practical examples of specifications.

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February Board Meeting Summary

This is but a summary; the full text of the 2/7/05 meeting minutes is available from the Chapter Secretary.

- The Vermont Chapter CSI was at +17 members for 2005. This figure had a small chance of qualifying for the Institute's "Chapter Cup" award.
- John Ostrum was working on a "Save The Date" postcard for distribution to CSI, VGBN, and beyond. A CSI contact name was needed for future detailed announcements. *[e-mail announcement has since been distributed]*
- The Financial Committee must be expanded by at least one additional member, such member to be qualified and willing to assume the position of Treasurer as of 1 July 2006. Current Treasurer Bob Rand will of course familiarize the new Treasurer with current Chapter practices, including accounting and tax filings.
- Treasurer Bob Rand wondered about funding available from the NE Region CSI for the CSI Show. The letter he recalls from NERCSI refers to the Region Conference, but not directly to the CSI Show. Jonathan noted that we should clarify with the Region Treasurer, asking if there are region funds available to member chapters for attendance of CSI University (which is in the same location as The CSI Show).
- The Institute Board of Directors was examining the status of the Institute's current CEO Karl Borgstrom. *[Borgstrom has since stepped down to pursue other endeavors.]*
- Victoria noted that the chapter's program announcements do not currently include a disclaimer about speakers' opinions not necessarily being those of the chapter, etc. *[Since been added]*
- John Ostrum and Jonathan Miller look to be Vermont CSI's Delegates to the 2006 Convention and CSI Show.
- **Next Board Meeting:** 4:00pm Tuesday Apr. 4, 2006, at Best Tile, 1364 Marshall Avenue, Williston VT. Contact Chapter President Victoria Rickert for more information.

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Set For Launch

masterformat.com – a new website developed for MasterFormat 2004 Edition users to get real-time updates and request additions and changes, and for manufacturers to sign-up for consulting and learn what numbers should be assigned to their products. This new website will be launched in conjunction with the CSI Show in late March.

Initial release of OmniClass – there will be presentations given, including Q & A, at the CSI Showcase Booth at the CSI Show.

Announcing the NCS 4.0 revision cycle opening! There will be a presentation at the CSI Showcase Booth at the CSI Show, that will review the plans for the revision cycle process with time for Q&A. (Please note, the publication will not be available until 2007.) Other NCS news that will be discussed in the CSI Showcase booth includes:

- CSI has agreed with Bentley to produce an NCS plug-in for MicroStation products (CAD software) – this will make the NCS easier to implement for CAD operators and owners.
- AIA and CSI are jointly developing an NCS education program. The official announcement and information will be available at the CSI Show.

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by Joy Davis, CSI Communications

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The Institute has a new weapon to add to your publicity arsenal: the Memberlinx Business Directory. For a fee of \$50, you can have your name, your company's name, your company's web address and your address listed in directory. Potential clients can search the directory on line and find you. **Only CSI members may join the directory.**

The Institute introduced the directory in the fall at the request of members. The list of participating companies grows each week, and new search capabilities are in development. I suggest you join the list now and get in on the ground floor—in a few months I expect CSI will launch a promotion campaign, and raise the price of joining the directory.

Ready to start? Then just click here

To see the directory, go to www.csinet.org/memberlinx, or go to www.csinet.org and click "Membership" then "Memberlinx Business Directory."

To join the Memberlinx Business Directory, contact CSI at 800-689-2900 or csi@csinet.org.

Don't miss this opportunity to expand your CSI network!

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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 President Victoria Rickert at vrickert@eastcoasttile.com to let us know that you can come...thanks !

CDT Renewal Being Considered

Recently, CSI staff issued a statement regarding a CDT renewal requirement. Please be aware that a CDT renewal requirement has not formally been adopted or implemented but is currently under consideration by CSI leadership. The intent of a renewal requirement is to keep construction professionals current with changes in the industry.

If such a policy is adopted and implemented, those who earned their CDT before the implementation date, would not be required to renew their CDT. Those who earn the CDT following implementation of a renewal policy would be required to renew their CDT once every three years. CSI encourages all CDT holders to pursue continuing education to ensure the highest standards.

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Building Information Models At The CSI Show & Convention

From csinet.org

CSI will offer several sessions on the topic of Building Information Models (BIMs) during The 50th Annual CSI Show & Convention in Las Vegas, March 28-April 1, including "BIM for Construction Planning," led by Kathleen Liston, Construction Solutions Product Manager for the Building Solutions Division at Autodesk.

BIMs are computerized 3D and 2D models linked to databases that house the specifications, schedules, and other documents related to a project. They give designers a faster, richer design process, owners more budget control through predictions about the project's construction process, and contractors projects with fewer surprises. BIMs can generate schedules, coordinate documents, and automatically update drawings as new data is added. They are a natural step for anyone dedicated to construction documents that meet the "4 Cs" of CSI—clear, concise, complete and correct.

Liston will share examples of how construction organizations are leveraging Building Information Models (BIMs) to support coordination, take-off and estimating, planning, managing, and execution. Case studies will be presented highlighting the benefits of using BIM to support these processes. The discussion will include how construction organizations can get started on the road to BIM, overcome implementation challenges, and successfully invest and benefit from BIM to better communicate, manage cost and schedule risk, and generate more revenue.

CSI is focusing on BIMs in the Show & Convention education program because BIMs are a solution more and more owners, designers, contractors and specifiers will be turning to in the future.

Architect Frank Gehry, FAIA, and his colleague Dennis R. Sheldon, founder and Chief Technology Officer of Gehry Technologies, will kick off the Show & Convention with a discussion of how they use BIMs during the opening general session of The 50th Annual CSI Show & Convention.

Other sessions CSI has scheduled to help construction professionals learn to incorporate BIMs into their work include:

- Specifying For Transportation Projects
- BIM: How does the Emerging Building Information Model Concept Relate to Specs?
- Placing Products into Building Information Models: Requirements and Opportunities for Manufacturers GSA's National BIM Program
- Specifications and Building Information Modeling (BIM)
- The Future of Specification Automation
- BIM for Construction Planning
- GSA's National BIM Program

CSI will offer more than 120 education sessions during the Show & Convention, as well as technical tours and hundreds of exhibits. For a complete list of education sessions and descriptions, or to register for The 50th Annual CSI Show & Convention, visit www.theocsishow.com.

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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

FY2006 Vermont Chapter CSI Events

Note: Events after April 1 2006 TBC (To Be Confirmed)

- 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”
 John Kamencik, CSI; *Flooring Div. Mgr., Don-Vac*
 Harry Lentz, *Architectural Specifier; Belknap White and Armstrong Commercial*
 11:00am-2:00pm, at the Double Tree Hotel
- December 1 “Glazing For the North East Climate”
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- January 5 “DEC Permits – Stormwater & Construction General”
 Kim Greenwood and Jeff Nelson, *Pioneer Environmental*
 11:00am-2:00pm at the Double Tree Hotel
- Feb. 8 & 9 “Better Buildings by Design 2006”
 by *VEIC / Efficiency Vermont*, Burlington Sheraton
 2 days of Seminars, Forums, and Exhibits
- Feb 2 – Mar 9 Six Weeks of CSI Certification Study Sessions
 Adam Bortz, CSI, CDT
- March 9 ‘2005 VT Fire Safety Code; IBC Seismic; Student Work’
 Bob Patterson, *VT State Div. Of Fire Safety*; Carl Childs, PE, *McFarland Johnson*; 1:00-4:30pm at VTC Old Dorm Lounge

April 6 Vermont Chapter CSI Annual Meeting

- April 27 “Water Conserving Fixtures & Alternate Sewage Treatment Systems”
- May 18-19 “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 Feb. 28th :

New Members last Month	1
Members Lost last Month	0
Total New Members for FY 2006 / Sponsored	48/5
Retention rate year to date	67.7%
Total Home Chapter Members	127
Total VT Chapter Members	140

FY ‘06 New Members Welcome!

48 new Members for FY’06 with 5 Sponsored

* Welcome back to old members rejoining!

February 2006

- Mr. Todd L. Done, CSI, *Brockway-Smith*
 *Mr. Edward Jaffe, CSI, *Microworks Designs*

December 2005

- Mr. David Roney, CSI, *Eagle Window New England*
 Mr. Mathew E. Mancini, CSI, *State of Vermont DEC*

November 2005

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