



NEXT PROGRAM:

DECEMBER 2nd PROGRAM

MASTERFORMAT 2004

SPEAKER

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

TIME

December 2, 2004
11:00am – 2:00pm

LOCATION

Sheraton Burlington on Williston Road

CREDITS

2 hours of HSW credits available

SUMMARY

The new *MasterFormat 2004* adoption is sweeping the nation and parts of the world. CSI and the construction industry have finally created a format that includes all aspects of engineering and updates the architectural sections to accommodate new technologies. And as a speaker we have the country's foremost expert on *MasterFormat 2004*, the *CSI Task Team Chairman*, Dennis Hall...known to friends across the country as the *Southern Fried Architect*.

AGENDA

11:00 Registration
11:25 Introduction & Speaker
12:30 Break for Lunch
1:00 Speaker Resumes
2:00 Done

COSTS

\$30 for CSI & AIA members
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MasterFormat 2004

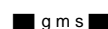
December 2nd Program

Dennis Hall, as chairman of the MasterFormat Update Task Team, has led the effort for consensus both within CSI and with many other construction-related organizations for over 4 years now. If there is one true expert on and witness to the meaning of the far-reaching changes wrought to MasterFormat, Dennis is it. If you wish to know why the changes have happened, even in minute detail, Dennis can enlighten us. These changes primarily affect Engineers and how they organize specifications, although we are all affected by the move from five digits to six. This means Division 2, 10, 11, 14 and 15 were redistributed into 49 Divisions, along with some minor housekeeping changes elsewhere. The U.S. General Accounting Office and some of the armed forces have adopted MasterFormat 2004, as have the governments of Japan and Canada among others. AIA Members receive the CSI rate for this program as a part of our strategic alliance with AIA Vermont. See you there and then!

New CSI Prez-Elect

Edward L. Soenke, FCSI, CCS, AIA

Central Iowa Chapter's Edd Soenke will be placed on the winter ballot for CSI's next President-Elect. Edd has been on CSI's Executive Committee for the last 10 years as the North Central Institute Director, as Institute Treasurer and Vice-President-Professional. He looks to finish out the slate in the top spot following the NorthEast Region's own Mike Owen, CSI, CDT, as President in July of 2006. I for one look forward to the dynamic duo for vision, leadership and positive change a-coming!



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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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Announcing CSI Contract Administration Academy Tampa, FL; Jan. 27 and 28

Experienced professionals are invited to participate in CSI's first Contract Administration Academy, Jan. 27 and 28 at the Wyndham Westshore Hotel in Tampa, Fla. The program will focus on project delivery, documentation, bidding, negotiating, purchasing and construction. "It's an academy put together by construction administrators for construction administrators," said Paul W. Simonsen, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, NCARB. "We are bringing together owners, contractors and design professionals to discuss the construction administration process."

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Vermont licensed professionals are closing in on the bi-annual license renewal time. The state of Vermont requires 12 hours of Health, Safety & Welfare continuing education learning credits every year. This means 24 hours over the past two years, by December 31st! Check your records and don't forget to make time to attend a CSI Vermont monthly program!

LAST MONTH:

NOVEMBER 11th PROGRAM

WATERPROOFING THE BUILDING ENVELOPE

SPEAKERS

Mark DerMugrditchian, CSI, CDT
Steve Ritucci, CSI, CDT
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TABLETOPS

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Roof Plan Reps, Ned Keating, CSI

LOCATION

Sheraton Burlington on Williston Road

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SUMMARY

56 total attendees listened to Mark and Steve teach us the basics of Vapor Retarders and Air Barriers, along with Damp-proofing and Waterproofing.

Starting in with the barriers, Mark's first point was that air barriers prevent air movement, while vapor retarders/ "barriers" slow down the movement of moisture. In proper system design, climate plays a big role. The systems should be designed for the "worst-case", not all cases. For example, Vermont can have hot and humid summers, but it's more important to design with the longer-lasting winters in mind. The rule of thumb in any environment is to put the wall's vapor retarder on the warm/humid side of the wall to lessen condensation concerns. In cross-over climate zones which aren't dominated by hot or cold (think North Carolina), a vapor retarder may not be necessary at all! Also, never use multiple vapor barriers, and be careful: some (but not all) air barriers also work as vapor retarders.

In the second half of the program, Steve segued into foundations. There is a distinction between waterproofing (preventing liquid water) and damp-proofing (retarding moisture). And contrary to what common sense might tell you, some waterproofing systems do not function as vapor retarders.

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The President's Corner

By John A. Gant, AHC, CSI, CCPR; john_gant@irco.com

Student Scholarship

At last week's chapter seminar we finally started raising funds for the new Student Scholarship fund. It could not rightly be called a bundle, but it was a start. If so inclined you can make a tax-deductible contribution to the scholarship fund. Contact me for further details.

Annual Chapter Survey

The 2004 edition of the Vermont CSI Chapter Survey will be e-mailed next week. This is your chance to rate the performance of your CSI chapter and to help mold its future. I BEG YOU, I IMPLORE YOU to take time out of your busy chaotic life and spend a few moments reflecting on how this chapter has touched your life and help guide it into tomorrow. Ok, now back to work. Thanks in advance!

MasterFormat Seminar

Don't forget to leave December 2nd open. Stop and make sure you have marked your calendar.

The Vermont Chapter is pleased to be able to bring you Dennis J. Hall, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, and the Chairman of CSI's MasterFormat™ Expansion Task Team. You will not find a speaker that has more knowledge or is more passionate about the new MasterFormat 2004.

Make sure you, and everyone you know in the industry will plan to attend.

Chapter Board Meeting

After the December 2nd MasterFormat Seminar the chapter will hold its monthly Board Meeting. All members are invited to stay and observe or even participate.

Remember – Volunteers Are Always Wanted!

Please contact me at 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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JANUARY 20th PROGRAM

CONSTRUCTION ADMINISTRATION

SPEAKER

William 'Sandy' Fead, CSI
Paul Frank & Collins

DISCUSSION PANEL

TIME/LOCATION

January 20, 2004 - 11:00am – 2:00pm
Sheraton Burlington, on Williston Road

SUMMARY

The always very informative and interesting 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.

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MasterFormat 2004 Available

Major Update Published

compiled from CSInet.org

Forty years after its introduction as the industry-wide format for organizing construction information, the 2004 edition of MasterFormat™ has undergone the largest transformation in its history and re-emerged as a blockbuster on November 10th, 2004.

As the "Dewey Decimal System" for project information, MasterFormat is a master list of titles and numbers for organizing data about construction requirements, products, and activities used for well over 70 percent of the commercial and institutional building projects in the U.S. and Canada. The resource aids project delivery by facilitating communication among architects, specifiers, contractors, suppliers, and others, which helps them meet building owners' requirements, timelines, and budgets.

By fostering fuller and more detailed construction specifications, MasterFormat 2004 Edition is designed to reduce costly changes or delays in projects due to incomplete, misplaced, or missing information, which could lead to an estimated 5 to 10 percent savings in construction costs.

The changes in the new MasterFormat reflect the rapid growth in the amount and complexity of construction information generated for today's increasingly complex buildings since it was last updated in 1995. In part this was accomplished by adding new divisions to the previous edition's 16-division structure. They address such rapidly developing areas as computer and telecommunications networks and integrated building automation systems. New divisions also enable specifications to better address building owners' post-9/11 security and life safety priorities as well as the trend toward more environmentally friendly facilities.

Also enabling MasterFormat users to better handle the volume and complexity of information for modern construction projects is the 2004 edition's new six-digit numbering system for the sections within each division. It greatly expands the room in each division that can be used for developing and organizing more complete and detailed specifications, and

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Nov. Board Meeting Summary

This is but a summary; the full text of the November 10, 2004 meeting minutes will soon be available from the Chapter Secretary.

- The chapter has gained 3 new members thus far in FY05, and 56 in the calendar year 2004. VT CSI is currently 128 members, 122 home chapter.
- Institute News: Ed Soenke of Central Iowa CSI has been nominated to be the next Institute President-Elect, in part due to support from Vermont members.
- Jonathan Miller may join the Institute Membership Committee next year, sharing the secrets to his successes with the Vermont Chapter.
- In order to try and grow interest & make participation easier in the board meetings, the board agreed to hold the December meeting immediately following the December 2nd program at the Sheraton. Results of this experiment may change our modus operandi.
- North East Region News: New Hampshire has asked to host a region conference next year, fall of 2005, in Portsmouth NH.
- Treasurer reports a welcome change in the direction of the chapter's finances, due mostly to increased tabletop sponsors at recent programs.
- Jonathan Miller reports that he needs help soliciting tabletops to help keep the chapter in the black.
- For discussion, John Gant presented a draft of the soon-to-be-sent annual chapter survey.
- Bob Rand reports that he had trouble getting a readily accessible list of all chapter board members. Recent meeting minutes have increasingly become more formalized due in part to the requirements of chapter incorporation. Unfortunately this increased attention to detail did not start until after the election of FY05 officers several months ago. Thusly, full list of officers & directors to be included in official 11/10 meeting minutes.
- **Next Board Meeting:** 2:30-4:00pm, Thursday, December 2nd, 2004 after the Dec. Program at the Sheraton.

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National CAD Standard Survey

CSI is surveying U.S. National CAD Standard (NCS) users to determine the industry's level of interest in an NCS education / accreditation program. [Survey link.](#)

"Our members have been discussing a program for educating and accrediting NCS users for years," Technical Programs & Services Director Michael Cassidy said. "This survey is a step in deciding what users really want, and how CSI can deliver that to them."

The U.S. National CAD Standard establishes a uniform format for presenting and organizing graphic information on drawings, and helps coordinate CAD publications between organizations. Using the NCS creates consistent, streamlined communication among owners and design/construction teams. It also reduces costs for developing and maintaining office standards and transferring building design data from design to facility management.

CSI developed the Uniform Drawing System (UDS), which is a component of the NCS. Other organizations including the National Institute of Building Standards (NIBS) and American Institute of Architects (AIA), are responsible for other components of the system.

Version 3.0 of the NCS was released earlier this year. Buyers of Version 3.0 will get the upcoming 3.1 upgrade (reflecting MasterFormat™ 2004) at no extra charge.

Nov. 10 Program – Waterproofing *cont. from p.2*

Typically, waterproofing is accomplished with adhered sheets on the positive-side (outside) of the concrete foundation. Positive-side is usually preferable to negative-side, which allows water to live permanently in the concrete. But positive-side installation requires the outside of the foundation to be accessible, which almost always translates as new green-field construction only. Now, new products called "blind-side waterproofing" have recently become available. The waterproofing is installed first, and then covered over with concrete. The chemical reaction of curing concrete activates the adherent on the waterproofing material.

Attendees also got to take a pop-quiz on building envelopes, which helped us nail down some key concepts. A summary: A building envelope is a system to separate conditioned space from the environment. It must be continuous on floor, walls, and ceiling, around the conditioned space. The need for air and vapor barriers is based on risk management – a proper design can minimize risks. For an air barrier or vapor retarder, loose-laid sheets might work just as well as fully adhered sheets or a fluid-applied material, but it's riskier. Air barriers can conserve 40% of a building's energy, depending on use. And third-party inspection of an air barrier installation is not required, but it's a great idea.

Thanks to Mark and Steve for a great seminar, and thank you to all our tabletop sponsors for their showcases !



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NERCSI Fall Board Meeting

By NER Secretary J. Miller

A major milestone this year was acknowledged at the fall board meeting in Buffalo. Our newly updated *Region Bylaws* were adopted and in place. Also adopted was the reporting out of our *Strategic Planning Task Team* recommendations, headed by chair, George Rosamond, CSI, CCS, AIA. Long time member Ted Healy, RA, CSI, CDT, was named as the *Strategic Plan Update Implementation Task Team* Chair with the charge to do something about the recommendations.

Financially the region is right where it should be after 4 years of effort by past Treasurer, Roland Barrett, CSI, and the board. A discussion regarding rebating the chapters was tabled until the spring 2005 meeting. The region board voted to subsidize the scholarship auction by up to \$500 at Conferences. About \$2,600 was raised at the Buffalo auction with the region kicking in a little over \$400 to give out three scholarships.

CSI University has been co-located with Chicago The CSI Show in April of 2005, a permanent move. CSI is presently trying to move the 2006 Las Vegas CSI show and CSI University from April to June. Future region conferences have a need for better planning for success. The Events Task Team chair was named and George Rosamond again took the hard job to lead this effort at discovering a successful formula for future events. Our total region membership was 1,580, down from 1,670 last year, a significant drop. A Membership Workshop was given by our own Jonathan Miller to give ideas to other chapters on how to be more successful. The spring meeting is scheduled for March 18-19, 2005 at a location to be determined.

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New NE Region Director – Industry

Michael Debiak, CSI, CDT

A late-breaking news item from the North East Region CSI: Mike Debiak has been appointed acting **NE Institute Director – Industry** by CSI President, Gary Betts, FCSI, CCS, AIA.

Official confirmation is set for at the February Institute board meeting. At that time his appointment will be confirmed and his name placed on the ballot for the NE Region to vote on for the full term of FY'06-09.

Mr. Debiak is the Immediate Past-President of the New Jersey Chapter CSI, as well as the current Editor and distributor of their chapter newsletter, *perSPECtive*. During his tenure as NJ chapter president he helped to stabilize the chapter, in regard to both financial standing and membership trends. He is an Industry Member of CSI, and works as a Construction Manager for the firm DMJM+Harris in Jackson NJ.

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provides more room for future expansion. To further help users handle future growth in construction project information, MasterFormat 2004 Edition reserves 16 of its 50 division numbers for addressing new products, practices, and priorities as they develop.

Previously, MasterFormat did not address engineering-related construction. Now a new Site and Infrastructure subgroup of divisions covers transportation, utility, and marine construction, and the new Process Equipment subgroup addresses industrial and process engineering projects.

Anticipating the full publication's release, a number of major public and private construction organizations, including the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), the U.S. Navy Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC), the Sweets construction products catalog, and Reed Construction Data's First Source, had already decided they will make the transition to the 2004 edition of MasterFormat™. The 4Specs.com directory of construction products manufacturers already has made the transition.

Also using the MasterFormat 2004-based Unified Facilities Guide Specifications will be the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.

At the local government level, San Francisco/Oakland's Bay Area Rapid Transit System already has decided to use MasterFormat 2004.

Also, one of the world's largest professional liability insurance underwriters, Victor O. Schinnerer & Company, Inc., has found the enhancements in MasterFormat's new edition "are needed, are logical, and are beneficial to architects and engineers."

Several providers of master guide specifications systems also have decided to realign their products per MasterFormat's new edition. They include:

- ARCOM's MasterSpec®
- Building Systems Design's BSD SpecLink® (Now available is a new version with a global switch that can rearrange specifications per MasterFormat's 2004 or 1995 editions. See www.csinet.org/pr/newspeclink for more information)
- Digicon Information Inc.
- Canada's National Master Guide Specifications, commonly known as the NMS (National Master Specification)

The new MasterFormat's section numbers and their titles are downloadable at no charge from CSI's website at www.csinet.org/masterformat. ■ g m s ■

Call For Volunteers Vermont CSI Leadership

We are into the fiscal year '05, which among other things means that some of our chapter officers and committee chairs are available. Some important positions are being vacated, and 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.

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FY2005 Vermont Chapter CSI Events

September 30	<u>“Masonry Accessories & Estimating Masonry”</u> Gene Pawlikowski, CSI, <i>Trowel Trades Supply</i> At Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center
October 13	<u>“Vermont Codes 2004 Update”</u> Bob Howe, Asst. State Fire Marshal 11:00am-2:00pm at the Sheraton Burlington
November 11	<u>“Waterproofing the Building Envelope”</u> Mark DerMugrditchian, CSI, CDT; <i>W.R. Grace</i> 11:00am-2:00pm at the Sheraton Burlington
December 2	<u>“MasterFormat 2004”</u> Dennis J. Hall, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA 11:00am-2:00pm at the Sheraton Burlington
2005	
January 20	<u>“Construction Administration”</u> William ‘Sandy’ Fead, CSI; <i>Paul Frank & Collins</i> 11:00am-2:00pm at the Sheraton Burlington
Feb.	<u>“Better Buildings by Design 2005”</u> by <i>VEIC / Efficiency Vermont</i> , Burlington Sheraton 2 days of Seminars, Forums, and Exhibits
Feb –Mar	<u>6 Weeks of CSI Certification Study Sessions</u> As taught by Adam Bortz, CSI, CCS, SCIP <i>Adam Bortz, Specifications Consultant</i>
March	<u>Casework & Countertop VTC Installation</u> by Steven Benjamin, CSI, CCPR At Vermont Technical College, Randolph Center
April	<u>“FAHC Renaissance Project – Final Site Tour”</u> Host - Matthew Martin, CSI, Assoc. AIA Sr. Project Manager, <i>Fletcher Allen Health Care</i>
May	<u>Green & Sustainable VT Trade Fair</u> 1 day of Booth Exhibits, Seminars and Food 10:00am – 5:00pm
June	<u>“Chapter Awards Banquet / Annual Meeting”</u> 3:30 – 9:30pm at Basin Harbor Club near Vergennes

VT Chapter Stats as of October 31st:

	October ‘04
New Members last Month	2
New Members since January 1 st , 2004	56
Sponsored New Members in FY 2005	2
Retention rate year to date	51.5%
Total VT Chapter Members	128

New Members Welcome !

October 2004 **56 new 2004 Members!**

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Mr. Robert Buchan, CSI, CDT, AIA
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