



NEXT PROGRAM:

NOVEMBER 11th EVENT

WATERPROOFING THE BUILDING ENVELOPE

SPEAKER

Mark DerMugrditchian, CSI, CDT
W.R. Grace & Co.

TABLETOPS

TBD

TIME

November 11, 2004
11:00am – 2:00pm

LOCATION

Sheraton Burlington on Williston Road

CREDITS

2 hours of HSW credits available

SUMMARY

Mark will be speaking to the whole envelope waterproofing and vapor transmission issue in our region. There are many products to achieve your needs but how do you determine the approach you should be taking with your project? Come listen and visit the related tabletops!

If there are questions you already know you'd like to ask our speaker, please submit them to our Program Chair (contact info below) ahead of time, to allow for better, more precise answers.

AGENDA

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

COSTS

\$25 for CSI members
\$35 for Non-Members
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RSVP / QUESTIONS

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November 11th Program

Waterproofing the Building Envelope

Mark DerMugrditchian is a long time veteran at W.R. Grace and has traveled the U.S. advising thousands of architects on this always-salient topic. Mark will start out by defining the building envelope and posing the question... Why pay close attention to details? He will cover Code requirements and LEED opportunities. An overall discussion of the types of products available will encompass positive, negative-side or integral waterproofing below grade that is fully adhered, partially adhered or loose-laid. Mark will also cover air barriers, why they are used, and what types of materials are available. The 40mil vs. 60mil issue as well as the quality assurance/quality control of installations, including in place testing. Roofing, green roofs, and standard roofs are also on the docket.

As we rush to cyber-print tabletops are being solicited to provide the touch and feel side to product evaluation.

We look forward to seeing you there and then !

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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 !

[Note March 1st Program credits finally validated with AIA CES.]

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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NER CSI - Buffalo Conference Recap

It was the 'Wright' experience in Buffalo with the magical Friday night dinner cruise as the most memorable highlight. At the Saturday evening banquet the Vermont Chapter and our own President John Gant were honored with the *Large Chapter Membership Award*.... despite NER Pres. Caniglia verbally giving that honor to "New Hampshire and their President Peter Morris"... the rightful President Minnon received the *Small Chapter Membership Award* for NH. Jonathan Miller accepted the region *Education Award* for the chapter's effort and pride towards our Student Affiliate, *Vermont Technical College*. The cumulating event of the awards ceremony was when Buffalo local Vince Bernard and our own Jonathan Miller were honored with the region's highest honor, the *Distinguished Service Award*. Since there was no region conference last year for Vince, he wished his medal to come at Buffalo. Jonathan is the 25th member to be honored and the 3rd Vermonter... Adam Bortz was the 1st and Joe Zajchowski was the 6th to receive theirs in 1992 and 1993. ■ gms ■

LAST PROGRAM:

OCTOBER 13th EVENT

VERMONT CODES UPDATE

SPEAKER

Bob Howe, State Fire Marshal
Mike Grenier, Asst. State Fire Marshal

TIME/LOCATION

October 13, 2004; 11:00am–2:00pm
at the Sheraton Burlington

CREDITS

2 hours of HSW credits given

SUMMARY

63 attendees listened to State Fire Marshal, Bob Howe and Assistant State Fire Marshal, Mike Grenier take us through what it takes to get on the 'Fast Track' process of code review. Vast amounts of topics and ideas were packed into this program.

After a review of some basics, Bob gave us a suggestion: size the Labor & Industry application by the complexity, use, and size of the project. Some projects only need a sketch on an envelope; others need fifty pounds worth of drawings & specs. The aim is for the reviewer to understand in a few minutes, what the design team has studied for hours.

Sometimes, even a plan is overkill. In historic projects and existing buildings a site visit can often be much more useful.

April is the busiest month for L&I, and the Oct.-Apr. timespan has a higher turnaround time for project reviews. Some easy ways to avoid delays: submit the plans, application, and fee together. Use the correct 911 address for the project. Use the "Site Number" that L&I assigns the project in all correspondence. Use concise e-mail instead of phone messages – L&I staff spends a lot of time on the road, and have ready access to e-mail.

As to building codes adoption, no big change yet (still '96 BOCA, '97 Life Safety, '97 NFPA, etc)...though the IBC is on the horizon, promising less stringent height/area tables and more. Structure requirements for snowload will likely be increasing across the board, soon. We learned that any residence rented in part or in full is a public building, subject to all that entails (incl. Act 88 accessibility rules).

Much, much more was covered – great thanks to Bob Howe and Mike Grenier!

The President's Corner

By John A. Gant, AHC, CSI, CCPR;

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This is just terrible – Chris has asked me to keep this President's Corner short. So, here are just a few things that are happening with your chapter.

Name Badges

The Vermont Chapter name badges are back. After being misplaced for a few meetings they have been located. You too can get your very own badge simply by actively supporting and promoting the chapter. Many members that did not receive a badge originally now qualify and will receive their badge at their next meeting. Ask anyone you see with one of the new badges how you can get one as well.

MasterFormat 2004

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 Chairman, 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.

Remember—Volunteers Always Wanted!

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LAST MONTH:

SEPTEMBER 30th EVENT

MASONRY, ACCESSORIES & ESTIMATING

SPEAKER

Gene Pawlikowski, CSI
Trowel Trades Supply Inc.

TIME/LOCATION

Sep. 30th, 2004; 12:00–2:00pm
Old Dorm Lounge
Vermont Technical College
Randolph Center, VT

SUMMARY

Gene started off with slides of some inventive and unusual masonry, and said that accessories allow them to happen – they can make the impossible possible.

In cost-estimating, life-cycle costs are frequently not accounted for; only the initial costs. After we saw slides of an inexpensive project that needed to be redone a couple years later (brick-pattern stamped asphalt on a high-traffic roadway), and an initially more expensive project in the same situation that still looks new 7 years later (inset real brick crosswalk with granite edging and likely a thick asphalt or concrete base) it is easy to reach the conclusion that cheaper projects don't always stay cheap if they have to be redone/replaced multiple times over the intended lifespan.

A review of some of the different types of masonry anchors and ties out there showed which were best-suited for certain applications, and which were best-suited for no applications. We also learned that flexibility (for expansion) is almost never a factor in brick-wall masonry ties. This is because the thermal expansion of brick is countered by thermal contraction in the mortar at the same temperature, and vice versa. One of the ties currently gaining rapid popularity among masonry contractors is the stud-shear and block-shear tie, which fastens securely to the backup wall and can extend out through up to 4" of exterior insulation.

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NEXT MONTH:

DECEMBER 2nd EVENT

MASTERFORMAT 2004

SPEAKER

Dennis Hall, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA
Principal – Hall Architects, Inc.
Chair – CSI MasterFormat Task Team

TIME

December 2, 2004; 11:00am – 2:00pm

LOCATION

Sheraton Burlington, on Williston Road

CREDITS

2 hours of HSW credits available

SUMMARY

Dennis has been leading and working on the MasterFormat update for four years now and has spoken around the country and abroad as well. This is after he lead meetings with many other stakeholders in the construction industry. Come hear the 'Southern Fried Architect' as he explains the ins and outs of the major change to CSI's most visible format... one that is gaining momentum as many organizations and countries accept it.

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MasterFormat 2004

Major Update Adopted By Several More Organizations

from CSInet.org

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, have already decided they will make the transition to the groundbreaking 2004 edition of MasterFormat™, the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) announced.

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."

MasterFormat, a product of CSI and Construction Specifications Canada, is the specifications-writing standard used for most of North America's commercial and institutional building design and construction projects. The complete 2004 edition, the most significant rewrite in MasterFormat's 40-year history, is due for release by year's-end.

Also using the MasterFormat 2004-based Unified Facilities Guide Specifications will be the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. The federal Department of Veterans Affairs is studying whether to do so.

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

Major construction product information firms already deciding to transition to MasterFormat 2004 include both McGraw-Hill Construction's Sweets construction products catalog (2006 edition) and Reed Construction Data's First Source (2006 edition). The 4Specs.com directory of construction products manufacturers already has made the transition.

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Oct. Board Meeting Summary

This is but a summary; the full text of the October 6, 2004 meeting minutes is available from the Chapter Secretary.

- Adam Bortz was nominated for, and subsequently elected to, the position of Chapter Director.
- We hear that the Student Affiliate at VTC will be meeting very soon. CSI VT President John Gant will be there too.
- Board voted to support Retired and Emeritus CSI members by subsidizing membership fees and offering programs at reduced costs.
- Chapter currently has 126 members (120 home chapter).
- The NorthEast Region CSI has the top sponsored-member growth in the Institute, thanks in part to Tom Minnon of NH, and the VT Chapter.
- In other region news, George Rosamond of Housatonic Chapter is convening a task team to examine the what, where, why, and how, of holding various region events.
- The Institute is negotiating on whether the 2005 CSI Show national convention in Las Vegas will stay in April or move to June.
- The VT Chapter will soon submit for its 5th consecutive Outstanding Chapter Commendation from the Institute.
- Treasurer's Report showed that funds are relatively low, necessitating the consolidation of the investment fund and the general bank account. Upcoming efforts at recruiting tabletops for chapter programs should help restock the coffers.
- 50/50 Raffle, to fund the chapter scholarship program, will start this month. Tickets and contributions are unfortunately not tax-deductible.
- The December program on MasterFormat will be offered to AIA members at the discounted CSI member price.
- Board voted to sponsor "Better Buildings By Design," the Efficiency Vermont conference in February.
- **Next Board Meeting:** 12:00-1:30pm, Tuesday, November 10th, 2004 at *Buono's Italian Restaurant* at 3182 Shelburne Road, Shelburne.

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CSI's Project Resource Manual (PRM) Published

Update to CSI Manual of Practice

from CSInet.org

After three years of development, The Project Resource Manual—CSI Manual of Practice (PRM) has been published. The first 1,000 copies have now been shipped to individuals and CSI chapters this week. [Jonathan Miller of VT CSI showed off his new copy at the Sep.30 program at VTC.]

The PRM is an expansion of the Manual of Practice (MOP). It is the authoritative resource for the organization, preparation, use, and interpretation of construction documents.

“This document is the result of a lot of very hard work by dedicated CSI members and staff,” CSI Executive Director Karl F. Borgstrom, Ph.D., said. “The PRM is a valuable resource for everyone in the industry with a need to

understand the evolution of the constructed project, from conception and documentation to delivery and management.”

CSI used the MOP to guide the construction industry in the preparation of clear, concise, correct, and complete documents for more than 40 years. The MOP is recognized throughout the industry as the comprehensive resource for organizing and preparing documents, and its use promotes accurate and easily interpreted documents for everyone involved in a construction project.

The PRM covers all this ground, and much, much more.

The PRM considers the need for interdependent processes of planning, design, construction, and facility use. It expands the scope of the MOP to integrate the requirements of all participants involved in a construction project, including owners, architects, engineers, design-builders, contractors, construction managers, product representatives, financial and insurance institutions, regulatory authorities, attorneys, and facility managers.

For more information about the new PRM, read [here](#) on CSInet.org .



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New Slate Discovery Center Classes

The new Slate Discovery Center Architect's Institute has announced its first course scheduled for October 29-30 on the campus of Green Mountain College in Poultney, VT. The course, titled *Designing with Slate for Beauty and Durability*, is a two-day intensive session intended to familiarize participants with the variety of uses for natural slate and will cover the basics of designing and specifying slate for a number of different applications. Topics to be covered include a brief history of the American slate tradition with a focus on Vermont and New York, information on roofing, flooring slate, structural slate, exterior wall cladding, and interior finish applications such as countertops.

Participants will become familiar with basic terminology, design considerations and limitations, slate selection, comparison to other materials, and basic installation techniques. In-classroom scale models and a walking tour of a historic district will allow firsthand exposure to installation approaches. A quarry visit will demonstrate modern slate quarrying and fabrication techniques.

The Slate Discovery Center is a registered provider with the American Institute of Architects. Credit earned will be reported to CES Records for AIA members. Certificates of Completion for non-AIA members available on request. Course fees are \$250 per person and four or more people from the same firm will be able to attend for \$200 per person. Fees include admission to the Slate Valley Museum, a Friday evening welcome reception, Saturday breakfast and lunch, and all course materials.

For more information on the upcoming workshop, contact the Discovery Center office on 802-287-4284 or see their website www.slatediscoverycenter.org.

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We have arrived at the fiscal year '05, which among other things means that some of our chapter officers and committee chairs are up for grabs for the year ahead. 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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MasterFormat 2004 Adoption *cont'd from p.3*

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)

Functioning as the "Dewey Decimal System" for construction information, MasterFormat is divided into divisions, and each division is composed of sections. The 2004 edition has additional divisions and many more sections. That enables specifications, the written instructions for construction projects, to address great advances in construction technology that have emerged since the 1995 edition. The new edition also enables specifications to better address building owners' evolving construction priorities such as security, life safety, and environmentally responsible facilities.

The 2004 edition's new divisions and sections also allow MasterFormat to now be used for writing specifications for heavy civil and process engineering construction projects such as dams, bridges, factories, and power plants.

The new MasterFormat's section numbers and their titles are downloadable at no charge from CSI's website at

www.csinet.org/masterformat.

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9/30 CSI VT Program - Masonry *cont'd from p.3*

The rep from MortarNet then was introduced, who showed us the types of MortarNet inserts which prevent mortar damming behind masonry walls. He also introduced a new product which allows single-width CMU walls to drain.

Gene briefly touched on flashing, including a window jamb flashing which works very well, through-wall membrane flashing, and others.

In looking at estimating, Gene came back to the point he'd started with: life-cycle costs. Showing a photo of a HUD project in Albany with applied thin-veneer brick. In order to lower initial costs, standard type-N mortar was used to adhere the veneer – which is apparently what the veneer rep recommends. Trouble is that type-N mortar is not "sticky" and is really meant to support compression loads. Using it as a glue for the veneer doesn't work so well, as we saw in the next photos. A couple freeze/thaw cycles had the brick spalling in large sections. As it turns out, thin-set mortar is much more effective than the type-N...but a bag of thin-set is at least five times more expensive. Initial cost for the applied veneer would have been higher (possibly approaching the cost of real brick), but it's less expensive to do the job once.

Thanks to Gene Pawlikowski of Trowel Trades, and to the MortarNet tabletop !



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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

FY2005 Vermont Chapter CSI Events

- September 30 “Masonry Accessories & Estimating Masonry”
Gene Pawlikowski, CSI, *Trowel Trades Supply*
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** “Construction Administration”
William ‘Sandy’ Fead, CSI; *Paul Frank & Collins*
11:00am-2:00pm at the Sheraton Burlington
- February 9-10** “Better Buildings by Design 2005”
by *VEIC / Efficiency Vermont*, Burlington Sheraton
2 days of Seminars, Forums, and Exhibits
- 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

New Members Welcome !

October 2004 56 new 2004 Members!

Ms. Ann Marie Harmon, CSI, AIA, Architect

September 2004

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

July/August 2004

June 2004

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May 2004

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New Members last Month	1
New Members since January 1 st , 2004	55
Sponsored New Members in FY 2005	1
Retention rate year to date	48.8%
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