



NEXT PROGRAM:

SEPTEMBER 30th PROGRAM

MASONRY, ACCESSORIES & ESTIMATING

SPEAKER

Gene Pawlikowski, CSI
Trowel Trades Supply Inc.

TABLETOPS

TIME

12:00 – 2:00pm
Thursday, September 30th, 2004

LOCATION

Old Dorm Lounge
Vermont Technical College
Randolph Center, VT

CREDITS

1-1/2 hours of HSW credits available

AGENDA

12:00 Registration, Tabletops & Lunch
12:30 Introduction & Speaker
2:00 Done... Tabletops continue

SUMMARY

CSI fall premiere of Gene Pawlikowski from Trowel Trades presenting masonry in a new light. Gene has presented programs for us before, and he is our go-to guy on this topic. His enthusiastic and well-illustrated presentations are always enjoyable.

COSTS

\$25 for CSI members
\$35 for Non-Members
Students and New Members *FREE!*

Sandwiches & Drinks provided.....
Students please BYOL.

RSVP / QUESTIONS

Contact Presenter Gene Pawlikowski at:
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Note from the Editor

No August issue of the *Green Mountain Specifier* will translate into a January Issue.

Vermont Chapter CSI *Incorporation Finalized*

VT CSI has assembled a corporate board of directors, which includes the current chapter officers. The member approved bylaws are to be officially be adopted by resolution and then filed with the IRS.

September 30th Program *Masonry, Accessories & Estimating*

Our September program will be hosted by Vermont Technical College in Randolph, Vermont, as a 'welcome back' for the students.

Gene Pawlikowski of Trowel Trades Supply will use his extensive slide collection and many years of experience to address how accessories, like metal and flexible flashing, reinforcing, tiebacks, sealers, weeps, mortar, mortar net and others, interface with masonry both the right and the wrong ways. Gene will also cover the tricks of estimating masonry.

This program is a follow-up to Gene's presentation on masonry to VTC students last March; this one is slated to focus more on the 'accessories' side and this semester class on estimating.

CSI CCCA Certified ! *Second Vermonter Passes!*

Andrew Gregory, CSI, CCCA, AIA, of Truex Cullins & Partners, has managed to pass both the CDT and the CCCA exams in within six months!

The Certified Construction Contract Administrator is a four-hour exam of 400 questions. Andrew is the second person to get the CCCA in Vermont, Jonathan Miller, CSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP, AIA, NCARB, was the first, having passed his exam two years ago.

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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CSI Member Directory *Update Info on CSInet.org*

The CSI Member Directory maintained on the Institute's website at www.csinet.org, is the source material for the printed directory that is updated and mailed to members annually.

Members, please take a moment to check your information and privacy selections to make sure everything is current information – Sep. 30th is the deadline for updates to make it into this year's printed edition. If you've never logged in to look at the directory, follow the link below and follow the instructions.

[CSI Member Directory Update](#)

Check Your Credits ! *Only HSW Learning Units Count*

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 !

NEXT MONTH:

OCTOBER 13th EVENT

VERMONT CODES UPDATE

TIME/LOCATION

October 13, 2004 from 11:00am-2:00pm
at the Sheraton Burlington

SPEAKER

Bob Howe, Asst. State Fire Marshal, and
Labor & Industry's new Director

SUMMARY

Our normal annual Vermont Codes Review with representatives of the Department of Labor and Industry – it has actually been over a year since our last one – and in the meantime, Labor & Industry has gone through a reorganization process. In addition to a rundown of code fundamentals & recent revisions, Assistant State Fire Marshal Bob Howe will talk about how that organizational restructuring affects the way L&I works with you and I. Also, an update on the adoption process of the International Building Codes.

AGENDA

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

COSTS (Lunch Provided)

\$25 for CSI members
\$35 for Non-Members
\$10 for Students
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New Members **FREE!**

RSVP / QUESTIONS

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The President's Corner

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

As the summer quickly fades from memory I want you to be aware of some upcoming events.

Regional Conference

There is still time to sign up and attend the Northeast Region Conference 2004 hosted by Buffalo/WNY and Rochester Chapters in Buffalo, NY – September 23-25, 2004.

For further information: <http://www.neregioncsi.org/conference/index.cfm>

MasterFormat

Whatever you do, leave December 2nd open. Stop what you are doing and mark your calendars with a big red Sharpie marker right now!

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 of, or is more passionate about, the new MasterFormat 2004.

In my travels throughout the state I'm constantly amazed how few persons in our industry have any idea that this change is coming. It would seem impossible considering the time that these changes have been in progress and the number of revisions, changes, drafts and comment periods that have been included to get us to this point in the process. Please make sure you are in the know.

I would highly recommend checking out <http://www.aecdaily.com/en/255211> where you will find "The Southern Fried Architect", the monthly publication from CSI's MasterFormat™ Expansion Task Team.

If you have not yet had an opportunity please take the time to review the MasterFormat 2004 Edition numbers and titles at: [MasterFormat™ 2004 Edition: Numbers & Titles \(PDF\)](#)

http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/docs/9400/9361.pdf

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

Remember – Volunteers Are Always Wanted!

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IN TWO MONTHS:

NOVEMBER 11th PROGRAM

WATERPROOFING THE BUILDING ENVELOPE

SPEAKER

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

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 tabletops !

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COSTS

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Just The Facts

by Jonathan M. Miller

U.S. mold claims over the last three years have been filed at the rate of **10** per day. Schools, among the use groups, have been hard hit with mold lawsuits. Many now have mold-specific inspections starting before construction and install mold resistant building materials while using very proper construction techniques. This establishes for the construction team, including the owner, that mold was 'not apparent' and current means and methods to prevent mold were taken as a standard of care. I believe that this is a good enough idea to follow for all construction !

CSI Product Rep. Academy 2004

October 27-29, 2004

from CSInet.org

The many unique aspects of selling to the construction industry and how green building and MasterFormat's new edition will affect product representatives are among the key elements of the Construction Specifications Institute's Product Representative Academy (PRA) to be held October 27-29 in Denver. Registration, limited to about 150 attendees, is now open.

Attendees also will acquire experience-tested construction industry sales strategies and be drilled and critiqued on making presentations. Individual sessions will cover who the real buyers of construction products are, maximizing results from trade shows, how to read blueprints, and using PowerPoint presentation graphics software. Techniques for generating the most sales leads via networking and websites also will be covered.

Returning to this year's Product Representative Academy is the well-liked group exercise entitled "11th Hour Bidding." It shows product representatives the issues a general contractor faces during the final hours of preparing a bid on a project, which includes making decisions on specific construction products.

The greatly expanded 2004 edition of MasterFormat™, the specifications-writing standard for most of North America's nonresidential building projects, is scheduled for release late this year. The head of the team that developed the new edition, Dennis Hall, FCSI, CCS, CCA, AIA, will discuss how it will impact the divisions in which attendees' products are specified.

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Just The Facts *by Jonathan M. Miller*

Taiwan's Tapei 101 building has been declared the world's tallest at 508 m (1,667 ft), taller than previous record holder the Patronas Towers of Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia at 452 m (1,483 ft.) Chicago's Sears Tower still has the tallest Antenna at 527 m (1,729 ft.) NYC's Freedom Tower at Ground Zero is planned to take top honors when complete at 541 m (1,776 ft.)



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July Board Meeting Summary

This is but a summary; the full text of the July 27, 2004 meeting minutes is available from the Chapter Secretary.

- Chapter is incorporated. At long last.
- Membership for the VT Chapter is at 127 total. One year ago figure was 122; two years ago it was 59. Due to student member turnover, chapter's retention rate is lower than CSI average – student retention needs work.
- As is customary, chapter will purchase ad space in this fall's NE Region Conference Journal. The Ad and a check to host chapter Buffalo to be sent shortly.
- We will be assembling materials earlier than in past years for the annual Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award submittal. Committee Chairs are responsible for filling out their respective awards forms and getting them to Victoria.
- The chapter's scholarship fund, which will now be under the umbrella of the new national scholarship program, will for the moment be funded by the 50/50 raffle at chapter programs (set to get underway in October).
- Programs: after a month off in August, the next chapter program will be "Masonry & Accessories" by Gene Pawlikowski and Trowel Trades Supply, Sep. 30th at VTC in Randolph Center. See program schedule on p.8 for the updated list of future programs.
- Certification Chair Adam Bortz proposed revised rates for the chapter's annual study sessions (next one in Feb. '05): \$60/VT CSI members, \$75/other CSI members,
- Meeting adjourned.
- This was the last meeting at Little Saigon Restaurant, which has now closed. New meeting spot is down the road a short piece – see below.
- **Next Board Meeting:** was 12:00-1:15pm, Tuesday, 24th August 2004 at *Buono's Italian Restaurant* at 3182 Shelburne Road, Shelburne. See p.5 for summary.

Just The Facts *by Jonathan M. Miller*

Anodized aluminum deteriorates when exposed to alkaline or acidic environments, like masonry mortar and acid rain.

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August Board Meeting Summary

The short, short version; the full text of the August 24, 2004 meeting minutes is available from the Chapter Secretary.

- Membership for the VT Chapter is currently at 126 total. Chapter may soon hold another "This Is CSI" luncheon at VTC for the incoming class of students.
- Five Vermont CSI members will be making the trek to Buffalo for the 2004 Region Conference in late September.
- A motion to nominate Jonathan Miller for Institute Fellowship was passed. Nomination is due Nov. 1.
- Programs in near future are likely to be well-attended, as VT architects must amass HSW credits by 12/31 for license renewal. Scheduled topics will be geared toward this need.
- And much much more (limited space for recap here).
- **Next Board Meeting:** scheduled 12:00-1:30pm, Tuesday, 21st September 2004 at *Buono's Italian Restaurant* at 3182 Shelburne Road, Shelburne.

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Version 3.0 updates the NCS package's 8 modules in the Uniform Drawing System (UDS), the AIA CAD Layering Guidelines, and the NIBS Report. It includes:

- AIA Layer Guidelines NCS 3.0 Edition
- Plotting Guidelines
- Amendments to UDS 1-8
- UDS Modules 1-8 (Revised Appendix A - UDS 1 in the upgrade package)
- Appendices

Version 3.0 is available in hard copy. Buyers of Version 3.0 (either the [complete](#) package or the [upgrade](#)) will get the Version 3.1 CD at no extra charge when it's released this fall.

Just The Facts by Jonathan M. Miller

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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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Call For Volunteers

Vermont CSI Leadership

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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CSI Product Rep. Academy *cont'd from p.3*

The PRA's sessions concerning "green building" will bring attendees up to speed on why it is a major trend. That includes the benefits buildings owners see in getting their facilities certified by the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED™) program. Participants also will learn of the pitfalls of misrepresenting products' environmental benefits, a practice called "greenwashing."

Here's a partial list of the event's programs:

- "Green Buildings – Do You Want to LEED™ the Parade or Run to Catch Up?"
- "MasterFormat for Manufacturers: Where do You Fit In?"
- "LEEDing the Way"
- "Make Your Website an Effective Marketing Tool"
- "Why is Sustainability Important?"
- "Women in Construction"
- "Eleventh Hour Bidding" "Eleventh Hour Bidding Wrap-up and Analysis"
- "Are You a Great Exhibitionist?"
- "Before Your Sales Call – Know Your Customer"
- "Presentation Critiques: Finding Your Strengths & Weaknesses"
- "How to Submit Substitution Requests"
- "Division 1: How to Stay Out of Trouble"
- "What You Want to Know from the Architect"

For a complete list of programs and more information, visit <http://www.csinet.org/prainfo>.

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The 4 C's of Specification Writing *be Clear, Complete, Concise & Correct*

by Jonathan M. Miller, CSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP, AIA, NCARB

When writing Specifications and noting Drawings one should put in practice and balance the four C's. They are better defined as excerpted from the August issue of *The Construction Specifier* as written by David J. Wyatt, CSI, CCS, CCCA.

CLEAR: Devoid of ambiguity and vagueness. Easily understood, interpreted, and executed. Transparent, in the sense no hidden meanings exist.

COMPLETE: Possessing all necessary components. Sufficient to fully inform the participants as to the extent of the work. Not lacking significant information.

CONCISE: Simple, easy to understand. Devoid of superfluous information or language potentially compromising the intent and effect of contract documents.

CORRECT: Defensible. Devoid of errors, omissions and conflicting requirements. Coordinated with related documents. ■ g m s ■



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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, AIA, CCS, CCCA
11:00am-2:00pm at the Sheraton Burlington

2005

January To Be Announced

Feb. “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 !

July/August 2004

June 2004 **54** new 2004 Members!

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VT Chapter Stats as of August 31st:

	August '04
New Members last Month	0
New Members since January 1 st , 2004	54
New Members for FY2004	68
Sponsored New Members in FY 2005	0
Retention rate year to date	50.0%
Total VT Chapter Members	126