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# Green Mountain Specifier

Summer 2009 – part 2

## PREV. PROGRAM

June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2009

### CHAPTER AWARDS BANQUET

#### TIME

Thursday, June 11, 2009  
6:00pm – – – – –

#### LOCATION

Grand Isle Lake House  
Grand Isle, VT

#### SUMMARY

As a kickoff to the summer break, the chapter held its annual Chapter Awards Banquet at the lovely restored Grand Isle Lake House on June 11!

Our group of about twenty-five felt fortunate to just escape the rain – the storms hit Burlington but missed Grand Isle that evening.

After a cocktail hour on the lake terrace we gathered inside for introductions and a fantastic dinner.

After dinner, the Awards Presentation recognized the following honorees:

Chapter Commendation:

**John Ostrum**

Certificates of Appreciation:

**John Gant**  
**Roger Marshall**  
**Bob Maurer**  
**Victoria Rickert**

President's Certificate of Merit and Appreciation:

**Jonathan Miller**

Chapter Service Award:

**Christopher Eling**

Institute Certificate of Service and Appreciation:

**John Ostrum**

For more on the event, see p.3.

The celebration was enjoyed by all; congratulations to our award-winners and thank you to all those volunteers and sponsors who supported the Vermont Chapter CSI in the past year!

## Certifications Initiative Continues for VT CSI

Our incoming Chapter President has announced the continuation of the chapter initiative on CSI Certifications:

For Vermont Chapter Members and new members who desire to increase their professional knowledge and standing through obtaining a CSI Certification, **the Vermont Chapter will refund the full cost of one of the CSI certification exams** to all candidates who successfully pass the exam in the next fiscal year.

The offered exams are: **CDT** (Construction Documents Technologist), **CCS** (Certified Construction Specifier), **CCPR** (Certified Construction Product Representative), and **CCCA** (Certified Construction Contract Administrator).

**The value of this latter offer is \$235 for the CDT exam and \$275 for each of the other exams.** The CDT exam, which must be passed before any further certifications are given, can be taken electronically in the Burlington area at the Prometric testing center in Williston. CSI offers the CDT at computerized testing locations throughout the U.S. twice a year. The next exam window is Sept. 21-26, 2009. Early registration for the exam, by July 21, 2009, is required to take advantage of this initiative.

To register for an exam, go to [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org) and click on 'Certification'. Please contact President Bob Maurer at [bobm@gordonswd.com](mailto:bobm@gordonswd.com) for more information on this opportunity, and to sign up.

We look forward to seeing you get involved!

## 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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## Certifications CDT Study Group

A study group to prepare for the upcoming CDT exam in late September is being planned by Chapter President Bob Maurer. As many chapter members can attest, a study group is invaluable in preparing to take the exam. Interested parties should contact Bob at [bobm@gordonswd.com](mailto:bobm@gordonswd.com) for more information.

## 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. Typically the monthly meeting is held on the first Tuesday of each month. Contact incoming President Bob Maurer at [bobm@gordonswd.com](mailto:bobm@gordonswd.com) for more information or to let us know that you can come...thanks!

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## MasterFormat 2004 Completing Transition

The Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) announced that the organization will cease to license and support MasterFormat 95 as of December 31, 2009.

"Now that the new edition has been widely accepted by the industry, we felt it was time to complete the transition to **MasterFormat 2004**," said CSI Executive Director and CEO Walter Marlowe, P.E., CSI, CAE. "As a result, CSI and Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) will no longer support MasterFormat 95 after December 31, 2009."

In 2004, CSI and CSC introduced the most significant updates to MasterFormat since the standard was introduced in the 1960s. To meet the industry's changing needs, MasterFormat™ 2004 edition features an expanded structure, increasing the number of divisions from 16 to 50, and replaces the five-digit system from previous editions with a six-digit system. It was expanded to accommodate the many new technologies and building practices introduced since its inception and to provide more complete coverage for all types of construction projects.

Many high-profile public agencies, companies, A/E firms, consultants and others have made the switch to the latest edition of MasterFormat, but there are still organizations that have not made the transition. Using two different versions of MasterFormat makes it difficult to correctly classify work results and communicate project information.

For more information on MasterFormat, please visit [www.masterformat.com](http://www.masterformat.com).

MasterFormat 2004 edition is available for purchase on the Web site. Access to real-time updates, a transition guide and a tool to convert MasterFormat 95 numbers to the latest version also are available.

## Certifications News

### *Newly Certified Chapter Members*

The chapter would like to recognize two members who took and passed a CSI certification exam this spring, to add to their credentials. Congratulations to Vermont Chapter members **William 'Sandy' Fead, CDT**, and **Rebecca Leet, CCCA!**

Both were able to take advantage of the chapter's offer to reimburse members for passing a new certification. Rebecca had previously been certified as CDT and CCS. Sandy meanwhile, had previously helped teach the chapter study sessions for the CDT, and we finally managed to convince him to take the exam himself.

This offer has been continued for the next fiscal year, take advantage today! The next round of exams is in late September; early registration deadline is July 21, 2009.

## Free Webinar - GreenFormat

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- A product's data is displayed in a spec-friendly result, organized by the industry's standards for construction documentation.
- FREE to the design community searching for products – Manufacturers pay a nominal fee for inclusion.
- Developed by CSI – GreenFormat works with CSI's other leading standards for construction documentation, including MasterFormat 2004.

Designers: Learn how GreenFormat structures data and makes finding products easier! CSI will offer FREE webinar on July 9 at 1pm ET.

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## Volunteering Opportunity for Intermediate Members

The Vermont Chapter is always looking for new and enthusiastic volunteers to help keep our organization running smoothly. Would you or someone in your company or firm like the chance to help shape our chapter? The opportunities for networking and becoming more involved in the Vermont construction industry/community are now at hand!

We are seeking individuals to join one or more of our chapter committees and actively participate in the chapter's activities and educational offerings. The opportunity is ideal for those who are relatively new to the construction industry who would like to get a better idea of the local goings-on through participation.

Some of the committees currently looking for assistance are:

- Finance Committee (i.e. assistant treasurer)
- Programs Committee (sponsors and educational offerings)
- Publications Committee (newsletter & chapter communications)
- Awards (Outstanding Chapter Commendation submittal)
- and more!

Please contact Chapter President Bob Maurer at [bobm@gordonswd.com](mailto:bobm@gordonswd.com) if you or someone you know would like to get involved.

If you or your volunteer is an Intermediate CSI member, or is not yet a member but new to the construction industry workforce, please inquire about incentives for active membership. We may have a deal you can't refuse!

## Chapter Awards Banquet 2009



Two-term Vermont Chapter President John Ostrum, FY08-09, kicks off the award presentations after dinner.

Accomplished awards recipient Jonathan Miller, receiving the Chapter President's Appreciation award, has his presentation pose down pat!



Chapter Vice President John Kamencik gets a laugh...

Making the rounds of the tables for pre-dinner conversation



Past-President Victoria Rickert with incoming Chapter President Bob Maurer

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## **June Board Meeting Summary**

This is but a summary; the full text of the 6/2/09 meeting minutes is available from the Chapter Secretary.

- Victoria commented on how successful this year's programs were and how that is primarily due to John Ostrum's leadership and hard work.
- Victoria spoke about membership committee and directed everyone to the CSI website where information is available on many aspects of the chapter. Chapter's current membership is 73, down 4 from a prior membership of 77.
- Roger raised the issue of what is the value of outreach to students and a great discussion ensued. It was agreed that we should start the outreach effort earlier in the year and we should also survey the students at the end of the year to better understand CSI's value to them.
- Jonathan noted that NCARB now officially recognizes the CDT, CCS, CCCA, for IDP credit towards licensure.
- Jonathan gave an update on certification. We had two members pass this year.
- Programs Committee - John Ostrum suggested for our first program of 2009/2010 that we hold a field-trip based tradeshow and program on biomass heating.
- Jonathan Miller gave an update on the progress of the green wood specification and the board voted to fund an additional \$1,000 to the Vermont Sustainable Jobs Fund (VSJF) towards the finalization of that series of guide specifications. The Chapter had previously given the VSJF \$1,000 as part of their initial kickoff to get the Green wood specifications started in 2008.

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## Upcoming CSI Interactive Webinars Schedule

CSI's Webinar program is designed specifically for busy professionals. These 60-90-minute interactive telephone/internet seminars provide you with the opportunity to learn more about industry issues without having to leave your office.

- See materials, hear an instructor, and ask questions in real time!
- Earn Credit: Most sessions qualify for .15 CSI Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and 1.5 AIA Learning Unit (LU) Hours.
- Cost PER SITE: **\$75 CSI members / \$95 non-members**

Because participants are charged per site/telephone connection—not per person—a group can split the cost of a session registration! CSI members are encouraged to share a session (and the CSI member discount) with co-workers, other members, and guests from other firms. Invite your colleagues to join you for this seminar at no additional charge. [Register Now!](#)

Space is limited for sites and individuals registering and is on a first-come-first-serve basis. All Registrations must be received at least 48 hours prior to the Webinar. Telephone dial-in and web log-in instructions will be forwarded to you 24 hours prior to event. A sampling of upcoming topics:

- ❑ **7/7/2009 – How the Courts Interpret Specifications**  
Tuesday July 7, 2009; 2:00-3:30pm (ET)  
Gerald Katz, Esq. – *Katz & Stone, L.L.P.*
- ❑ **7/14/2009 – Change Order Basics – Fundamentals of Construction Contract Modification**  
Tuesday July 14, 2009; 2:00-3:30pm (ET)  
Bryan Jackson – *Editor, Green Building Update*
- ❑ **7/16/2009 – Resolving BIM Hardware, Software, and People-ware Issues**  
Thursday July 16, 2009; 2:00-3:30pm (ET)  
Willem Kymmell – *Cal State Univ. Chico*
- ❑ **7/23/2009 – The Art & Science of Polished Concrete**  
Thursday July 23, 2009; 2:00-3:00pm (ET) (1 hr)  
David Loe, CSI – *Pres., Lythic Solutions*
- ❑ **9/17/2009 – Green Building Envelope Design**  
Thursday Sep. 17, 2009; 2:00-3:00pm (ET) (1 hr)  
Maria Spinu, PhD, CSI, LEED-AP

For more information on these programs and others, and how to register, visit the [Event Registration](#) page at [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org).

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## CONSTRUCT 2009 CSI Convention In Indianapolis

Thousands of CSI members gathered in Indianapolis in June for CONSTRUCT2009 & The CSI Annual Convention. This year's Opening General Session featured Mark Mulqueen, from The Boeing Company, who discussed what it took to design, build and assemble the largest, most complex international scientific project in history -- the International Space Station.

CSI members found time among the educational sessions to network, trade ideas, and share a few laughs about the day-to-day obstacles of construction. (Check out CSI's How Not To Screw Up podcast series for more entertainment!)

The week ended with CSI's Annual Meeting and Member Forum. President Gilman Hu, FCSI, AIA, his successor, President-elect Mike Davis, FCSI, CDT, next year's President-elect Dennis Hall, FCSI, CCS, CCA, SCIP, FAIA, and CSI Executive Director Walt Marlowe, PE, CSI, CAE, took questions together. CSI also awarded first place in the Student Design Competition to University of Tennessee Knoxville. In this year's competition, students designed a Segway enclosure using a standard kit of parts and then built it in the exhibit hall at CONSTRUCT2009.

During the annual gala, CSI elevated nine members to Fellows of the Institute and in a moving tribute, recognized the posthumous elevation of former CSI President Gary Betts, Lifetime Member, FCSI, CCS, to Distinguished Member, CSI's highest honor.

## Selected CSI Webcasts Now Available On-Demand

CSI has adapted some of its Webinar Series into webcasts available on-demand.

CSI On-Demand Webinars are education sessions that provide convenient, quality learning at an affordable price; you will be able to see materials, hear an instructor and earn continuing education credit. Courses qualify for CSI Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and AIA Learning Units (LUs). Check the course descriptions for details.

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## FY2008-09 Vermont Chapter CSI Events

*Plans for programs in FY2010 are being formulated;  
watch for updates in this space and via e-mail!*

**Jun. 11, 2009** Annual Vermont Chapter CSI Awards Banquet  
Grand Isle Lake House, Grand Isle VT  
6:00pm- -----

Apr. 16, 2009 2009 VT CSI Green & Sustainable Conference:  
Disaster Survivability for Buildings  
*Sustainable Solutions for Surviving Systems outages*  
Full-day Conference & Trade Fair  
Doubletree Hotel, S. Burlington VT

Mar. 2009 Vermont CSI Luncheon  
*What CSI offers Student Members*  
at Vermont Technical College

Jan 22, 2009 Wood Specifications & Drawings  
*Revised & Expanded Green Wood Spec Suite*  
*and Effective Architecural & Shop Drawings For*  
*Architects and Woodworkers*  
Jonathan Miller, FCSI, *JMMa Specs*  
11:00am-2:00pm, Doubletree Hotel, S. Burlington VT

Dec. 4, 2008 Forensic Engineering  
With SEAVT  
David Biggs, *Ryan & Biggs Consulting Engineers*  
11:00am-2:00pm, Doubletree Hotel, S. Burlington VT

May 22, 2008 Vermont Chapter CSI 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Celebration & Awards Banquet  
At the Basin Harbor Club  
Vergennes, VT ; 4:00-9:00pm

April 24, 2008 Green & Sustainable Conference  
Green Spaces: Balancing the Natural & Built  
Environments  
at the Hilton Hotel & Conference Center,  
Battery Street in downtown Burlington, VT

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Contributions to the newsletter are welcome, and should be submitted to the editor by the 24<sup>th</sup> 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

## **New Members Welcome!**

**18** new Members for FY'09

### May 2009

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## **CSI On The WWW**

The Vermont Chapter CSI website can be found at [www.csivermont.org](http://www.csivermont.org) . Lots of useful features are available, including online registration for chapter programs ; chapter documents ; members ; and much more. Bookmark it today and keep track of chapter happenings over the www!

### *North East Region*

The North East Region CSI website can be found at [www.neregioncsi.org](http://www.neregioncsi.org) . See what the other chapters in the area are doing, and what the Region has to offer!

### *Institute - National*

The mothership national CSI website, CSINet can be found at [www.csinet.org](http://www.csinet.org) . An immensely useful resource for anything and everything CSI, including certification, educational resources, information on MasterFormat and other organizational formats, news feeds, leader resources, and much, much more!

## **VT Stats as of May 31<sup>st</sup> :**

Total VT Chapter Members	<b>73</b>
Associate:	<b>11</b> (15.1%)
Industry:	<b>18</b> (24.7%)
Intermediate:	<b>1</b> (1.4%)
Prof Emeritus:	<b>3</b> (4.1%)
Professional:	<b>21</b> (28.8%)
Student:	<b>19</b> (26.0%)