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January

CSI Houston Chapter Meeting

2010 Houston Commercial Construction Forecast



Pat Kiley, Principal with Kiley Advisors, LLC, Houston, TX will be the guest speaker for the January CSI Houston Chapter meeting.

Plan to attend to get Pat's forecast for the Houston's commercial construction market for the coming year.

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President's Message

by Don Ude, CSI,

Well here it is January 2010 already. Let me wish all of you a Happy and Prosperous New year. We hope that the economic crisis is lifting and projects and hiring are on the increase to make 2010 a better year for all of us.



As I brought up in my message in the October newsletter the Board of Directors and I have identified various items as goals to achieve or address in this year of our terms. I will recap a few of those items and give you an update as to their progress.

We have been stressing the status of the economy in almost every meeting and newsletter. It is without a doubt the item which affects our business in every way we turn. Some predictions have been made saying we are coming out of the recession and others say we have a long way to go. It remains to be seen just who is right but the end can't come soon enough. Enough of my harping about this matter, I can only hope we all pull together and see our way through.

Just to update everyone on a few of our goals. The new Board for our CSI Foundation is making great strides to be able to present a scholarship or scholarships this coming spring. Through the work of Mr. Frank Bain, he and his Board have reviewed their By-Laws and have outlined their criteria for persons applying for the scholarships. We look forward to their announcement of recruiting the candidates and the selection of those parties receiving the scholarship rewards.

As a point of information, please be aware of the new CDT classes beginning in January. These classes are very important in today's economy when companies do not have the time nor money for offer on the job training, it is a benefit to capture the training offered by these courses at a minimal cost. Please look for the announcement and sign-up information included in this issue or contact Holly Jordan at (713) 366-0320 for more information.

Our Holiday Casino Party was a success considering the inclement weather that was predicted. All those in attendance seemed to enjoy themselves. We look forward to receiving a Treasurers report as to the profits that were made. Had the weather been better, I'm sure more people would have been in attendance. I thank Mr. Rick French for the hard work in putting this event together along with his committee members especially Di Ann



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Reid. A special round of thanks goes to Mr. Lance McHaney for his generous support in making this a success.

One other item of note to update, Mr. Justin Boone our Chairman of the Academic Affairs has been working with several of the Universities to re-establish Student Affiliate Chapters. The only one that has participated in the last few years has been Prairie View A & M. It is our goal to bring more students into the knowledge of our organization. We will invite them to our meetings and hopefully get an affiliate Chapter re-instated at these schools.

TABLE TOP DISPLAYS

At each monthly meeting, the Chapter encourages Industry Members to provide a table top display of their products and services for the inspection and education of those attending the meeting.

The table top display is also encouraged to be presented during the social hour and after the program for any questions by attendees.

The presentation fee for this time is \$100 for members and \$150 for non-members.

Attention CSI Chapter Presidents, Membership Chairmen & Certification Chairmen! CDT, CCS Classes Will Begin Soon!

*By Holly Jordan, CSI, CCS &
Di Ann Reid CSI CCS, CCCA, LEED AP*

Last week, packets were mailed to all chapter certification chairs containing the CDT Membership Package forms (http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/docs/17500/17494.pdf) for you to distribute to non-members enrolled in your chapter CDT prep classes or to any non-member interested in CSI certification and membership.

CSI is offering a promotion **through CSI chapters** to CDT exam candidates. Through this promotion, candidates will receive a **20% discount** package on:

- **Professional, Industry or Associate membership**
- **The Spring 2010 CDT early registration rate**
- **A copy of the Project Resource Manual (PRM)**

CDT candidates must go through a CSI Chapter to get this discount! The goal of this program is to grow your chapter and your CDT program. It will only be available through chapters. **The promotion will end January 29, 2010.**

EXAM DATE: March 29-April 3, 2010

Non-members wishing to register for the CDT exam are being encouraged to contact a chapter to obtain the CDT Membership Package form (http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/docs/17500/17494.pdf) from you. Feel free to forward the CDT-Membership Package form to potential members to whom you have spoken. The goal is to have potential members contact you for the form, and then get involved in your chapter—invite them to your next chapter meeting or event!

This package is available to non-members only and is not good for renewals. It is however, applicable to those who have lapsed in membership for more than one year. Participants must purchase the entire package—individual items cannot be selected at 20% off.

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CSI Houston Chapter Membership Report

By Tim McGonagle, CSI, CDT

Happy New Year to the entire CSI Houston Chapter, we had challenging year membership wise in 2009. Our chapter has went from 204 members to about 172 members. There is good news here; CSI's fiscal year ends in June, as of today we are on track to hit our 2010 goal of 4% growth. This is great news and our chapter is one of only 49 chapters across the country to be on track to do this. Let's keep up the good work, as a co-worker, associate, student or friend to join today!

We would like to introduce our new member's from June 09", they are as follows:

Tammy Crichlow	Risher Lewis
Tim LaBorde	Alex Bernard
Woodie Baker	Tim Louis
David Ellis	Craig Stevens
Bianca Paul	

Please take some time to welcome these new members.

Our chapter is comprised of the following:

Member Type:
Total: 179 (100%)
Associate: 23 (12.8%)
Ind Emeritus: 1 (0.6%)
Industry: 58 (32.4%)
Intermediate: 16 (8.9%)
Prof Emeritus: 1 (0.6%)
Prof Lifetime: 1 (0.6%)
Prof Retired: 1 (0.6%)
Professional: 73 (40.8%)
Student: 5 (2.8%)

If you know of a college student that would benefit from a CSI membership, the fee's are extremely affordable and would give any prospective architect or specification writer a leg up on their career.

Lastly, the Membership Committee (that's me!) is looking for someone who is interested in getting more involved in our CSI Chapter. It is a great way to meet many of the members while helping build your career and help our chapter. If interested please send me an email to tim.mcgonagle@basf.com or call me at 281 743 2311.

Kind regards,

Tim McGonagle

CSI Houston Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

Location: HESS Building
5430 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas
November 23, 2009

Present: Betsy Finch, Bill Fairbanks, Brett Wilbur, Di Ann Reid, Don Smith, Don Ude, Frank Bain, Gary Shirley, Harold Woolard, Holly Jordan, James Sandoz, Lisa Murray, Mark Koehler

President Don Ude called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m. The October Board Meeting Minutes were amended with the correction to the time the meeting was called to order. The correct time was 4:00 p.m. The October Board Meeting Minutes, as corrected, were approved.

REPORTS

Member Services: James Sandoz

Programs: James reviewed the upcoming programs and reported he is working on arranging a tour for the March or April meeting.

Membership: Tim McGonagle.

No Report

Awards: Amy Salmeron

No report.

Finance/Administration: Bob Cook

No Report

Treasurer's Report: Harold Woolard

Harold reported there were no expenses to be paid this month. He mentioned there will be expenses next month for the holiday party and that an insurance payment will be due.

Table Top Display: Don Smith

Don mentioned there were two table top displays for the meeting tonight.

Public Services: Lisa Murray

Lisa reported she would like to test the systems with the January planning meeting by having everyone RSVP to both. She also stated that she would like to have the system working for all members starting with the February meeting.

Golf Tournament: Tom Atwell

No Report

SPEC.tectonics: Don Smith

Don reported the November issue had been posted.

Electronic Communications: Jerry Abendroth

No report.

Public Relations: Tanner Spears

No Report

Professional Development: Brett Wilbur

No report.

Continuing Education: Mark Koehler

No Report

Academic Affairs: Justin Boone

Brett Wilbur reported he received an email from Justin stating he is working on a brochure that will list the benefits of CSI to students and also that he has been in contact with Prairie View A&M and Rice. Brett also mentioned he passed on to Justin contact information for the University of Houston.

Certification: Holly Jordan

Holly reported the next CDT exam window is from March 29, 2010 to April 03, 2010. Early registration deadline is January 29, 2010 and final registration is February 26, 2010. Discussion followed regarding how much to charge for the study classes and where to hold the classes. A motion to keep the cost the same, \$75.00 for members and \$100.00 for non-members, was made by Brett Wilbur and seconded by Bill Fairbanks, approved by the Board. Frank Bain offered his location to hold classes. Also discussed was putting together a handbook for the students to go along with the slides from SpecGuy. Don Smith mentioned providing a disc in place of the handbook.

Technical Committee: Brett Wilbur

No Report

Scholarship: Frank Bain

Frank mentioned he will provide scholarship information to Don Smith. Don will run an article regarding the scholarship in the January, February and March issues of the newsletter.

New Business:

Holiday Party/Casino Night Update: Rick French

No Report

New Directory: Gary Shirley

Gary reported that the directory will be completed in the next week or two. Discussion followed concerning distribution electronically, password access and printing a hard copy. Gary will check with A&E about printing a hard copy.

CTE/Seminars: Di Ann Reid, Don Smith

Di Ann reported that the AGC may not be the right space. Discussion followed regarding other locations and Di Ann will look into possible options.

By-Law Revision Committee:

No report.

Historian and CIC Delegate: Di Ann Reid

Di Ann mentioned at this time Dan Bankhead wants to stay involved. Discussion followed concerning the possibility of needing a replacement and finding a replacement from an engineering firm.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Betsy Finch, CSI
Chapter Secretary

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“Strictly SMITH-ly”

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New Opportunities

The outlook for the coming year is likely upbeat, but subdued.

It is hardly a time for popping corks, especially when each of us know so many that are still struggling from layoffs.

All of us have suffered to some extent, but I can help thinking about those that are less fortunate.

Economists are talking about the economy turning the corner soon, but I can't stop thinking about the 6 million or so people that are out of work. A lot of lives have been turned upside down. If you know of someone that has had their lives affected by the economy, please reach out and let them know that they have survived adversity before as they will now and that their friends are thinking of them in their hour of need.

This is the time that networking can be the most effective way to reach out and give a hand when needed the most. If you know of an opening, either temporary or permanent, you might consider spending a few minutes thinking of those that might be a good fit and passing the lead along to someone in need.

Networking with other individuals in the construction industry helps you keep in touch and keep on top of opportunities that will improve your business.

If your contacts in your network are large and you know of those in need, pass along that name and employment need to others in your network. The members of your personal network are more than likely to also have large networks of individuals that may have an immediate need for those that you know. This is the best way to reach out and give someone a hand when it is needed the most.

... Just My Opinion

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