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May CSI Houston Chapter Meeting Program

CSI SectionFormat 2008

By

Peter Jordan, AIA, CSI, CCS, LEED AP

On May 24th, Mr. J. Peter Jordan, AIA, CSI, CCS, LEED™ AP, will be speaking about *SectionFormat™ 2008*.

There have been several changes with the most recent update to CSI's *SectionFormat™* and many people are wondering what it's all about.

Mr. Jordan will reveal the most important changes to the system and give some insightful tips on how to transition to the new format.

Coming in June . . .

Please help us celebrate our Chapter's 52nd year by honoring and recognizing the many contributions and accomplishments of our members and the chapter over the past year.

We will also install our new officers and help them kick off the upcoming year.

This years annual awards banquet and ceremony will be held Monday evening June 28, 2010 at the HESS club.

Social Hour begins at 5:30
\$35.00 per person

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May 2010

President's Message

by Don Ude, CSI

I attended the Regional Conference Meeting in Oklahoma City April 23 to April 25. It was a great opportunity to get with Presidents of the South Central Region to discuss problems and successes of the various Chapters. To begin our meetings the keynote speaker was Mr. Walter Marlowe. Mr. Marlowe is the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Construction Specifications Institute.



Mr. Marlowe welcomed us and briefed us on the various happenings in and around the Institute. He was most proud of the new website that CSI has brought on line recently. He asked that we have all our members visit the site and review the information which is offered. For those who have been regular visitors you will notice some things have changed in the headings categories but Walter suggested that you click through the headings and get familiar with the site. He believes it has been simplified and more user friendly. I invite you to view the site and pass along any comments to the Institute.

Walter brought many statistics to our attention with regards to the membership levels. He made specific effort to encourage us to bring younger members into the fold. This especially is true with the "Emerging Professional", one who has been in the field for less than five years. It was noted that 60% of the CSI membership is over the age of 50. 18% of the membership is less than the age of 40. That means that 82% of the total membership is over the age of 40. Where are the younger members to take positions of leadership in the years to come? We must start attracting more of these Emerging Professionals if the organization is going to survive.

It was noted that in the new electronic age it is necessary to adapt to the new ways the younger generations use in their everyday life. Among these options are "Facebook", "Linkedin" and "Twitter". These sources of social networking have become a part of the "Emerging

Professional's "everyday activities and are used in turn for business purposes.

To reach out to these individuals, the Institute has initiated a new Chapter on the internet called CSINext. This new Chapter is the Institutes first worldwide virtual chapter, meeting place, education center and so much more. This is indeed a CSI chapter and is also a gathering place, sounding board and incubator for grassroots ideas and practices, a crossroads for issues and problem solver and a conduit which will allow the Institute to become a truly global organization. I invite all members to visit the new site which is www.CSINext.org.

In our Board meeting held on Sunday morning, each Chapter gave their report as to the status of members and activities within the Chapter. It was noted that the San Antonio Chapter which three years ago was nearly defunct, has reorganized and become a very active chapter. Everyone shared their concerns about levels of membership with this current economy.

In closing I want to remind everyone that the CSI Convention is in Philadelphia this year and it takes place on May 11 thru the 14th. The show known as "Construct 2010" will be held at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia. All members are welcome.

P.S. Kathleen Liles has graciously donated a projector for use at CSI Houston Chapter meetings. Thank you Kathleen.

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Happy birthday Harold and best wishes for a speedy recovery!

Ed.



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CSI Houston Chapter Board Meeting Minutes

Location: HESS Building
5430 Westheimer Road, Houston, Texas
April 26, 2010

Present: Amy Salmeron, Betsy Finch, Bill Fairbanks, Bob Cook, Brett Wilbur, Christopher Quinten, Chuck Vojtech, Di Ann Reid, Don Smith, Don Ude, Doug Frank, Holly Jordan, James Sandoz, Kathleen Liles, Lance McHaney, Lisa Murray, Mark Koehler, Tanner Spears, Tom Atwell

President Don Ude called the meeting to order at 4:10 a.m.

The April 2010 Board Meeting minutes were approved, as amended.

REPORTS

Member Services: James Sandoz

Programs: James Sandoz

James reported Christopher Quinten will be the chair for the Programs Committee and Janet Babineaux will assist Christopher.

Membership: Chuck Vojtech.

No report.

Awards: Amy Salmeron

Amy reported she has the awards list and Chuck has provided information on where to purchase.

Finance/Administration: Bob Cook

Bob reported the bank balance is approximately \$8,840 and that he is handling the checking account at this time. He mentioned he needs to meet with Harold to review the budget list to clarify certain line items.

Treasurer's Report: Harold Woolard

No report.

Table Top Display: Don Smith

Don reported two tabletop displays reserved for the April chapter meeting and one display reserved for the July meeting .

Public Services: Lisa Murray

Lisa discussed the Constant Contact RSVP test she ran, features of the program, monthly cost. The cost is \$10.50 per month for the RSVP service, total \$21.00 per month for Constant Contact. She also mentioned csi@ymail.com will still be available to use if someone is having trouble with Constant Contact. Lisa would like to have the RSVP available for the May meeting. Bob Cook "moved that we adopt the Constant Contact RSVP for our online RSVP service". Motion was seconded and approved .

Golf Tournament: Tom Atwell

Tom reported Holly Jordan will be handling the golf tournament and he will meet with her in the near future to discuss .

SPEC.tectonics: Don Smith

Don reported the April issue had been posted to the website. He also mentioned he is working on the May issue, that he still needs some information such as the president's message and he has received a new ad listing to include in the newsletter.

Electronic Communications: Jerry Abendroth

Lisa stated that the new national website and our links are not correct and she will ask Jerry to check on it.

Professional Development: Brett Wilbur

Brett reported he was supposed to receive funds from Barry Norwood, Prairie View A&M Career Fair Day, but hasn't.

Continuing Education: Mark Koehler

No report.

Academic Affairs: Justin Boone

No report.

Public Relations: Tanner Spears

Tanner reported our CSI monthly chapter meeting notice has been posted in Construction News.

Certification: Holly Jordan

Holly stated she will email the class information for the upcoming certification to Don Smith to include in the newsletter.

Technical Committee: Brett Wilbur

Brett reported the second part of his article has not been published and he is checking on the status.

Scholarship: Frank Bain

Don Ude reported three candidates have been approved for scholarships and the presentations will be made at the awards banquet. Two scholarships are for \$1,500 each and one is for \$2,000. Also Brett will assume the position of treasurer for the Foundation.

New Business:

Sandcastle Competition: Brett Wilbur

Brett reported no one had stepped up for the sandcastle competition and that a suggestion was made at the April planning meeting to take the funds appropriated for the sandcastle competition and use them for the awards banquet. Brett "moved to take the \$200.00 from the sandcastle competition and apply the funds to the awards banquet". Motion was seconded and approved.

Awards Banquet

Holly suggested getting a group together to make decorations for the banquet. Brett "moved to have Holly's girl scout troop make the decorations". Motion was seconded and approved. Board members discussed whether past presidents should have to pay to attend the awards banquet. Past presidents and spouses were not charged in the past. Bob Cook "moved to not pay for past presidents, only pay for retired past presidents". Motion was seconded and approved.

CTE/Seminars: Di Ann Reid

Di Ann reported the CTE was scheduled for May 5th at the Crown Plaza/Brookhollow. Four rooms were reserved, four sessions scheduled from 9 AM to 3 PM. The cost to the individual is \$75 for the four sessions, including lunch. The guarantee to the hotel was for 50. The expenses could run \$2,500 for the four rooms and lunch and other items including tips, coffee. There is one commitment for a product table at a cost of \$200. Discussion from the board members followed concerning the date only one week away and if there would be enough time to get the notice out. Bob Cook "moved to proceed with the date and allocate \$2,500 for the CTE Expo". Motion failed. Doug Frank "moved to approve \$2,500 to fund the CTE Expo at a date to be determined". Motion seconded and approved. Don Smith will notify Robert Popp with Division 7 Solutions of the change and Lisa Murray will also notify CSI members.

Houston Election Slate:

The proposed slate of officers that was emailed to the membership was voted on and elected.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by

Betsy Finch, CSI, Chapter Secretary

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“Strictly SMITH-ly”

by Donald F. Smith, Jr., CSI CCS AIA LEED AP

CSI MasterFormat 1995 Obituary

At the CSI CONSTRUCT2009 show last year, CSI recommended that support and licensing for the 1995 MasterFormat be discontinued at the end of 2009. This statement is in keeping with the five year transition to MF2004.

If you have been following the CSI Forum on this topic (http://www.csinet.org/s_csi/sec_forums.asp?CID=11&DID=11&ForumId=12&TopicId=997) you will notice that there are a number of both public and private institutions that are resisting this change as they do not see any benefit. Change is difficult for all, but time waits for no man. The older the antiquated unsupported standards become, the more likely their use will bring inaccuracies into new work. It does not really matter whether you are an owner, facilities manager, architect, engineer, or contractor, the risk of inaccuracies and omissions will increase with the age of the information used.

The change from the five to six number and the reorganization of subject matter in MF2004 was necessary to permit specific locations and a more logical location for construction subject matter. All of these MF2004 changes tie into both the National CAD Standard and OCCS.

These changes were necessary to permit the process of Building Information Modeling to move forward. Part of the process of growing is accepting the changeover to MF2004 and adopting its principles. The major goal of MF2004 is improving search accuracy.

It is not perfect by any means, but is a very good start. And as we all begin to use it and comment on its foibles, it will grow and improve, just as we will by using it.

Only by using it will we all benefit by creating and improving the structural framework for the tying of drawings and specifications electronically to all of the construction material, product, and cost estimating, and facilities management data for a project, a campus, a city, and beyond.


Let's move forward together!

... Just My Opinion

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