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PROGRAM:

PLACE:

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5430 Westheimer

TIME:

5:30 P.M. (Registration and
mixer)

6:00 P.M. (Evening Meal
and Meeting)

DATE:

MONDAY,
APRIL 28, 2011

COST:

\$30.00 Per Person; Free to
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April CSI Houston Chapter Meeting

Characteristic and Installation of Thin Natural Stone

Our speaker for April will be Mr. Dirk Quartermont, Business Development Manager with CooperStone Corp.

Special thanks to Robert Byrne for helping to fill the April vacancy.

Mr. Quartermont will be presenting the topic "Characteristics, Uses & Installation of Natural Thin Stone". Learning objectives include the following:

1. Understanding Natural Thin Stone as a Construction Material
2. Knowing the appropriate material uses, function & features
3. Applying appropriate Building Design Knowing Installation Techniques

This presentation qualifies for both an HSW (Health, Safety & Welfare) credit and an SD (Sustainable Design) credit.

Hope to see you there.

Coming in May . . .

Heidi Bouley of Parex USA (EIFS) will give a presentation at the May CSI Houston Chapter meeting

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April 2011

President's Message

by **Thomas Atwell, CSI, CDT, AIA**

I have just returned from our spring region conference that was held in Tulsa, Oklahoma. CSI Houston was well represented at the event with seven members attending. 2011 is the 50th anniversary of the CSI South Central Region, as well as the 50th anniversary of the Tulsa Chapter and the Austin Chapter. Tulsa did a fantastic job in putting on a great conference. Things started off on Thursday with a golf tournament (Carl Mezroth's Team won an award). Friday we had several speakers prior to lunch and education sessions afterwards. Friday evening was the April Fool's Ball with dinner and dancing. Saturday was more geared to CSI Leadership discussions and workshops, SC Region Awards and a conference debriefing. Sunday morning was set aside for the Region Board Meeting for the official handling of South Central Region business. Frank Fuller reported that the region is in good shape financially, and the budget for next year was voted on and approved. Officers for next year were elected: President - Kathleen Liles, President-Elect - Rick Lueb, Vice-President - Holly Jordan, Secretary - Bill Odle-Kemp, and Treasurer - Frank Fuller. The Houston Chapter should be well represented for the next few years with this election slate. Also on the agenda was the confirmation of our own Dorothy Gumm Denison as Institute Director. Chapter president's reports were skipped over, but since I prepared one, I have attached a copy below for those who have been out of touch for the last year and need an update. The association and organizations that your contacts belong to can be a gold mine of construction industry information on individuals and professional society news.



There were two attendees at the conference from the CSI National Institute; Walter Marlowe, Institute Executive Director & CEO, and Joy Davis, Communications & Web Community Manag-

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er. They were both very good at providing a shot in the arm for the chapter leaders and well a being good listeners to those who wanted to vent a little. Walter brought us up to date on current Institute activities. One of Joy's topics was the CSI Mission Statement and Value Proposition. Just as a reminder, the CSI Mission is as follows:

CSI's mission is to advance building information management and to educate project teams to improve facility performance.

Her point was that we need to keep focused on our mission and not lose track of it. It is easy to go off on a tangent and end up completely off target. I would like you all to read this and then write your own version of the CSI Mission. Another drill that was also discussed was to compose your elevator speech; what do you tell someone when describing CSI in only a minute or less.

Another topic that Joy spoke about was the way CSI is currently thinking about programs and marketing: WHY - HOW - WHAT.

Why - We improve construction communication. (OUR MISSION)

How - We do this through education, certification, standards and formats and a human network to teach people how to communicate.

What - We develop the Practice Guides, the CDT exam, chapters, etc.

In Joy's words, "this is the closest thing CSI has to a silver bullet to offer leaders, because no matter what kind of challenges your chapter is facing, this will help."

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Houston CIC Report

By Di Ann Hassloch, CSI ,CCS, CCCA, LEED AP

New Construction Codes—Effective 12/31/2010. On November 3rd, City Council approved the 2006 Code Package to adopt updated Construction Codes. The 2006 International Building Code is the basis for the revised code. The new amendments are available at http://documents.publicworks.houstontx.gov/documents/divisions/planning/enforcement/06_ibc_amendments.pdf They are not currently available for purchase.

Texas Adopts New Energy Code 2009 IECC effective April 1st, 2011. The major points to be guided by for the building envelope are:

- All commercial projects will need insulated glass. No more monolithic exceptions for small window to wall ratios.
- All commercial projects will need to exhibit an SHGC (Solar Heat Gain Coefficient) of .25 or less. This is a major revision and improvement to save energy for our building owners. There are exceptions for projection factors i.e. shading.

As published in the Texas Register today: ADOPTED RULES June 4, 2010 35 TexReg 4727

Current codes in the City of Houston include the following:

- **Building Code:** 2006 IBC with Houston Amendments.
- **Residential Code:** 2006 IRC with Houston Amendments.
- **Electrical Code:** 2008 NEC with Houston Amendments—3rd Printing.
- **Mechanical Code:** 2006 UMC with Houston Amendments.
- **Plumbing Code:** 2006 UPC with Houston Amendments.
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CSI BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Houston Chapter CSI

Location: HESS Building - 5430 Westheimer - Houston, TX
February 28, 2011

Present: Betsy Finch, Bill Fairbanks, Bob Cook, Chuck Vojtech, Don Smith, Don Ude, Doug Frank, Frank Bain, Holly Jordan, James Sandoz, Mark Koehler, Mollie Striednig, Tom Atwell

President Tom Atwell called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m.
The January 2011 Board Meeting Minutes were approved.

REPORTS -

Member Services: James Sandoz

Programs: Janet Babineaux

No report.

Membership: Chuck Vojtech/Chris Jones

No report.

Awards: Amy Salmeron

No report.

Finance/Administration: Don Smith

Treasurer's Report: Harold Woolard/Bob Cook

Bob reported the combined checking account/CD account balance at \$19,469.39.

Table Top Display: Holly Jordan

One table top display reserved by Robert Burn for the February meeting and one table top display reserved for March by Georgia Pacific/Dens Glass Gold.

Public Services: LIsa Murray

Golf Tournament: Holly Jordan

Holly reported the date is tentatively set for October 10, 2011 at Oakhurst Golf Course, monthly committee meetings will begin soon.

SPEC.tectonics: Don Smith

Don reported that there was no newsletter for the month of February due to lack of information.

Electronic Communications: Jerry Abendroth

Tom reported that Lisa, Jerry and he met to discuss the future of the CSI website. The decision was made to leave Classic Labs as the CSI webhost due to unreliable service. They decided that an open source software (Joomla) would be used to develop the new site and Jerry and Lisa would build the site. Also decided on Bluehost as the new webhosting company and Jerry will handle the termination of the CSI agreement with Classic Labs. The time frame for the new site to be up and running is the end of April.

Public Relations: Tanner Spears

No report.

Professional Development: Mark Koehler

Continuing Education: Mark Koehler

No report.

Academic Affairs: Mollie Striednig

Mollie reported she met with close to 100 students at Prairie View A&M during the Career Day program. She mentioned Barry Norwood is encouraging the students to get involved with CSI.

Certification: Holly Jordan

No report.

Technical Committee: J Peter Jordan

No report.

Scholarships: Frank Bain

Frank reported he had received three complete applications and four partial applications for the scholarship program. Application deadline is February 29, 2011.

New Business -

CTE/Seminar: Di Ann Reid

No report.

CIC Delegate: Di Ann Reid

No report.

Fellowship Nomination Update/J Peter Jordan

Holly reported he is working on the paperwork.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

**Betsy Finch, CSI
Chapter Secretary**

"CONSTRUCT 2011" IS NOW CALLING FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM TOPICS

Education - September 13-16, 2011
Exhibits - September 14-16, 2011

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Questions? Contact Carol Wilkins, Sr. Conference Manager, CONSTRUCT2011 at **972-536-6358** or cwilkins@hanleywood.com.

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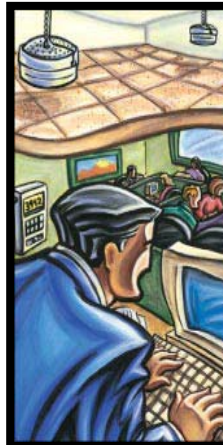
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Membership Chair Report

By Chuck Vojtech, CSI, CDT

Houston Chapter Statistics

Member Total: 157 (100%)
Associate: 16 (10.2%)
Industry: 54 (34.4%)
Industry Emeritus: 1 (0.63%)
Intermediate: 11 (7%)
Professional: 67 (42.7%)
Professional Emeritus: 1 (0.63%)
Professional Lifetime: 1 (0.63%)
Professional Retired: 1 (0.63%)
Student: 5 (3.2%)

We would like to recognize our newest members who have joined in March 2011.

Margot Gourdin—Student
David Johnson—A Second Set of Eyes
David Olsen—Builders Products

We would also like to recognize members who have celebrated anniversaries with CSI in the month of April 2011:

Vidyasagar Adapala—1 Year
Chrystal Barard— 6 Years
Rick Brill—2 Years
James Cook—4 Years
William Eichemeyer—10 Years
Kelly Johnson—18 Years
Mark Koehler—11 Years
Frank Largen— 3 Years
Kathleen Liles—15 Years
Tim Luddy—26 Years
Robert McKim—1 Year
Lisa Murray—6 Years
Deron Patterson—2 Years
Timothy Silknitter—1 Year
Chad Tabor—3 Years
Charles Vojtech—9 Years
David Woodward—24 Years

Everyone is encouraged to reach out to colleagues, coworkers, customers, vendors, and students to join CSI and get involved.

Thank you for your participation in CSI Houston!

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CSI's membership network is unique in the industry – no where else will you find this cross-disciplinary mix of construction professionals. Through CSI, owners, facility managers, architects, engineers, specifiers, contractors, sub-contractors, product reps and manufacturers come together. That's good news if you're looking for a job.

Here are some ideas for using CSI to find a job:

Visit CSI's Career Center. You can post a resume and read job postings from across the country for free.

Join a CSI chapter and go to the meetings. Your local CSI chapter is plugged in to construction in your area. Spend time with people who know which firms are hiring, and who could recommend you.

Improve your resume. Slant your resume to tell what you have accomplished.


Get your CDT, or advanced certification. Show potential employers that you are an expert. CSI chapters offer preparation courses and mentoring for exam candidates – another opportunity for you to expand your network. It the CSI Houston Chapter website to find out more about certification.

Write a technical article for Construction Specifier magazine. Contact the Specifier with your article idea at editor@constructionspecifier.com.

Participate in CSI. Potential employers are likely to Google your name while considering you. Give them something worth finding:

Your membership in a CSI committee or task team at the national, region or chapter level gives the opportunity to network with others.

Blog for CSI. CSI is looking for members who are interested in writing technically focused entries. Whether you're interested in writing about the entire construction industry, or just the ins-and-outs of a particular division, CSI is a great way to share your technical knowledge and show potential employers your wisdom.



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“Strictly SMITH-ly”

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

With a Little Help From My Friends . . .

In addition to CSI networking, the CSI career center, and mingling at CSI Chapter meeting, another good source of contacts is professional association and organization directories. Take a good look at those initials following the names on the business cards that you collect from those you call on. The association and organizations that your contacts belong to can be a gold mine of construction industry information on individuals and professional society news.

Organizations such as the American Institute of Architects (<http://www.aia.org>), the Texas Society of Architects (<http://www.texasarchitect.org>), American General Contractors Association (<http://www.agchouston.org>), Texas Society of Professional Engineers (<http://www.tspe.org>), American Society of Interior Designers (<http://www.asid.org>) and other professional organizations provide yearly directories with contact information for individuals and firms practicing in the Houston metropolitan area .

Whether you are searching for employment opportunities, following up on project leads, or looking for sales opportunities, these professional directories can help you achieve your goals.

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