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October Meeting: The Fall Color is Green

On Monday, October 11, 2004 CSI Programs Committee is excited to welcome you to the LEED / B3 Program, including a tour of the Lebanon Hills Regional Park Shelter in Eagan. Have you ever seen an actual green roof? How do the plants keep from sliding off the pitched roof and do they need to water the little veggies? How does the structure handle the added weight of dirt and how do they keep enough rainwater for the plants to survive but not leak to the dry contents inside? What other green things have they done to this building, including wall systems, windows, furniture and heating? Come check it out for yourself! It is a fascinating and educational experience.

The area at the top of Schulze Lake is very scenic, and is bound to be bedecked in beautiful fall colors. Consider it a weekday getaway vacation, with a drive much closer than the North Shore. The building is being opened just for us, and the private tour will begin at 4:00 pm. Put this event on your calendar now and plan to join us.

We will follow this wild event with dinner at the Minnesota Zoo's Wild Room. Paul Anderson of Partners & Sirny Architects and Rick Carter of LHB, Inc. will discuss sustainable practices and processes including USGBC LEED project certification and using the new MN Sustainable Building Guidelines (B3).

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October Meeting Highlights

- 4:00 pm Tour at Lebanon Hills Regional Park Shelter
- 5:30 pm Networking/Social Time in the Minnesota Zoo Wild Room
- 6:00 pm Dinner/CSI Chapter Meeting/Minnesota Zoo Environmental School Program Presentation
- 6:45 pm LEED and B-3 processes

Location

Lebanon Hills Regional Park Shelter
860 Cliff Road
Eagan, Minnesota

Registration

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Cost

Chapter members: no charge
Non-members: \$45



September Meeting MasterFormat 2004

By Terry Olsen

Flying in from Charlotte, NC, escaping the fury and havoc of Ivan, Dennis Hall, FCSI, CCS,

AIA introduced our September 13th program attendees to what some may consider the fury and havoc wreaked by CSI. But through the course of the afternoon and evening, Mr. Hall explained the reason for change - and change is good.

The last major revision to MasterFormat, the organizational system for construction information, occurred in 1995, with major revisions in Divisions 1, 2, 4, 13, 15, and 16. Since MasterFormat's origin, forty years ago, technology has opened up new product opportunities and areas of expertise. To accommodate the growth in the construction markets, "Division 17" crept into use. Unfortunately, several different groups laid claim to this new division,

including security systems, communications, hospital infection control, railroads, highways, and so on, depending on the needs of those who needed it.

In an effort to address the changing needs of the building construction industry, CSI decided it was time to step back, look at the big picture, and expand MasterFormat to include products outside the building industry found in the existing sixteen Divisions. It was time to address the needs of civil engineers, process engineers, building owners, contractors, and facilities managers. New issues like sustainable design and lifecycle analysis could be brought in, and the complete construction project would be accommodated, from inception to demolition, and to reuse and recycle.

Divisions 1-16 now become Divisions 0-49. Don't fret about memorizing 49 Divisions -

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From the President



"With the equinox comes the camaraderie that many members look forward to after a nice summer break, and the kick-off for many CSI chapters' program season."

Yesterday was the Autumnal Equinox, and with it will come shorter days, longer nights, and colder weather. With it will also come the time to put the motorcycle away for another very short riding season next year.

As an avid motorcycle rider, I recently returned from a three-day trip to Wisconsin to ride some of this region's best two lane roads. One thing that makes me smile almost every time I am passed by oncoming riders is the friendly wave that we give to each other. Every time this happens, whether we are going 25 or 65 mph, I can't help but feel that we motorcycle riders belong to an informal organization with "members" who share a common enjoyment. I have often thought that the waving is also a signal to one another that we have friends out on the road in case we need help. It is a reassuring feeling.

With the equinox also comes the camaraderie that many members look forward to after a nice summer break, and the kick-off for many CSI chapters' program season. Our Chapter had its kick-off meeting on 11 September 2004, and it was one of the best-attended Chapter meetings I can remember.

The Chapter Board worked through the summer to make sure the transition between administrations went well. And it did. We have identified issues to better our Chapter that will be addressed in the coming months, and we will get started on planning for the Chapter's 50th anniversary coming up in just a few short years. I will keep you up to date as we move forward.

Most committees have also been working through the summer to make sure the continuity of their missions doesn't get sidetracked. Programs Committee has an outstanding year of programs planned for us. Membership Committee is going to focus on new member recruitment over the course of the fiscal year instead of just during membership drive. They will also be addressing how best to get new members involved and made to feel welcome to the Chapter. Education Committee is planning on offering some for-profit seminars this year. Certification Committee is making plans for the annual certification exams coming this spring. And the Awards Committee is already busy with nominations for Institute awards.

The new Student Membership Committee will begin working with the Dunwoody students next month by giving them an orientation about CSI. I am excited to watch as this committee starts to grow. And of course, the CSI/IFMA Construction Showcase, which takes place 23 February 2005, will be here before we know it. It looks to be a fantastic event.

Now it's time to dig in for the next few months to get on with the CSI year. I encourage you to get involved with the Chapter by attending Chapter meetings, joining a committee, and volunteering what ever time you have to offer the Chapter. And don't forget to "wave" to your fellow CSI members.

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Chair: Randy Bartz, CSI, CDT
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Chair: Pamela Jergenson, CSI, CCS, CCCA
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Education Committee

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Membership Committee

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Jeremy Kaeding

September Meeting, continued

some are reserved for future expansion, so this degree of change won't have to occur for, say, another 40 years. Divisions 15 and 16 have been moved and expanded in the Facility Services Subgroup Group. Division 2 contents have been relocated to the Site and Infrastructure Subgroup, and Division 02 is now devoted to Existing Conditions, which includes demolition. Fire Suppression and Communications have their own homes now, and bidding documents are now in the Procurement and Contracting Requirements Group. And, to make more room at Levels 2 through 4, the five-digit numbering system has been expanded to six digits. Many products can add a zero at the end and they'll be in the ballpark.

The new system has already been adopted by Sweet's, ARCOM, BSD, and other major

players in construction information. Other countries, including Japan, India, Australia, and New Zealand have also expressed interest.

The entire numbering system is at www.CSINet.org/MasterFormat, along with a copy of Mr. Hall's PowerPoint presentation. For a comparison of MasterFormat 1995 and MasterFormat 2004, go to www.4specs.com - and find out who actually gets to use Division 17!

The new standard, along with its application guide, is on the way to the printer now, and should be available sometime in October.

See the column at the right side of this page for a list of the new MasterFormat Groups, Subgroups, and Division numbers and titles.

Website Update

The Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter website, at www.CSI-MSP.org, underwent a facelift this summer, thanks to the combined efforts of Larry Weinzetl, CSI, and Susan Fitzsimmons, Director of Association Initiatives at Tectonics Network, our new website host.

More than the appearance has changed. New drop-down menus in the navigation bar make it easier to access some pages, the new calendar includes links to more information about specific events, and each standing committee now has its own page. The committee pages will provide additional information about committee activities, and will have links to committee minutes.

Jeremy Kaeding is now in control of our website—welcome, Jeremy!

Plan Ahead— CSI Has Something For Everyone

23 February 2005: The annual Construction Showcase will again be at the Minneapolis Convention Center, and will again be co-hosted by IFMA.

20-23 April 2005: CSI's annual convention returns to Chicago—for the last time—to be followed immediately by CSI-University at the same location.

28-30 July 2005: The North Central Region Conference journeys to Des Moines, Iowa.

And of course, there will be plenty of chapter activities along the way!

CSI Annual Convention Co-Located with CSI-University, Will Go On the Road

After three years in Chicago, CSI's annual convention will again move from city to city. In 2005 it will return to Las Vegas; tentative plans call for it to journey to Washington, DC in 2006.

CSI-U will also be in Chicago next year, adding an extra day for those who want to

learn what makes CSI tick, and move on to leadership positions at region and Institute levels.

Combining the convention and CSI-U eliminates the difficulty of having to decide which of two important events chapter leaders should attend.

MasterFormat 2004

Procurement And Contracting Requirements Group
00 - Procurement and Contracting Requirements

Specifications group

General requirements subgroup

01 - General Requirements

Facility Construction Subgroup

02 - Existing Conditions

03 - Concrete

04 - Masonry

05 - Metals

06 - Wood, Plastics, and Composites

07 - Thermal and Moisture Protection

08 - Openings

09 - Finishes

10 - Specialties

11 - Equipment

12 - Furnishings

13 - Special Construction

14 - Conveying Equipment

15 through 19 - Reserved

Facility Services Subgroup

21 - Fire Suppression

22 - Plumbing

23 - Heating, Ventilating, and Air Conditioning

24 - Reserved

25 - Integrated Automation

26 - Electrical Division

27 - Communications

28 - Electronic Safety and Security

20, 29 - Reserved

Site And Infrastructure Subgroup

31 - Earthwork

32 - Exterior Improvements

33 - Utilities

34 - Transportation

35 - Waterway and Marine Construction

30, 36 through 39 - Reserved

Process Equipment Subgroup

40 - Process Integration

41 - Material Processing and Handling Equipment

42 - Heating, Cooling, and Drying Equipment

43 - Gas and Liquid Handling, Purification, and Storage Equipment

44 - Pollution Control Equipment

45 - Industry-Specific Manufacturing Equipment

48 - Electrical Power Generation

46, 47, 49 - Reserved

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