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## *A Newsletter written by Fellows of CSI for Fellows of CSI*

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### **Editorial:**

By: Richard Eustis, PE, FCSI, CCCA, CSC – Editor

Did you ever feel that there were many CSI activities occurring but that you were not well informed or even knew of the activity? I know many Fellows commented at the last Institute Convention about the apparent reduction in member to member communications that had occurred during the past few years.

We hope this issue will relieve some of those feelings. Nearly all of the articles contained in this Newsletter were written based on a specific request to a Fellow that was knowledgeable of the activity about which they were writing. The articles were written by a Fellow to be read by other Fellows. Our distribution includes all Fellows where we have either an email or US Mail address, even those that are no longer members of CSI. The intent of this Newsletter has always been to improve and increase communication with CSI Fellows.

We are always looking for Fellows willing to share information through this Newsletter so don't wait to be asked to write an article. Let us know your interests or activities that you would like to see covered in future issues.

We are also searching for a few missing Fellows, can you help? As you will note in the "In Memoriam" section, one of the "missing Fellows" was found and we want to share that information

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### **CSI PRESIDENCY—THE FIRST 100 DAYS!**

By Gene Valentine, FCSI, CCS, AIA - Institute President

I am privileged to share my insights and news with such a distinguished and critical segment of our membership — the Fellows of CSI. I thought I'd give you some news on how we're progressing with our initiatives, and impressions after being in office for about 100 days. I'll say this; the time is flying by much faster than I can get things accomplished!

As I am certain you would all agree, these are very exciting times in the construction industry. In fact in my thirty years of being in construction, I think we are facing more technological advancements and formidable challenges than any time in my career. These advancements present great opportunities for CSI, but will also put great strain on our resources—both volunteer and paid staff. A true test to our viability will be how well we respond to these opportunities and challenges.

I am choosing to focus on four driving influences within the construction industry today. There are more, but in my mind the following four issues are going to determine the future of construction. In my opinion, CSI's future is inextricably linked to these issues and our relevancy to those in the industry will be gauged by our involvement in helping meet the challenges they present. As Fellows, we can provide great influence and assistance to CSI in helping to make progress on these industry drivers.

The first is *sustainability design and construction*. It seems as though the industry has moved beyond the debate over whether global warming is for real, or if it is indeed influenced by mankind. Owners, designers, manufacturers, suppliers, and contractors all realize that renewable materials, energy conservation, and environmental impact limitation are rapidly becoming commonplace in design and construction practice. CSI is engaged in this practice trend through the development of GreenFormat and by encouraging dialog among approximately fifty major trend-setting building product manufacturers in the upcoming Building Product Manufacturer's Alliance to be held in the third quarter of this fiscal year. We need to progress with getting GreenFormat integrated into industry practice as quickly as feasible and I believe we will make great progress on this initiative this year.

The second driver is *building information modeling (BIM)*. As a reluctant embracer of technological change, even I can readily understand the revolutionary impact this form of project delivery and production will have on construction! From my early limited involvement, I've witnessed how BIM can create greater synergy among all

the members of the project team—from the owner’s representative, the design team, the constructor team, and product suppliers for the project. Fortunately, CSI has considerable involvement in this industry trend through our participation on the NBIMS Executive Committee, development of NCS 4.0, and the on-going development of OmniClass and our taxonomy project. More progress will be made this year. Promotion of our NCS education programs will also improve our influence with this industry trend.

Third, is the decreasing availability or *resource limitation of building materials*. The tremendous growth of construction in the United States the past fifteen years coupled with international growth—notably that of China—is rapidly changing our approach to construction and design. MasterFormat and our new Building Product Manufacturer’s Alliance are but two examples of CSI involvement with this industry trend. We can do more to help owners, designers, constructors and suppliers with this growing problem of shrinking availability of materials, by strengthening our professional development and education of specifiers and others involved in decision-making in a project’s development. Toward that objective, the strengthening of our certification programs is one of our priorities this fiscal year. Through stronger certification programs, CSI will enhance its position within the industry.

The fourth driver is the decreasing availability or *resource limitation of available skilled labor*. This driver may be the most critical of all. Practically all segments involved with the construction industry—owners, designers, constructors, suppliers, building managers—have documented their inability to fill their need for skilled, experienced labor. CSI has long played an important role in helping the industry with this shortage by providing education programs and our certifications. We are continually looking to expand our offerings and improve our academies and education tracks. This year, a priority is to expand the CDT program further into government agencies and corporations as a core competency for those involved in construction. Our webinars and podcasts are growing in popularity and are helping meet a need in the industry for affordable, available information.

This last driver is one that I believe the Fellows could have even greater impact in helping the industry—and more importantly CSI. Much has been written about the generational differences of the working and learning traits of those within the labor force today. But what seems universal is the need for more training of applicable skills needed to improve proficiency. In my own architectural practice, I’ve witnessed a bit of a turn-around from apprentices or interns or young professionals in desiring more training and individual attention in being taught applicable knowledge. I have heard the same from other practitioners. CSI needs to

capture this wave of opportunity and lend a hand to the industry and the most qualified to do so are our Fellows.

While we’ve all but abandoned our Institute MentorQuest program, there are many opportunities within our chapters to develop similar programs where mentors and students can begin to forge relationships where critical knowledge can be passed along. If there is a desire for someone to learn, and it seems that there is, then we should strive to fill that desire by sharing our experience. It’s likely we’ll also gain some much needed new members, or if they already are members, ones that are more active. I know many of you already mentor others and perhaps you could share your experiences with me—what has worked well, and perhaps not so well. We could use your experience to share with others who perhaps have wondered how they could get started in a mentoring program. This could be yet another fulfilling experience in your career!

If you have other ideas how CSI can become more relevant in meeting the challenges our industry faces, I would like to hear them. Send me an email, or let our staff know. We need all the help we can muster to make CSI even better!

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## **Words and What They Mean**

By: J. Gregg Borchelt, PE, FCSI  
Chairman of the Construction Industry Terminology Initiative Task Team

That title is a succinct description of the ultimate goal of the Construction Industry Terminology Initiative Task Team (CITITT). The CITITT was established to determine how the Institute could develop a Construction Industry Terminology Standard. With considerable input from Fellows Jane Baker, Gary Biemers and Mary Friesen (FCSC) and from Dr. Stephen Rice and Rodney McPhee, with encouragement from Jim Robertson and Gary Betts, and wonderful support from staff Aaron Titus and Roger Grant, that work is nearly finished. Funding from the National Center for Energy Management and Building Technology (NCEMBT) was used for a consultant to provide recommendations to the CITITT. This funding was the first grant to the CSI Foundation.

There has always been a need to define terms within our industry. Over the years the construction industry has muddled through with ‘accepted’ definitions and communicated intent. This is because of our ability as humans to place terms in context and decipher meaning, even though terms are used imprecisely, without a unique and universally accepted definition. We have moved beyond the capacity of this human limitation as a result of advances in and proposed developments for electronic communications in the construction industry. There is a need to provide terminology in an electronic

format. This will facilitate its transfer of among a variety of computer applications within the construction industry. Communication between computers, using such platforms as extensible markup language (XML) and building information modeling (BIM), requires that terms be specifically defined and universally accepted.

In June 2007 the Board approved the CITITT recommendation as follows:

*The Institute should develop, with Construction Specifications Canada, a Construction Industry Terminology Standard (CITS) based on construction within North America using OmniClass as the classification system.*

*In order to do so, the Board should create a series of Task Teams under the Technical Committee to develop and administer the CITS. These Task Teams would be established over time as outlined in the report from AEC3 and are identified here as follows:*

**Terminology Management Task Team:**

*The Terminology Management Task Team is responsible for managing and maintaining the dictionary content. It identifies the priority of terminology to be included, assigns it to a Terminology Content Task Team and oversees the work of the other task teams. Terminology Management Task Team members are Institute members with Technical Committee oversight; external advisors may be funded to assist. The AEC3 report identifies this as the Dictionary Management Resource.*

**Terminology Support Task Team:**

*The Terminology Support Task Team decides the classification of terms in the CITS. It will establish the means of classifying terms and will provide direction to staff and Terminology Content Task Teams. Membership is drawn from Institute members and will include liaison from the Terminology Management Task Team. The AEC3 report identifies this as the Dictionary Support Resource.*

**Terminology Content Task Teams (several):**

*These Task Teams are established on priority and availability of terminology to place in the CITS. Terminology Content Task Team members will be drawn from specialist members of the Institute and from related organizations. These Task Teams will be responsible for assigning the attributes to terms for inclusion in the CITS. The AEC3 report identifies this as the Dictionary Content Resource.*

*The functions of the Terminology Support and the Terminology Content Task Teams could be combined. The resulting task team would obviously have more work to accomplish.*

*Staff will monitor the development of the dictionary repository hardware and software and will contract for services to update these and for use of the CITS. The AEC3 report identifies this as the Dictionary Services Resource.*

*Training of Terminology Task Team members will be provided by staff or consultants.*

Now that the recommendation was accepted the first order of business is for staff to complete the negotiations for and operation of the tool which will make the compilation of terms possible. This is the software that receives the terms, classifies them, catalogues the appropriate attributes, sorts them into the required fields, and produces an electronic report with the desired content. This is obviously an enormous task, but with the Institute's link to the International Framework for Dictionaries (IFD) and the IFD Library Partners it will be accomplished. It then must be tested for ease of use and robustness. That is the remaining work of the CITITT.

Once that software is ready the real work in preparing the Construction Industry Terminology Standard begins. Contributions of terms from other construction industry associations must be sought. Thousands of word must be vetted and placed in the database. Interest in this "grunt work" is high. It is a great technical project for the Institute that will be directed to Regions and Chapter; a direct involvement of members in Institute activities. Agreements to use the resulting standard must be made. Eventually a dedicated server may be required and there will be maintenance of the Construction Industry Terminology Standard.

This terminology standard brings other benefits to the Institute. CSI and Construction Specifications Canada will work together on it, fostering greater communication and cooperation. The Institute will benefit in morale and membership from a technical program that can be worked on at chapter and region levels. The prestige of the Institute within the construction industry will increase with the development of a terminology standard. The future utility of the CSI supported OmniClass initiative will rest in great measure upon the harmonization of construction terminology.

This is another significant undertaking for the Institute, one that deserves your support.

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**COMPUTER-BASED TESTING FOR THE CDT**

By: George Rosamond, FCSI, CCS, AIA – Member, Institute Certification Committee

March 31, 2008 will be a memorable day for CSI's CDT program. That will be the first day of computer-based CDT exams at approximately 400 test sites throughout

the United States and Canada. The computer will score the exam and the candidate will have instant results.

Candidates will no longer be restricted to one day for the exam, but will have two windows of opportunity for test taking in 2008: March 31 to April 5 and September 22 to 27. They will register for a time and location via CSI or directly with the Testing Center. The spring dates allow chapters to maintain their traditional schedule of study classes.

To the candidates this will mean more convenient test times and dates, more consistent testing environment, less chance of errors in recording answers, improved accommodations for special needs and of course the "immediate results". CSI will follow up with the formal Certificate.

To the chapters this should mean an increase in testing candidates, reduction of the administrative work and drastically lessening the number of seats on exam day. Chapters will no longer provide the paper and pencil CDT exams. Academic institutions will still have the opportunity to use the paper and pencil exam as part of their curriculum.

CSI will benefit from its financial investment in the program by improving the image the certificate exam, better security of the exams, providing more data-rich test results (e.g. how long did it take a candidate to respond to certain questions), flexibility in exam times and more consistency and reliability of the exam process.

With the computer-based exam, the previous long validating period is eliminated and immediate results can be given with confidence. Significantly expanded exam statistics will be provided and new items tested and evaluated quickly.

The three certification exams will remain paper-based. They will be given at Chapter test sites on April 5, 2008, and be offered at Construct 2008 and region conferences. The goal is to have all exams computer-based.

Computer-based testing is recognized as the preferred method and is used for the Graduate Record Examination (GRE), the U.S. Green Building Council's LEED AP exam and the Architect Registration Exam (ARE). It is also used by many high level qualification and certification exams of other professions. CSI contracted with Prometric to administer the exam. A candidate after registering with CSI proceeds to the Prometric web site ([www.prometric.com/csi](http://www.prometric.com/csi)) to select an exam site location, schedule the exam and request special accommodations, if needed. Follow up rescheduling or cancelling is handled at their web site.

Security at the computer test sites will be Prometric's standard of care used for all exams. Secure lockers

outside exam room are provided for cell phones, pagers, PDA's, books, papers, digital watches, purses and eyeglass cases. Candidates will need two forms of ID and CSI's admission letter to enter.

Computer-based testing for the CDT is evidence of CSI's commitment to the certification program. Further details are available on the CSI web site, Prometric's web site, CSI's customer service team and Lisa Turner, Chairman of the Institute's Certification Committee ([lisaturner@ardenarch.com](mailto:lisaturner@ardenarch.com)).

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## MEMBER NEWS

Provided by a Fellow that is interested in sharing

One of our Fellows, a former EXCOM member, made a complete change in vocation. For years he was one of the top troubleshooters for a major utility in Florida. He spent months inspecting the damage of Hurricane Andrew in August 1992. When he retired he went to the Independent Electrical Contractors Association of South Florida as their Executive Director. He often said CSI was a great teacher and prepared him for this position.

Three years ago he retired for good and settled in Burnsville, North Carolina on Possum Road where he currently resides. He returns to Florida for six to eight weeks in the winter but prefers "the hills and mountains". He now prefers to watch the deer and wild turkey on his property. Instead of going to the ocean he attends the Bull Riding Rodeo.

Always doing something he got involved locally and frequented the local farm products store. Apparently this guy from the tropics realized there was something below his feet other than dirt. He spoke to people did some reading and before long decided he wanted to plant seed. Today he has enough corn, eggplant squash and tomatoes. He also grew blueberries, red and black raspberries and watermelon.

He also had to get into ground and property clearing. He purchased a tractor, which he calls his mule along with the proper attachments including a plow blade to push the snow around plus the staple equipment chain saw and axe. He may miss Miami but prefers the peace and quiet of his spread. He goes south for the winter and looks forward to seeing his CSI buddies but can't wait to return to the hills.

He cherishes his CSI experience and as he puts it "the honor of being elevated to Fellow". From time to time he will speak to another Fellow or CSI colleague and want to know how the Institute is doing. By now you figured out this relates to Bob Holstein a dedicated CSI person no matter where he lives. Bob was a "bean counter" treasurer he analyzed many items of the administrative expenses. On such item was the utility cost. Because of his experience he made suggestions that brought the

operating costs down which reduced the overall utility charges. Good luck Bob and Kathleen in the hills of North Carolina.

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## **CSI Governance; A New Start**

By: Gary Betts FCSI, CCS, AIA – Chair, Governance Task Team

As you recall, last years proposed by-laws revision intended to modify CSI's governance structure, though receiving a great deal of support (60.7 percent), fell short of the 2/3 affirmative vote required for passage. At its spring meeting, the executive committee elect felt that the proposal had generated a great deal of momentum and that the task team should continue its work, make some modifications to the proposal, and have a new recommendation ready for member review and comment in the fall and a final recommendation to the Board for its fall meeting. We are now in the member review and comment period, if you have not yet reviewed the proposal and would like to download a copy, go to [www.csinet.org/governance](http://www.csinet.org/governance). The member review and comment period ends on October 20, 2007.

The task team worked very hard to maintain the goals and primary concepts of the initial proposal while adjusting details to address concerns raised by members during last years ballot process. Our goal was not just to make the board smaller. We were trying to create a structure that provided stability and continuity but also was continually resilient, adaptable, responsive, networked, distributed, and flexible. We wanted a structure that encouraged the board to focus on outcomes, think strategically, and have an external focus into the needs of the overall construction industry and its impact on the needs of our members. A short summary of the proposal is provided below. For more detail, please view or download a copy of the proposal.

The proposal will be presented in four parts. Each part offered as a separate question on the ballot for a vote by the membership. They are board structure changes; revision to the nominating committee; changes to the annual meeting; and changes to the process of submitting nominations by petition.

### **Board Structure**

This proposal recommends a board of 18. There would be 10 directors, 1 elected from each of the 10 regions. The regions would nominate their directors as they do currently and they would be elected by the members of their region. We propose 2 directors at large or national directors, they would be CSI members, nominated by the nominating committee and elected by the full membership. 6 officers complete the roster; they include president-elect, president, immediate past president, secretary, treasurer, and one VP. With a board of 18 and advances in web-meeting and conferencing technology, the executive committee can be eliminated. In the past,

there has been friction between the executive committee and the board creating a perceived "them vs. us" division of the board. The intent is to create a more horizontal board structure.

One of the major differences in this proposal are the terms of service. Terms of officers, other than the presidents, and directors, including directors at large, are 2 years. President-elect is a one year term and automatically succeeds to the office of president and past president at the end of the term. Another difference is that directors and officers can succeed themselves in office for one additional term. Current by-laws do not allow directors to succeed themselves in office and there are no term limits for officers.

Maintaining diversity of member classification on the board is important, the proposal creates a limit in the by-laws that at least three of the officers and directors at large be either professional members or industry/associate members. It also recommends that the Board create a policy that a director with alternate member classification serves at least one of three consecutive terms. For example, if a professional member were director for the North Central Region and a professional member is elected to fill the next term as director, the next term should be filled by an industry member.

### **Nominating Committee**

Proposed changes to the nominating committee received a great deal of comment during last year's ballot process. It is important that there be a connection between the nominating committee and the board. The connection would not only provide current understanding of the strategic direction and needs of the board but also provide knowledge of the leadership capabilities of those serving on the board. In this proposal, the current five member nominating committee is retained. These members are proposed by their regions on a rotation as stipulated in the by-laws. Two members of the board are added to the committee as voting members, serving one year terms, to provide the link mentioned above. The board members serving on the committee would agree to not have their names considered for office the succeeding year. This revised structure also provides additional resources as the nominating committee takes on more responsibility for leadership development and ensures that, with 5 members from the regions, the board can't "run away" with the committee.

### **Annual Meeting**

In place of the current delegate system which requires members to register as delegates in order to vote at the Annual Meeting, any member in good standing in attendance at the Annual Meeting would be allowed to vote. The current system is flawed and sends a message that some members are more empowered and have more voice than others.

## Nominations by Petition

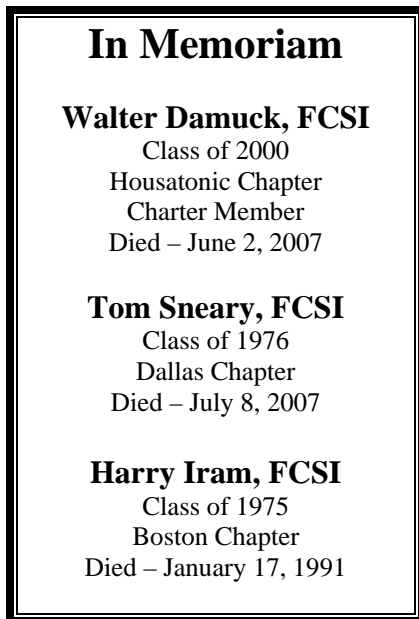
Our current method is flawed in that it requires petitions to be filed prior to the nominating committee naming its suggested slate of candidates. In most societies, the slate would be made public and then an opportunity for additional nominations would be provided. This proposal changes the process for submitting nominations by petition from a requirement for 1 percent of the members from 6 of the 10 regions signing the petition to 2 percent of the members from 4 of 10 regions and to change the date of submittal from the month of October to December.

There are three ways you can participate in the review process and provide feedback:

1. Post your thoughts in the CSINet Forum entitled "Governance – A New Start" (This forum is for members only. You must log in to CSINet as described above to read the forum and post a response.)
2. By emailing the task team at [governance@csinet.org](mailto:governance@csinet.org).
3. By communicating with your Institute Director.

If you have additional questions, please feel free to contact me directly. - Gary Betts FCSI, CCS, AIA; Loeb Schlossman & Hackl; 312-565-4546; [gbetts@lshchicago.com](mailto:gbetts@lshchicago.com)

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## Fellowship Nominations

By: F. Jack Klemeyer, Jr., FCSI – Chair, Jury of Fellows

As you all know, the preparation of a nomination package for Fellowship in The Construction Specifications Institute is a daunting task; if you are

helping a candidate prepare his/her nomination package, there are a few things that may need special emphasis:

This year's deadline for receipt at the Institute -- not a postmark or pick-up date -- is the 15<sup>th</sup> of January 2008. Note please that the deadline is not only for the nomination materials, but also for all letters of endorsement, so it is important to make sure that those individuals writing letters are just as aware of the deadline as the individual(s) preparing the nomination package.

There cannot be enough emphasis placed on the need to start the nominating process early. Carefully review the material in the Honors and Awards Guide that outlines the requirements for the submittal, and follow them carefully; if questions arise, they can be directed to one of the many individuals that have volunteered to be mentors for the nominating process (see the article by Kathy Proctor) or to the chair of the Jury of Fellows. There will be articles appearing in the *CSI Leader* that address the process, and last year's chair of the Jury, John C. Fleck, FCSI, Honorary Member, has written an excellent article with some preparation advice.

It is important to realize that the members of the Jury are not allowed to depend on their personal knowledge of a candidate's qualifications, but instead have to base their decisions on the material contained within the written material that is submitted. Each Jury member reads every submittal several times, and casts their votes on the basis of the presentation and the endorsement letters that attest to the nominee's qualifications -- so it is crucial that the package is complete and of course convincing.

The Jury looks forward to some excellent submittals during the coming year, and sincerely hopes that every one will be successful.

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## Targeting Our Arrows

By: Edward L. Soenke, FCSI, CCS, AIA, NCARB – Immediate Past-president

Looking back on my experiences as President-elect and President, and planning for the rest of this fiscal year as Immediate Past President, I am finding myself focusing more on the big picture for CSI, the Construction Specifications Institute, and where our association fits in this world of construction information.

In this vision I am seeing the image of an arrow. The tip of which is the three Presidents and remaining six officers of the Executive Committee as the arrowhead, and the other twenty members of the Board as the shaft (no pun intended). The "fletching" that provides the stability and directional control of this arrow is CSI's history and culture nurtured by us, the Fellows and past leaders, and implemented by our Staff and Executive Director/CEO.

The lessons learned from study and breakthroughs via trial and error over the decades provide the guidance for that cutting-edge advancement of our constant goal of improved construction documentation via standards and formats.

The publicly viewed structure of that shaft are CSI's certification programs, the true measure of the precepts we foster first in construction documents development – the word half - through the Construction Documents Technologist (CDT), then execution through the Certified Construction Specifier (CCS), and application through Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) and Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR). In the near future I see CSI filling the other half of the construction information documentation void – the drawing/data half - with a Certified CAD/Data Technician, a professional that will integrate digital construction information, both graphic and verbal, into a 4-dimensional (includes time) Building Information Model (the BIM).

Our preliminary steps into that second half initiative are already underway by committing to a number of projects that will shortly be CSI's most significant contributions to all that construction information this decade:

**National CAD Standard Education Program** (the first jointly-produced-package with the American Institute of Architects (AIA), **Construction Information Terminology Initiative (CITI)** (funded by a generous grant through NCEMBT), and **GREENformat**, a CSI initiative being presented at United States Green Building Council (USGBC)'s **GreenBUILD** in Chicago, with a preliminary survey by the Sustainable Facilities Task Team (SFTT) and an online application (funded by another grant, this time by the Pankow Foundation) must be implemented in FY08 if CSI is to remain relevant in the industry.

This most recent endeavor is the answer to the CSI Board-mandated commitment to the Green movement. **GREENformat** will eventually be a populated database that will assist all four integrated teams in the building process: architect/designer, constructor/manager, manufacturer/supplier, owner/developer.

To continue and expand this process, CSI must populate our quivers with products and services produced jointly by enlarging our tribe through partnerships with AIA, the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS), USGBC, Hanley Wood, McGraw-Hill, Wiley and a number of other future construction-related associations and organizations to develop new products for the construction industry.

The recent negotiation process I was privileged to be involved in, namely, CSI's partnering with Hanley Wood to establish **CONSTRUCT 08**, and the myriad of benefits we will be able to capitalize on with this relationship, will enable CSI to accomplish far more in an industry responsive, timely manner. That, combined with CSI's **Continuing Education Network (CEN)**, to further educate our members and prospective members, will allow our association to remain at the forefront of construction documentation standards and formats despite our shrinking membership over the past decade.

Addressing that membership downturn, I strongly believe if CSI can produce the targeted technical and educational offerings on a timely basis – yes, a product(s) EVERY year – I think we can regain that lost membership that may have thought that CSI was becoming irrelevant. Also, the *green movement*, especially, is where CSI will find our next generation of leaders, and we must focus on that target the next few years and beyond.

Embracing standards and formats, along with worldwide technical research with newfound partners, similar to those CSI has signed on with the past two years, will catapult our association to a higher degree of performance.

It has been a gratifying experience contributing to this process the past few years, but now we must all more clearly delineate our long-range targets, focus on the right targets, design and build our arrows true, populate our quivers, and further grow our tribe – together - to reach such lofty goals to assure CSI's legacy of expanding construction information!

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### **Fellows' Calabash...**

*(Calabash - A bowl often found in old-time parties in Hawaii for the guests to contribute to the event)*

By: Gilman Hu, FCSI – President-elect

**JEROME ALCIATORE, FCSI (1989)** – We last heard from Jerry when he was caught up in Katrina. He's since moved to a new address, not far from his former office. News got to us that Jerry lost his sight recently.

Jerry confirmed that he is not blind. Due to a surgical accident, they damaged his optic nerves during a 10-hour back surgery, he now has permanent blurred vision and can no longer drive or read small print but can still practice with some rather clever aids. Traveling has been a problem and requires some companionship. But overall things are terrific. All contact information remains unchanged, except his mailing address: 3340 Severn Avenue, #215, Metairie LA 70002. Jerry's a survivor especially with Debbie on his side.

**JAMES BREW, FCSI (2005)** – had moved from Wisconsin (Twin Ports Chapter) to Boulder Colorado with no CSI chapter nearby. He's with the Rocky Mountain Institute, (professional service activities – sustainability, radical resource efficiency, transformational changes.) Anyone involved with sustainability and wishes to connect with Jim may reach him by e-mail [jbrew@rmi.org](mailto:jbrew@rmi.org)

**JIM CHANEY, FCSI (1997)** – Wrote while backpacking in Italy visiting friends and enjoying the food and scenery. Jim is moving away from as a General Contractor and signed up for collage again. His original intent was to go into counseling but decided otherwise not wanting to deal with emotional problems 24/7. He is going into law - still involves problems, but as he said, he hopes to help people to avoid problems.

Jim's involved with NCARB, representing Oregon's licensing board. He had back surgery last year but it didn't work out as well so he is scheduled to have it done over this October. Meanwhile, Eugene OR members will see him in his new Porsche when and if he finds time to attend Chapter meetings.

**PAMELA COLE, FCSI (1994)** – wrote in 6/07. She is looking forward to retirement from teaching and thinking about pulling up roots and start out somewhere new and different.

**HERMAN R. HOYER FCSI (1971)** – Wrote on 5/20/2007, via USPS: "Fumiko and I are now in our early eighties, but we're both in good health. I was diagnosed with a condition called "congestive hear failure," but I can handle it. I am full retired now. I bowl three times a week, and I'm carrying a 162 average." Thank you, Herman and Fumiko, for a very generous donation to keep this newsletter going.

**CLARENCE "Clack" KING (1973)** – we lost track of "Clack" for a couple of issues but finally heard from him on 7/2007, via e-mail: "As far as I am concerned, I am very much retired and loving it. Just bought a new boat, which we take delivery on in Maine in about two weeks, having sold the old one last week. Sandy and I spend about six months of the year here on The Eastern Shore and the other six months cruising on our boat. Life is good!"

**KNOX TUMLIN (1996)** – Wrote about the changes to his life after weathering Katrina. He was the city (New Orleans) architect working out of temporary quarters in Baton Rouge, while he wife, Janice, was in Atlanta.

Both had moved back to N.O. Knox took retirement from the city and is now with a firm in New Orleans in private practice. Recently, Janice died from a series of sudden strokes. They were married almost 16 years.

Knox misses her very much and said that it was tough but is getting better. Our condolences.

Knox is also involved with NCARB and saw Jim Chaney at their recent annual meeting

**BILL SKOGLAND (1971)** – (a bit dated but welcomed) - last wrote in 10/2/1006, "We are both now in our "nineties", my wife and I reside in a small nursing home, doing a lot of reminiscing while expressing much gratitude for the wonderful life we have had – much of it involving CSI – (50 years). You "active ones" are doing a great job, and I love to hear about it."

## Lost Souls

While reorganizing our database, we need some information on the following members:

**Albert E. Taylor (1973)**

**Manuel Press (1973)**

**Elmer S. Chamber (1974)**

**Wrenn M. Creel (1974)**

**Robert L. Ashbrook (1978)**

**Curtis H. Lee (1983)**

They may be deceased and all are no longer members of CSI. If you know any of them, or know how to reach someone in their family, or any other leads that will help us determine how to classify them in our data-base (living, died, address, phone, or next of kin), we'd appreciate it very much.

Share with us news about yourself or other Fellows you know.

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## Family

By: Kathy Proctor, FCSI, CDT, AIA

Last year as I packed my suitcases for THE CSI SHOW, I never imagined how that event could become a milestone in my life. I headed off to Las Vegas for yet another convention with packages of handouts and a laptop full of presentations. I arrived full of excitement and anticipation for I had never had so many responsibilities at one convention before – two programs at CSI University, two education sessions during the convention, a number of speaker introductions to make from my role on the Convention Program Task Team, and my first official meeting as vice-chancellor of the College of Fellows. Each presentation was individually packaged to keep myself organized. I thought I was ready for anything.

CSI University was a delight. It is always fun to be surrounded by people eager to develop their leadership skills with a hunger to motivate others. We fed off the

energy of each other and were pumped heading into the convention.

My first program was Wednesday morning at the crack of dawn. This was the First Timers' orientation. This was traditionally an Edith Washington program and it takes someone dynamic like that to get people going that early in the morning. We all know she is a hard act to follow. I was not familiar with the room layout yet and did not really have any idea of the size of the audience to anticipate. So I was "putting on my game face" as got ready that morning.

Just as I was about to leave my room for the program, the phone rang. It was my mother. She wanted me to know that my father had suffered a massive heart attack and passed away suddenly during the night.

What do you do with that news? I walked in a daze from the hotel to the convention hall. I had to keep focused on motivating a room full of people who were attending their first convention and get them ready for a great event. My thoughts would drift to my dad, and tears would roll down my face, then I would take a deep breath and refocus back on my task ahead.

Staff was ready in the room for me to plug in and go. There were two hundred new faces rubbing the sleep from their eyes and leafing through the program guide. I stepped to the podium and thought about how the next few days could start this group of neophytes into the CSI community which could become an integral part of their lives. Off went the lights and up went the slides. I stepped into the role of the presenter and we took off.

After the program, a few questions, and some thank-yous, the group shuffled out eager to take advantage of all that CSI has to offer. As the room emptied, I felt myself begin to crumble. I thought of the four programs that I still had to deliver. I needed to get home and deal with arrangements. I didn't know what to do.

That's when the heart of CSI that I know and love began to shine. Staff members stepped forward to assist. CSI friends from across the country began to get word that I had just suffered a family loss and volunteered to take my programs. Edith headed off with the COF sponsored program for students, Matt Boomhower volunteered to address the program on the PRM, Jack Kleymeyer took my outline for the COF meeting, another grabbed by airline ticket and went to get it rebooked. In a few minutes I found myself engulfed in Alana's hug. Surrounded by words of encouragement and acts of kindness I was shuffled off to the airport and home to my other family.

This year I will again present the First Timer's Orientation. I'll tell this new group of attendees how to get their continuing ed credits, what happens at the

Opening reception and at the CSI booth on the exhibit floor. I'll share what a huge asset our exhibitors are, how to find their region caucus and the myriad of other activities that they should be sure to take advantage of. And I will try to give them a glimpse of understanding that joining CSI is more than a membership. It is a relationship with hundreds and thousands of the finest people in the design and construction community. These are people who are there for each other in the best of times and in the worst of times.

Down here in the South, we call those people family.

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### **CSI COLLEGE OF FELLOWS - ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING Minutes - Baltimore, MD - 21 June 2007**

The meeting was called to order at 6:50pm EDT on Thursday, 21 June 2007, by Chancellor Kathy Proctor. The roll call was conducted by means of circulating two sign-in sheets, the result of which established that a quorum was present (78 members were present, with all regions represented, exceeding the Bylaws requirement of at least 50 members from at least eight Regions; a record of those present is attached).

Chancellor Proctor presented the slate of nominees. Nominations from the floor were requested; there being none, a motion was made to close the nominations, which was approved unanimously. Ballots were circulated; the tellers committee reported, following the counting of the ballots, that Jim Robertson and Phil Kabza were duly elected to the offices of Vice-Chancellor and Secretary, respectively.

Treasurer Brightbill reported assets of \$2776.91; all winners of the raffle very generously donated their proceeds to the College's Student Fund, resulting in a \$360.00 increase in the Fund's value.

Chancellor Proctor requested assistance for Sheldon Wolfe's management of the College's website, and Linda Brown, Jane Baker, Rick Green, and Dave Metzger all volunteered their assistance.

At Proctor's request, the assembled group voiced sincere thanks to both Gilman Hu and Dick Eustis for their continued efforts relating to the publishing and distribution of the Fellows' Newsletter.

Hartman asked that thought be given to the establishment of a College of Fellows Foundation for the purpose of assisting students, and noted that in the coming year he would be forming a study group to investigate the concept in more detail.

John Lape asked that the College consider inviting CSC Fellows to their meetings, noting that this courtesy had

always been afforded CSI Fellows by CSC. The request took the form of a motion, which passed unanimously.

The next Annual Business Meeting will occur at the CSI Convention in Las Vegas, NV, in June of 2008.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned by Proctor at 7:40pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Frederick J. Klemeyer, Jr. FCSI  
Secretary

### **ATTENDANCE ROSTER - COLLEGE OF FELLOWS ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING, 21 JUNE 2007**

(All in attendance were FCSI)

#### Great Lakes Region

Gary Biemers; John Fleck; Joe McGuire; Tracy Van Niel

#### Gulf States Region

Kathy Proctor; W. Richard Cooper, Jr; Michael M. Davis; Jan Sanders; Tom Clarke; Louis Medcalf

#### Middle Atlantic Region

J. Gregg Borchelt; George Merges, Jr.; Charles Beaudy; Sandra A. Hundley; James Jackson; Joseph Kasimer; Mike Glass; Dell Ewing; David Metzger; David Lorenzini; Bob Molseed; Chris Bushnell; Henry Zirkle Michael J. King

#### North Central Region

Gary Betts; Bob McManus; George White; Sheldon Wolfe; Rodney Erickson; Bob Teller; Alana Sunness Griffith; Edd Soenke; Robert Dye; Wiley McMillan

#### Northeast Region

Richard A. Eustis; George Rosamond; Michael T. Owen; W. Calvin Bowne

#### Northwest Region

James Robertson; Lee Kilbourn; Anne Whitacre; Joe Dworkin

#### South Central Region

Charles Chief Boyd; Michael Gibbons; Larry Brooks; Harold Woolard; Jack Vest; Grady H. Whittaker, Jr.; Grant Easterling; Jane Baker; Doug Hartman; Linda Brown; Weldon Nash, Jr.; Doug Frank; Greg Roberts

#### Southeast Region

Paul Bertram, Jr.; Dennis Hall; William Riesberg; Casey Robb

#### Southwest Region

Warren "Lee" Beil; Terry Strong; Greg Markling; Gregory Wm. Sprinkel; Gene Valentine

#### West Region

Bryan Varner; Barbara Richardson; Douglas Day; Michael D. Chambers; Dane Dodd-Hansen; Greg Mowat; Sheryl Dodd-Hansen; Jerry Orland; Valarie Harris; John McCaffrey; Jack Klemeyer; Paulette Salisbury; John Raeber; Gilman Hu

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### **2007 Report of the College of Fellows**

By Katherine S. Proctor, FCSI, CDT, AIA – FY2007  
Chancellor

Activities of the College of Fellows this year focused on looking back in time and forwards to our future. In focusing backwards in time, we targeted the History of Fellows project and used the republication of that information to secure it for our future. Other efforts to prepare for a continuum toward the future include an enhanced mentoring program for future Fellows.

Our History of Fellows project started in 1990 had culminated in 1998 with the publication of a document by that name that recorded a biography of every Fellow to date. In the past 10 years, there had been intermittent efforts to continue to capture information on the new Fellows but it was incomplete. Sheryl Dodd-Hansen took on that project over two years ago only to discover that the electronic versions of the files had somehow disappeared. She has spent countless hours building new records and developing a digital record of the Fellows.

This year Sheldon Wolfe took over this effort by creating a digital home for these records, the Fellows of the Construction Specification Institute website. [www.fcsinet.org](http://www.fcsinet.org) This has provided us with an accessible space to store this information and an easy method to add more fellow's biographies or to edit existing ones. The class of 2007 was asked to provide their biographies before investiture, which they did, and they have been included.

We currently are short over 50 biographies. Over 200 are still in hard copy but not transferred to digital files. Many are those who were elevated to fellowship in the 9 years after publication of the hard copy. Please visit the site and see if you or someone that you know well are represented there and if not, download the template, fill it in and return to Sheldon. Our goal is a complete record of the people who have been the foundation to the organization that is CSI.

The mentoring program started by Grant Easterling has grown to include over 20 Fellows who have volunteered to serve as advisors to people preparing their fellowship nomination packages. We have been blessed to have John Fleck share his expertise as past Chair of the Jury of Fellows to help ensure that deserving people have successful nominations and are recognized for their contributions to the design and construction industry. I will be working with John to help coordinate this effort.

The College is strong financially. We collected over \$700 at our raffle and gave half that sum to help support the student competition at the convention in Baltimore. Doug Hartman has a vision for other support of students by the College that should have tremendous impacts in the years ahead. We have a strong team to move us forward and I look to that future with expectation and anticipation.

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### **A Report from the New Chancellor**

By: Douglas Hartman, FCSI, CCS, CCCA – FY2008  
Chancellor

Has it been nearly 4 months since we last met in June in Baltimore? How time flies! Somehow the construction industry continues at a torrid pace even in the face of lender precautions, housing slumps, and signs that speculative building is exceeding demand.

I hope this newsletter finds everyone well and prospering, and for those well entrenching or contemplating retirement, I envy you immensely! With an 8<sup>th</sup> and a 9<sup>th</sup> grader still to get through college, I am at least 10 years away.

I bring sad news to all of you from Dallas, that a member of the Fellows class of 1976, Tom Sneary, FCSI joined his beloved Cora Nell on July 8 of this year after a short illness. Always ready to serve the Dallas Chapter and the South Central Region, Tom was a guiding light and unforgettable mentor for many of us “young pups” back in the 70’s, and continued to serve the chapter in a variety of capacities even up until just last year.

I also bring greetings to you from Walt Marlowe, our new executive director of CSI. For those who might not have had the chance to meet him at the convention, he is an energetic, focused administrator who has all the signs of an excellent leader as CSI continues to grow and evolve into an industry anchor for formats, standards, and continuing education. I visited with Walt on September 28 as he was attending the SE Region conference, and he wanted us to be aware of some important schedule shifts at the convention (now named Construct 2008 to be held in Las Vegas, NV) regarding fellows activities. The opening session will still be on Wednesday morning, June 4<sup>th</sup>, however, the Fellows induction dinner will now be on Friday evening, June 6<sup>th</sup> (one day earlier than normal). The annual forum will also occur on Friday afternoon. With the compressed schedule, it was determined that the fellows meeting will now be held on Wednesday evening, June 6<sup>th</sup>, rather than Thursday. Please mark your calendars for these important schedule changes!

Lastly, I want to renew my commitment to form a study group this year to determine support for, viability of, and structure of a CSI College of Fellows Foundation, dedicated to soliciting and administering contributions and endowments from members of the college in support of student scholarships on a national level. I have had several of you offer help in contributing to this effort and welcome anyone else who would like to participate. I do not want to diminish any similar activity which occurs at the chapter level, nor the Dale C. Moll Award, but I see this as an opportunity for this group to be a leader in our industry in helping young construction industry professionals achieve their goal of a quality education. The AIA College of Fellows has a similar program, however, it is focused more on funding research grants. But the magnitude of their fund is noteworthy – nearly \$2.5 million and annual grants distributed of \$100,000. Just think what this group could do with a similar fund!

I am honored to serve this distinguished group for this fiscal year and would like to hear from any of you who have a vision of the future of our college. You can reach me any time at dhartman@inspeconline.com.

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### **College of Fellows – Financial Status Report**

By: William Brightbill, FCSI, CCCA – FY 2006-07  
College Bursar

#### Account Activity

Balance – July 1, 2007	\$2,776.91
Receipts – Fundraiser	360.00
Balance – Sept. 30, 2007	\$3,136.91

#### Recent Deposits

Herman Hoyer (June 2007)	\$500.00
Fellow’s Meeting Fundraiser	360.00

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### **Volunteer Opportunities**

By: Your Newsletter Editor

The College of Fellows Nominating Committee is looking for not only potential College Officers but also Fellows interested in serving on the Nominating Committee. If you wish to Volunteer or have suggestions, contact Committee Members or the College Officers.

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