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Meeting Details

Place

The Admiral Fell Inn
888 South Broadway
Baltimore, Maryland

Thursday, March 11, 2010

4:30 Board Meeting
5:30 Attitude Adjustment
6:30 Dinner
7:30 Program

**Make your reservation before
Noon, Tuesday
March 9, 2010**

Email at
reservations@csibaltimore.org

Cost: \$40 per person
Payment due for reservations
made.

Make checks payable
in the exact amount to
" Baltimore Chapter CSI "
Late reservations are not
available.

March's Program Sponsors
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MARCH 11TH'S PROGRAM

Rebuilding the Interchange

Northeast Interstate 95 & Baltimore Beltway

The snow storms of February kept us from our monthly meeting, but our February speakers agreed to give it another try in March.

Dave Labella of the Maryland Transportation Authority and David Greenwood, of I-95 General Engineering Consultants Partners, will be explaining the rebuilding of the I-95 corridor from the I-895 interchange to White Marsh.

Constructed in the 1960's this highway segment has reached the point of needing significant reconstruction for traffic loads expected for the next 30 years. Most visible among the improvements of additional travel lanes and toll-charge express commuter lanes is rebuilding the Baltimore Beltway interchange. When originally designed and constructed in the early 1960's for the then Northeast Expressway (later John F. Kennedy Memorial Highway), the unique flip-flop interchange was considered "state-of-the-art" with high-speed left lane exits and merges. Time has proven the design to be impractical for today's traffic volumes and driver habits.

April's Meeting Program

Experience *Integrated Project Delivery* at our April by participating in discussions of case studies and collaborating in activities that demonstrate the principals of Integrated Project Delivery. Bring your stories to share of what has worked well in the past and what could be improved to deliver better projects, more efficiently, and to have more fun. The program will be facilitated by Charley Greenland and Lee Hyden of Ayers Saint Gross, and Susan Raneri of USG.

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www.csibaltimore.org

for information about Chapter events and activities.

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First Vice President's Message

SNOW may be a required ingredient for the Winter Olympics. However, I agree with comedian Carl Reiner who said, "A lot of people like SNOW. I regard SNOW as an unnecessary freezing of water." I agree, especially when 5 feet accumulates around Baltimore and environs in 10 days. SNOW..... is just another four letter word.

That being said, I send greetings to all from sunny Orlando, Florida where the temperature for the last week has been averaging a balmy 45°F with 15 mph winds resulting in a wind chill index in the 30's. A distinct improvement over the white stuff I left behind but not exactly what was anticipated for my winter getaway. How rude!

Please note that Spring, with its own set of meteorological surprises, is only a few weeks away. However, I remind everyone that we have had some of our worst snowfalls in March. Sorry, I'm just a frost bitten curmudgeon with my natural pessimism showing.

On the other hand, I am optimistic about the Baltimore Chapter's future. In my role as First Vice President, I am continually reaching out to potential new members during my conversations with the various construction industry professionals with whom I interact on a daily basis. I also have captive audiences during my lunch presentations (an opportunity which is always too good to pass up). I've been advocating the CSI message and benefits of CSI membership whenever the chance presents itself. I ask that everyone promote CSI to prospective new members. Entice them with the free dinner and the Admiral Fell Inn's ambiance. Request the pleasure of their company. Bribe them with the networking opportunities. Liberate them from their cubicles!

I repeat my earlier offer: As an incentive for each confirmed new member brought into the Chapter, the First Vice President will not only offer his personal unending appreciation but also buy the new members sponsor an "Adult Beverage" of his or her choice at the monthly meeting. Remember this: at AFI's "Adult Beverage" pricing I could go broke if everyone brings in only one new member.

Events and Dates to place on your calendar:

March Dinner Program: "Rebuilding the Northeast Interstate 95 and Baltimore Beltway Interchange" should be interesting and enlightening, particularly if you use this stretch of roadway on a consistent basis. Please attend and bring a friend.

Rebuilding Together Baltimore: A message from Liz Stone-

"Rebuilding day this year is on Saturday, April 24, 2010. We have been assigned a house and are in need of volunteers. The home we're working on this year will require some light plumbing and electrical work. There is also some exterior concrete work. Also, we need people with general skills such as painting, cleaning, and carpentry. Just think, in one day we can make someone's life better. Special Note: Rebuilding Together Baltimore has required that we have an on-site Safety Monitor and Energy Captain." Anyone interested in helping can contact Rod Anderson at 410-997-1000 or Liz Stone at 443-866-6690. The Chapters thanks go to Liz and Rod for championing this event for many years.

Greg Barbini, CSI, SSPC

1st Vice President

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Board Meeting Highlights February 2010

The February 11, 2010 Board Meeting was held via conference call due to the inclement weather experienced in Maryland from February 5 through February 12, 2010.

The Board reviewed the offer from Admiral Fell Inn (AFI) to host our monthly meetings for FY 2011 and FY 2012. If the chapter executes monthly contracts with AFI for the next two FY, AFI will lock the rate at \$30 per person plus taxes and service fees. Those fees bring the per plate charge to just under \$40 per person. This is a less than 4 percent increase over the Chapter's current rate. Given that the Chapter does not charge guests, prospective members and our monthly speakers, the chapter should be able to break even without raising the cost of meetings beyond the current \$40 per person charged. Motions were made and passed to approve the contracts as submitted by Admiral Fell Inn and to authorize the First Vice President Greg Barbini to execute these contracts on the Chapter's behalf.

Under discussion of the Programs Committee, it was stated that Dave LaBella, February's scheduled presenter, has agreed to present his program at the March meeting. The CCS program originally scheduled for March will be moved to a month without a program later in the year.

The three table top sponsors for February have agreed to attend and present at the March meeting. Concern was expressed that the Chapter lost revenue by not having sponsorships in February, but the Chapter did not incur any expenses by cancelling the February meeting, so only minor adjustments need be made to the budget.

Todd Guntner asked for help from leadership in filling the remaining slots for this FY and in the future. PPG will take one of the sponsorships in June.

The chapter's Outstanding Chapter Commendation nomination packet was received by the Institute.

Secretary Marvin Kemp received notification from the Institute that Edna Heatherington's member status is officially changed to Member Emeritus.

Secretary Marvin Kemp asked if the Chapter should draft and adopt a policy on cancellation of meetings for inclement weather. Two opinions were expressed: a policy could back the chapter leaders into a corner but also the manner used for cancelling the February meeting should be written and adopted as the steps that leaders should follow to make the decision, as the steps worked very well. It was decided that the secretary will draft the policy outlining the steps taken in February 2010 for review at the March meeting.

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Communication

Of our 200 Chapter members, how many of us own and use a BlackBerry or iPhone? 70%? 80%? I'm guilty — I have my BlackBerry in my hand or pocket almost 24/7. I recharge it overnight, but check it as soon as I get up. I use it to stay informed across evenings and weekends on a number of matters, not just business or CSI.

I have an interior fit-out job currently under construction. It's a little different in that the base building is also under construction so our design was based on design drawings rather than record drawings and field verification. The project is a combination of clinical spaces and administrative spaces, so there is a tremendous amount of custom millwork.

Recently, an encounter occurred that has led me to consider the idea of communication. According to the base building drawings we were given, there are some areas where curtainwall extends slab to ceiling with vision glass, not spandrel glass. In one of those areas, we designed a work surface along that exterior wall with a modesty panel to cover the legs of the person using the work surface, even though this space is on the fourth floor. I received an email from the millwork sub that simply stated, "PI-1 wall panels (modesty panels) are not necessary and the way they are drawn would require them to pretty much be stapled from the front." There was a lengthy narrative associated with a proposed design change, but the fact that an element we had designed was deemed "unnecessary" by the sub struck me.

I assumed that the "unnecessary" because the installation was on the fourth floor so no one at street level would be able to see the person's legs at the work surface. I wrote back that the panels were necessary from a psychological stand point and should be provided as designed. The GC's superintendent then emailed that in this location the curtainwall uses spandrel glass below the countertop height. The base building design was changed during construction to provide a metal stud and gypsum board wall to cover the spandrel glass. With that wall installed, the modesty panels are unnecessary if not impossible to install.

A simple statement in the sub's email would have alleviated some angst and about six emails from different parties. If the sub had simply stated, "a gypsum board wall has been installed across the glass below the countertop height, so the modesty panels are not needed," a one word response would have come from me: "okay."

I can't lay all the blame for the miscommunication here on the GC and sub. I took his comments at face value and didn't fully check out all of the possibilities. I assumed that he was wishing to save himself some work and some money by changing our design. Either way, on either side, a quick phone call could have solved this issue in a much quicker and easier way, rather than a string of emails flying back and forth.

I've said in this newsletter many times that networking is one of the great benefits of CSI. The happy hour and dinner at each monthly meeting are great opportunities to get to know fellow members of our chapter and fellow members of our industry. Use that time to talk and communicate ideas, concerns and hopes. But when you leave CSI meetings, don't let the face to face communication end. The next time you go to fire off an email, think twice. Think about whether you should pick up the phone and call the person in the "TO" box at the top of the email discuss things over the phone, using the email to confirm your understanding of the conversation.

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SATURDAY APRIL 24, 2010

We are looking for volunteers for the 2010 Rebuilding Day. For those of you not familiar with this yearly charitable event, it's a nationwide, private, nonprofit organization founded in 1973 in Midland Texas. Formerly known as Christmas in April, the organization was established in Baltimore in 1989. Rebuilding Together is a grass roots organization that works in partnership with the community to repair and rehabilitate the homes of low-income homeowners, primarily the elderly, disabled, and families with children. The ultimate goal is to help local homeowners live in warmth, safety, and independence while remaining in their homes.

Many of these people have worked hard their whole lives and due to financial or physical hardships, are unable to maintain deteriorating conditions around them. If these people are not helped, it can contribute to the increasing problem of homelessness.

The Baltimore Chapter CSI has been a long time supporter of this organization. We've been helping families for over 16 years in Baltimore County and Baltimore City. We need your help. Please contact Rod Anderson or Liz Stone if you would like to help this year. Help us, help a family this year.

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CONSTRUCT 2010

CSI's 54th Annual Convention and Construct 2010 moves to Philadelphia this year. During the week of May 11 to 14, the CSI faithful will travel to the City of Brotherly Love for several days of education programs, networking, and product exhibits.

Go to www.constructshow.com and enter your CSI Member number when registering to receive your CSI discount. Discounted education packages are available only through April 8th! Highlights include:

- Over 75 accredited and approved education courses.
- Hundreds of exhibitors with new products, solutions, and technologies.
- Education pavilion and on-show-floor events.
- Cross-industry networking.
- CSI member programs and events.
- Technical Tours to City Hall and the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts.
- Spouse/Guest and Emerging Professional/Student programs.
- Keynote Speaker: [Bjarke Ingels](#). A Danish architect, he heads the architectural practice Bjarke Ingels Group which he founded in 2006. In his designs, Bjarke Ingels often tries to achieve a balance between playful and practical approaches to architecture.

Middle Atlantic Region Conference

Scheduled for September 23-26 at the [Historic Inns of Annapolis](#), this Region-led event is a bit different than in the past. Each Chapter will be responsible for two very important areas — Sponsorship and Manpower. The website is www.MARC2010.org. Mark your calendars now. Reservations are open for the conference hotel, telephone 410-263-2641. When making reservations, indicate that the rate is for the Construction Specification Institute. If you have any questions, contact Region Director [Mitch Miller](#)

Voting Season Isn't Over!

Although Institute Elections closed at the end of February, it's time for the Chapter Election of Officers and Directors!

In accordance with the Chapter Bylaws, the appointed Nominating Committee has performed its prescribed assignment and has prepared this ballot of the following slate of officers for Fiscal Year 2011, and new Directors for Fiscal Years 2011 to 2012.

The ballot is attached to the email sending **The Constellation**, as a separate file. Follow the instruction on the ballot, so your ballot is valid.

Chapter election closing date is April 15th.

Lost Souls

The people listed below have no email or have a non-functioning email address. If you know these people have, please contact them and have them update their membership profiles with the Institute at 800-689-2900 or www.csinet.org.

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 Priscilla Yantis, CSI

Calendar Of Events

March

- 11 Baltimore Chapter open Board Meeting and General Meeting.
Rebuilding the Northeast Interstate 95 and Baltimore Beltway Interchange.
- 16-18 National Facilities Management and Technology Conference at Baltimore Convention Center. Register at www.nfmt.com.



- 29 Certifications Exam period commences at Prometric test facilities, and ends on April 3.

April

- 8 Baltimore Chapter open Board Meeting and General Meeting.
Integrated Project Delivery
- 16&17 Middle Atlantic Region *Leadership Orientation Seminars* at the Radison Penn Harris Hotel and Conference Center in Camp Hill, PA. This is an excellent time to interact with other leaders from the region. For more information check the Region's Website at www.mar-csi.org.
- 24 Rebuilding Together Baltimore conducts its annual day of repairing homes of needy residents of a Baltimore community. To volunteer or for information, contact Rod Anderson at 410-997-1000

May

- 11-14 CSI's 54th Annual Convention and CONSTRUCT 2010 at Philadelphia Convention Center.
- 20 Due to the CSI Annual Convention occurring during the second week of the month, we're moving back one week for our monthly meeting! Baltimore Chapter open Board Meeting and a Joint Meeting with the International Facility Managers Association's Baltimore Chapter.

June

- 8 Baltimore Chapter open Board Meeting and General Meeting.

March Anniversaries

Susan Ann Alhambra, CSI 2
 Jason B. Coomer, CSI-S 3
 David H. Copley, CSI 1
 Anthony J. Cusato, CSI 1
 Debbie A. Fitch, CSI-S 1
 Donald A. Harris, CSI, CCS, CCCA 23
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