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July Meeting Details

CSI's "Summer" has arrived! So we won't be having a regular meeting. The Chapter's Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs will be meeting to plan events for this Fiscal Year. All members are welcome to attend, and become involved.

Thursday, July 14, 2022

**4:30 Board Meeting via
Phone and MS Teams
Meeting Link**

**Make your reservation
before Noon,
Wednesday
July 13, 2022**

Cost: Its Free!

**RSVP
Send Email
to
[Katherine Good](#)**

September's Program

Plaster Restoration

It is an ancient material. We're talking millennia — not centuries or decades. It was only recently (the 1930's) when it's replacement material (gypsum board) arrived in the market.

Many buildings have it as a wall and ceiling finish. It can be molded to look like stone or into other ornamental objects. It is primarily an interior material, but change the cement holding the aggregate from gypsum to portland cement and it can be used outdoors. It is durable and abuse resistant.

However, since the introduction of gypsum board, the use of gypsum plaster has waned. Portland cement plastering for exterior applications has remained popular in many areas. And, it's newest iteration (acrylic plastering) has been in use for several decades in North America and in Europe since the 1950's. This is not to say that gypsum plaster is not used in new construction, because there are instances where it is more appropriate than gypsum board.

But, what about all of that plaster in building dating from before 1960? It can be repaired. Doing so requires skill and patience.

Join us as the folks from the John Canning Company will give a presentation on Plaster Restoration.

October's Program

We'll be celebrating Autumn with an outing. We're not sure if we'll go axe-throwing, miniature golfing, or something else. Stay tuned!

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events and activities

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Editorial deadline is the last Wednesday of each month.

President's Message

Greetings Baltimore!

In my procrastinating, I came across an interesting article titled "How to Have More Meaningful Conversations." Being an Enneagram Type 5, if I have to a conversation, I want it to be meaningful; I was intrigued! It also has a cool infographic with tips to "try it."

I am guilty of breaking these "rules" frequently. Thus, I have decided to pick just two to focus on improving over the next month. Here are the first five. I encourage you to read the rest.

1. Don't multitask while talking with someone. When on a virtual call I am horrible about this one! I think many of us are when we're not engaged enough. Maybe, I really need a snack?
2. Pay attention to their body language. This has become more difficult in the remote working era, especially with Zoom fatigue and cameras off. Let's try to have in person conversations!
3. Reflect back what you understand. I've been trying to implement this for years with mixed success. It's most useful during disagreements in my opinion.
4. Listen instead of planning your response. This is another I've been working on. I like to think it's because I'm interesting or because I'm concerned about saying something unintelligent, but it really points back to Number 1 for me — multitasking.
5. Avoid giving unsolicited advice. I will add for my own benefit that one-upmanship is in this category. Sometimes I relate my better story and it downplays their concerns. Often it's a "this is how I had a similar situation and dealt with it" kind of thing. Sometimes, I should ONLY listen.

Numbers 4 and 5 are going to be my improvement goal for the next month. What would you pick?

[Katherine Good](#), CSI
Chapter President

Summer Planning for July and August

CSI's "Summer" is arriving! So, we won't be having a regular meetings in July and August. But, that doesn't mean you can't join us. The Chapter's Officers, Directors, and Committee Chairs will be meeting to plan events for next Fiscal Year. Activities this Summer include planning our monthly programs, meeting venues, and education sessions for next fiscal year.

Several kinds of events are in the works, including tours and networking opportunities outside of the regular monthly meetings. Contact [Liz Stone](#) to help.

Program planning includes the following potential topics:

- Architectural Woodwork Institute's new ANSI-Approved standards
- Chasing Archaic Specs.
- Construction Administration Practice Issues.
- Design Professionals' Obligation to Notify Code Authorities When Owners Won't Act.
- Emerging Design and Construction Standards.
- Construction Labor Availability and Training - Discussion of Practical Issues.
- Facility Security, Defensible Space, and Safe Rooms.
- Managing Multiple Generations of Staff Personnel.
- NFPA-285 Fire Testing.
- Specification Practice Issues.
- Subtleties of ADA Architectural Guideline Compliance.
- Training Today's Emerging Professional Regarding What is Real and What is Fake Yet Looks Real.
- When is a Code Interpretation from an AHJ to be Relied Upon?

Committee Members Needed

If you are want to have a Chapter leadership position, do we have an opportunity for you! If you are interested, contact [Katherine Good](#).

Board Meeting Highlights June 2022

President Katherine Good welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

Katherine reported that the website has been updated.

Handbook Chair Scott Sider, reported that the roster information has been sent to the Electronic Communications Committee.

Membership Committee Chair Jim Clancy, reported that he reached out to one new member, and we're at 80 members now.

Katherine reported we are planning a summer event.

Programs Committee Chair Liz Stone, reported that tonight's program discusses hardware with Nicole Dyer from Allegion. September's program will involved the John Canning Company regarding an historic preservation topic. Liz added that Katherine, Scott, and Liz will be meeting to discuss programs for FY 23, and at least three Autumn presentations will be in-person. Katherine asked if anyone would volunteer their yard for a summer event, please let her know.

Tellers Committee Chair Scott Sider, reported that the Chapter Election was held and the nominated slate was elected, along with approval of both Bylaw Amendment questions.

Scott asked Treasurer Steve Evans if there was any progress regarding the Chapter's liability insurance policy update. Steve replied that he is speaking with the insurance company and will report back.

The Institute is completing its new Chapter border maps related to the updated membership arrangement which become effective on July 1st. Katherine opined that we are fine with our own boundaries.

Sam Grant, CSI
Chapter Secretary
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Sometimes the Joints Just Don't Align

Construction is not perfect. It is to be expected and accommodated. Things don't always go as planned. This is despite the use of building modeling software, computer-aided drafting software, computed-aided manufacturing, construction scheduling software, and project management software.

Take the case of the stone panels in the photographs below. Although intended to be rectangular in shape, one panel wound up being a "fat" L-shape because the horizontal joint lines coming from the right didn't align with all of the horizontal joint lines coming from left.

Why did it happen? Only Contractor knows for sure.



Calendar Of Events

July

14 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting. To be held virtually.

August

11 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting and *A Cookout!* Location to be announced.

September

8 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Program: *Plaster Restoration.*

October

12-14 [CSI National Conference](#) at the Hyatt Regency Hotel at the Denver Convention Center in Denver, Colorado.

20 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. A Social Event (We Might be Throwing Axes).

November

10 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. *Facade and Fenestration Testing and Inspection.* Meeting to be held at offices of Building Envelope Engineering Consultants and Scientists at the recently restored Hoen Lithograph Building at 2101 East Biddle Street; Suite J3 in Baltimore.

December

8 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. *Bowling!* We'll be returned to Mustang Alleys at 1300 Bank Street (on the Second Floor), Baltimore, Maryland

January

12 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. *It's Perfectly Legal!*

July Anniversaries

- Leisl Ashby, CSI, CCS
- Joel Asrael, CSI, CDT
- Richard Brown, CSI, CCS, CCCA, CDT
- Becky French, CSI
- Katherine Good, CSI
- Samuel Grant, CSI
- G. Todd Guntner, CSI
- Greg Parham, CSI
- Michael Ryan, CSI, CCS, CCCA, CDT
- Charles Schmitt, CSI
- Eugene Shanholtz, MS, CSI, CDT
- Vern Sparks Jr., CSI, CCS, CCCA

New Members

- 20 Paul T. Hinton, CSI, CDT
- 5 Joel Mission, CSI-S
- 9
- 1
- 5
- 12
- 41
- 1
- 34
- 1
- 5
- 24

