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June Meeting Details

Place

Michael Graves Architecture
31 Light Street; Suite 500
Baltimore, MD 21202

Thursday, June 9, 2022

4:30 Board Meeting

5:30 Program

**Make your reservation
before Noon,
Wednesday
June 8, 2022**

Cost: Its Free!

RSVP

**Send Email
to
[Katherine Good](mailto:katherine.good@csi.org)**

June's Program

Taking the "Hard" Out of Door Hardware

Door hardware is like many building products. Simplistic in some aspects and highly complicated in others. Door hardware has the basic requirements of hanging a door, securing a door, controlling a door, and projecting a door. Achieving those goals can get complicated as it relates to Building and Life Safety Code requirements, depending upon circumstances of an individual door.

As designers, owners, and contractors endeavor to create openings that fulfill program needs and Code requirements, errors occur. Misunderstandings of how hardware components actually function instead of how they are perceived to function. Subtleties of hardware terminology are common. Ever wanted a lock to become locked by pushing a button, yet not realized that if you want it to stay locked you need to specify another kind where the button gets turned? Do you know the difference between a flush bolt, automatic bolt, and a constant latching bolt? There are Code compliance implications.

Door hardware has become increasingly complicated as the demands of security have increased. Codes and regulations continue to change and evolve. As a result, specifying door hardware can be confusing, and time consuming. Wheres and hows of best hardware usage to ensure life safety and security, along with how to coordinate hardware sets will be explained.

September's Program

Plaster restoration.

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Editorial deadline is the last Wednesday of each month.

President's Message

We've all heard the phrase "April showers bring May flowers," but this year it seems as if April showers have only brought May showers. I can't help but think of the construction professionals who on top of material delays and labor shortages are also now dealing with so many rainy days. This is when I am thankful that, for the most part, rain does not stop me from either remote working or working in the office.

In second week of May, however, we had suddenly soaring and near-record high temperatures! Weather is weird, but weather is also impacted by our environment and how we humans are caring for that environment. I like to believe that each generation grows more conscience of how our consumerism impacts the planet. For example, we've all been impacted by materials shortages — what if as consumers we bought (or even had available to buy) sturdy goods that last a long time. Then we chose to use and reuse and make over that item however we need it rather than just throwing it away and buying a new one. Would that free up some of those materials for manufacturing in critical areas?

In the AEC industry we have seen a trend towards sustainable and "green" construction become more popular as incentives and code requirements increase, but I ask what is our responsibility to make selections, encourage clients, and develop products to strive for sustainable architecture above and beyond what is REQUIRED. Rather than being REactionary, how can be PROactive? Many materials in this world are finite, a few in comparison are renewable.

As ever, I am considering how I as one lonely person in the AEC industry can make an impact thinking about the large world-impacting issues. Here's what I've come up with:

1. As a consumer: Looking for ways I can reuse an item, buy an item that has a long life, or create my own. For example, when researching new printers, the \$50 ones looked really attractive, however reading reviews and talking to friends, it's cheaper to buy a new printer than new ink for that machine! I have also gotten into making baskets from plants in my garden, but that's not for everyone!

2. As a professional: When choosing products for a project and "sustainability" is not required, I will still consider it as a deciding factor as much as possible. We have to balance project budgets and needs of course, but all things equal, chose the most sustainable option possible.

3. Talk about it: Saving the world one milk jug at a time seems to be a sensitive political topic for most, and thus we tend to avoid it. Let's talk about recycling, consumerism, and how construction and demolition contribute. Not in a giant idea way, but in an "How can I make decisions every day to make this better" way.

I'm interested in hearing your thoughts. Send me an email!

[Katherine Good](#), CSI
Chapter President

Election Time Concludes!

CHAPTER

The Chapter's election was held, and the following are the results:

- The following Officers were elected to serve during Fiscal Year 2021:
 - » President: Katherine Good, CSI
 - » 1st V.P.: Jim Clancy, CSI
 - » 2nd V.P.: Michael Gilbert, CSI-EP
 - » Secretary: Samuel Grant, CSI
 - » Treasurer: Steven C. Evans, CSI
- The following Directors were elected to serve during Fiscal Years 2023 and 2024:
 - » Elizabeth Stone, CSI, CDT®
 - » Scott Warren Sider, CSI, CDT®, CCS®, CCCA®

Both Bylaws amendments were adopted.



Board Meeting Highlights April 2022 and May 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.

We gained two new members in April, and Vice President Jim Clancy has reached out to them, but he has not heard back.

Programs Chair Liz Stone reported that she is pursuing a hardware presentation for May. Katherine stated that it is possible that we might meet in person in May. May meeting was canceled. June Board and Chapter meetings will be in person; location to be determined. June's program will discuss door hardware and code issues. September's program will involve an historic preservation topic.

Nominations process was discussed. It needs to proceed even though we are late on issuing ballots. Scott noted that the bylaws don't allow for the president or vice presidents to exceed two terms; and that current office holders are all coming to the end of their second terms. Sam noted that a bylaws modification would be necessary for the current president and vice presidents to continue in their positions. In May, ballots were sent out, and Katherine urged everyone to vote.

Todd Guntner, Tabletop Sponsorship Chair, said that he will look for a possible sponsor for June's meeting.

The Board discussion of the Institute's proposed affiliation agreement continued from last month's meeting. Scott brought up the subject of Officers and Directors liability insurance to Treasurer Steve Evans. Steve stated that he believes that the Chapter has general liability insurance, but would check on the officers and directors insurance and report back. There was discussion of the arbitration clause within the affiliation agreement. In May, Katherine stated that she has signed and submitted the Chapter affiliation agreement, and that the Region has also signed.

Sam Grant, CSI
Chapter Secretary
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Material Selection Errors Don't Get Better over Time

Sometimes design decisions don't make the greatest of long term solutions. Building materials have distinct properties which affect their durability. One aspect is moisture absorption.

Various masonry materials absorb moisture, which can be detrimental to long term durability or appearance. Like clay masonry units, various stone species have the ability to absorb moisture at various rates. One aspect with the absorptive materials is their ability to absorb moisture from the ground. The term "rising damp" is applied to conditions where masonry allows moisture to rise up through a wall from the ground. It is easily prevented by application of through wall flashing to act as a barrier.

The two photos below illustrate the rising damp issue with limestone on a building.



Calendar Of Events

June

- 6 Spring Certification Exam Period Ends.
- 9 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Program: *Taking the "Hard" Out of Door Hardware.*

July

- 14 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting.

August

- 11 Baltimore Chapter Board Meeting.

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.
- 13 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Program to be announced.

November

- 10 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Program to be announced.

December

- 8 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Bowling! Location to be announced.

January

- 12 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Program to be announced.

May & June Anniversaries

D. Ronald Brasher, CSI	19
James Esquivel, CSI	2
Alisha Garnett, CSI-S	1
Patrick Martineau, CSI	3
Michael Marushka, CSI-EP	3
Cassandra Mellon, CSI, CCPR, CDT	24
Scott Sider, CSI, CCS, CCCA, CDT	37
Fallon Williams, CSI	1

New Members

Riley Christian, CSI-S
Oscar Lopez, CSI-S

