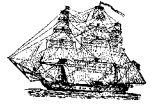




THE CONSTELLATION



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November Meeting Details

Place

Make a Reservation and Receive
the Link in an Email

Thursday, November 11, 2021

4:30 Board Meeting via Phone

5:30 Program

Make your reservation before
8:00 p.m.

On

Wednesday, November 10, 2021

Cost: Free!

CHEAP!

And it is not a typo!

RSVP

Send Email
to

[Katherine Good](mailto:katherine.good@csi.org)

OR



November's Program

The Benefits of Destruction THE ROLE OF TESTING LABS

Have you ever wanted to break something just to see how it breaks? Or, wanted to see how much effort it would take to destroy something?

There are people in our industry who do that sort of thing everyday. It isn't a matter of fulfilling childhood desires for random destructiveness. It's a matter of determining durability of the pieces and parts that go into the buildings and infrastructure we build.

Since nothing lasts forever, but the earth and sky, manufacturers are constantly enhancing their products for greater durability along with other qualities like easier installation and compliance with sustainability guidelines.

Join us for a virtual tour of Tremco's Sealant Testing Laboratory.

December's Program

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for information about Chapter events and activities

Join us at feltips.blogspot.com

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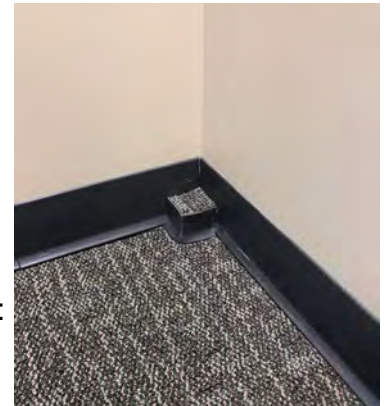
Editorial deadline is the last Wednesday of each month.

President's Message

Wow! Time flies and it's already November! I want to remind everyone that we are giving away a prize in January! To enter, simply attend one of our monthly meetings, either in-person or virtually. So far, our presentations have adjusted to virtual and this month's is also virtual, so its super easy to join. Just shoot me an email letting me know you plan to attend. I typically send out an Outlook invite the day before with the meeting link.

For fun this month, I have a photo! I was browsing the internet (as we all do) and this photo popped up. I have no idea where in the world it is, but it made me laugh hysterically. Then, I started to think, "What would I have done in this situation?"

Am I right? It's a funny photo of a corner blip. We try to avoid these as architects, but sometimes they just appear, usually where a pipe didn't quite make the turn we hoped for. I'm going to assume a normal process with an architect and a contractor. Questions to ponder:



- Where does "responsibility" for this situation lie? Contractor? Sub? Architect?
- Did the contractor issue an RFI and that was the architect's response?
- How long will the adhesive adequately hold on the vinyl cove?
- What's a different (better?) solution for a blip, assuming there was no place else to move whatever it's covering?

Personally, I probably would've covered all of the sides with carpet, so it'd blend into the floor, but I admire the dedication of the contractor to "match" the room finishes.

I hope I made you smile today, that you'll join us Thursday, and that you'll find some time to reflect on what you have to be thankful for as we approach Thanksgiving.

[Katherine Good](#), CSI
Chapter President

Winter Professional Development Seminars

From January to March 2022, the Chapter will be offering sessions on the organization of construction contract documents, the use of standard forms and formats, product representation, construction contract administration, and specification writing. Improve the way you write or use construction contract documents.

Attend these classes if you intend to take a Certification examination ([CDT](#), [CCS](#), [CCPR](#), or [CCCA](#)) or want to enrich your knowledge on the core documents of the construction industry. Intern architects taking the seminar series and CDT Exam can use the time spent on the study sessions and the exam towards NCARB's Architectural Experience Program credit hours.

The two-hour sessions will be held on Tuesday evenings, starting on January 11, 2022 in person and via an MS Teams online connection. Registration fee is \$100 for the entire series of sessions, or \$10 per session ala carte.

Attendees will need to obtain a copy of the Project Delivery Practice Guide (for CDT), Specifications Practice Guide (for CCS), or Construction Administration Practice Guide (for CCCA), and copies of AIA Documents A101 and A201. Order the Practice Guides from the Institute at 800-689-2900; www.csiresources.org. The Practice Guides cannot be ordered through the Baltimore Chapter CSI. Order the AIA documents from the Building Congress and Exchange at 410-823-7200, Baltimore Chapter AIA at 410-625-2585, or online at www.aia.org. Please be sure to order your documents in time to receive them before the first class.

Registration forms and details are attached to **The Constellation**. For more information, contact Professional Development Chair [Scott Sider](#), CSI, CCS, CCCA, at 443-573-2248.

Board Meeting Highlights October 2021

President Katherine Good welcomed the attendees to the meeting.

Electronic Communications Chair Meagan Elfert reported that the website roster and newsletter have been updated.

Professional Development Chair Scott Sider, reported that preparations are underway for the Winter Seminars starting in January.

There was discussion as to a December bowling event. If we proceed on that, we'll need sponsors to cover the cost. Katherine will discuss it with Todd Guntner.

We will be doing giveaway drawings at the January and June meetings.

Katherine explained that there will be some "structural" changes within the Institute, effective July 2022. When a member joins or renews, the member will no longer be allowed to choose their Chapter. Rather, the Institute will initially assign the Chapter, which the member can change. Each Chapter will have a boundary. Chapter boundaries are currently being evaluated and negotiated. Katherine showed the current proposed boundary map for the Baltimore Chapter, as established by the Institute, and the Chapter's proposed Chapter boundaries.

There followed discussion, including issues as to where members live, as opposed to where they work. Interplay among and between the Baltimore, DC Metro, and Northern Virginia Chapters will affect final boundaries. The Middle Atlantic Region CSI seems not too concerned over all of this. Katherine requested that if anyone has thoughts/comments on the boundary issues, that they send them to her by Monday, October 18.

This will not involve much of a change in costs, within the Baltimore Chapter.

Katherine added that the Institute is looking to change membership and dues structures. Among other things, the Institute is concerned over membership retention. Institute Board Chair Marvin Kemp explained some of the background. The Institute wants every member to have a home, in order to receive CSI services. No longer will a member be allowed to belong to multiple Chapters.

Also a development is the Institute's decision that every Chapter have an affiliation agreement. No such agreement now exist. The Institute has set forth an outline as to what these agreements ought to contain. Katherine shared it with the Board. The proposed agreements would address trademarks, logos, leadership education training, Chapter responsibilities, bylaw enabling documents, and review by counsel every five years. The Chapter will be receiving a formal version in 2022.

Sam Grant, CSI
Chapter Secretary
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The Duct and The Shaftwall

There was once a concrete slab which had some holes. Along came two ducts who settled themselves into the holes to carry some air. The slab asked the ducts if they would close the gap between the edges of the holes and the face of the ducts to prevent the spread of fire and smoke through the holes. The ducts said, "No, we have a friend who will take of that!" "Who is that?" asked the slab. "Just wait," said the ducts.

After awhile some steel studs and gypsum board arrived. "Who are you?" asked the slab. "We're a shaftwall!," they said. "What do you do?" asked the slab. "We join together and create a wall which is constructed from one side, provides a fire-rating, and creates a smoke barrier. When we're fully assembled, the ducts' cousin the fire damper will join us and provide a way for the duct to pass through us to maintain the fire and smoke ratings," explained the shaftwall. "Wow!" said the slab.



Calendar Of Events

November

- 5 *Moisture Control in Buildings: Designing, Constructing, and Remodeling for Wet Weather* webinar. Provides 6.5 LU and PDH. More information at www.halfmoonseminars.com.
- 8 Fall Exam Standard (Not So Cheap) Registration Ends.
- 8 Fall Exam Period Starts
- 9 Fall Exam Late (Expensive) Registration Starts.
- 11 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. A virtual visit of Tremco's sealant testing laboratory.

December

- 1 Fall Exam Late (Expensive) Registration Ends.
- 10 Chapter's *Annual Bowling Event* at the Bowlero Timonium AMF Lanes at 2165 York Road (between Timonium Road and Greenmeadow Drive) from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. If you are interested in sponsoring the event, contact [Todd Guntner](mailto:Todd.Guntner@baltimorechapter.com)
- 15 Fall Exam Period Ends

January

- 11 Professional Development Seminars start and run for 12 weeks at Waldon Studio Architect's Baltimore Office and via a Microsoft Teams link.
- 13 Baltimore Chapter Meeting. Program to be announced.

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Baltimore Chapter CSI

Professional Development and Certification Seminars — Winter 2022

Syllabus

Location: Waldon Studio Architects — Baltimore; 31 Light Street (building entrance is on Water Street), Baltimore, MD (go to the 5th floor).

Contact: Scott Sider, Professional Development Committee Chair, Waldon Studio Architects; 410-290-9680, Extension 303.
swsider@waldonstudio.com.

Class Dates: Tuesdays from January 11, 2022 through March 22, 2022.

Class Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Seminar Series Fee: \$100.00 (for the entire series). \$10.00 for individual sessions.

Date	CDT Preparation	CCS, CCPR, CCCA Preparation
Tuesday January 11, 2022	Building team members and their relationships; Commissioning; Construction process; Project phases; Facility Life Cycle; Integrated Project Delivery	CCCA: Construction Administration; Roles and Responsibilities; Preconstruction; Meetings; Construction Observation and Inspection
Tuesday January 18, 2022	OmniClass, MasterFormat, and UniFormat.	CCCA: Submittals; Quality Assurance and Quality Control; Executing the Work
Tuesday January 25, 2022	SectionFormat, PageFormat, OmniClass, Spec Data, and GreenFormat	CCCA: Contract Document Interpretations and Modifications; Claims and Disputes
Tuesday February 1, 2022	AIA A201 – Contract Provisions: Definitions and provisions.	CCCA: Measurement and Payment; Project Closeout; Construction Administration Guides
Tuesday February 8, 2022	AIA A201 – Rights, Duties, and Responsibilities: Understand Owner, Contractor, and A/E roles. AIA A101 – Owner-Contractor Agreement	CCS: Project Manual and Specifications Practices; Producing a Project Manual; Coordinating Drawings and Specifications (Scott)
Tuesday February 15, 2022	Codes and Regulations; Project Conception; Programming; Project Cost and Scheduling; Project Delivery Methods; Integrated Project Delivery.	CCS: Methods of Specifying; Performance Specifying; Procurement Specifying; Specifying for Government Agencies
Tuesday February 22, 2022	Product Selection Processes and Evaluation	CCS: Specifications and Contract Forms, Construction Bonds, and Construction Insurance; Division 01 Specifications
Tuesday March 1, 2022	Design; Sustainability; Value Judgement Processes; Schematic and Design Development Documents	CCS: Master Guide Specifications; Short Form Specifications;
Tuesday March 8, 2022	Construction Administration	No Session
Tuesday March 15, 2022	Procurement	CCPR: Services of Product Representatives; Forms of Representation; Working with the Project Team; Product Information
Tuesday March 22, 2022	Facility Management Exam Preparation	CCPR: Filing Product Information; Distributing Product Information; Forms of Presentation; The Sales Process

Baltimore Chapter CSI Professional Development and Certification Seminars Winter 2022 Registration Form

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Class Time: 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM.

Seminar Series Fee: \$100.00 (for the entire series). Please make checks payable to *Baltimore Chapter CSI* and bring to first class with completed registration form. If you register for individual sessions on Eventbrite, they are \$10.00 each. Registration for this class does *not* register you for taking the certification exams. To register for exams, contact CSI at www.csiresources.org or call 800-689-2900. Certification Exam registration (\$375 member/\$625 non-member; students at \$165 with valid ID) runs from February to April.

Instructional Materials You Must Obtain:

- CDT Sessions: *Project Delivery Practice Guide*. Access MasterFormat™ and UniFormat™ 2010 from the companion web site.
- CCS Sessions: *Specifications Practice Guide*. Access MasterFormat™, UniFormat™ 2010, SectionFormat™ 2008, and PageFormat™ 2008 from the companion web site.
- CCCA Sessions: *Construction Administration Practice Guide*. Access MasterFormat™ and UniFormat™ 2010 from the companion web site.
- CCPR Sessions: *Product Representation Practice Guide (PRPG)*. Access MasterFormat™ and UniFormat™ 2010 from the companion web site.
- Order the *Practice Guides* from the Institute at 800-689-2900; www.csiresources.org. If you are a CSI member, make sure you log into the CSI web site prior to ordering, so you receive the member discount.
- 2017 edition of AIA A101, *Standard Form of Agreement between Owner and Contractor Where the Basis of Payment is a Stipulated Sum*. You can purchase the AIA A101 at <http://documentsondemand.aia.org>. It will cost about \$30 for the document.
- 2017 edition of AIA A201, *General Conditions of the Contract for Construction*. You can purchase the AIA A101 at <http://documentsondemand.aia.org>. It will cost about \$30 for the document.
- Purchase the EJCDC documents at http://www.ejcdc.org/index.php?option=com_virtuemart&page=shop.browse&category_id=1&Itemid=27. This would cost about \$340 for the two documents, if you purchase them. Since the concepts of the AIA documents are similar to the EJCDC documents, per information received from the Institute Certification Committee, you can study for the exam using the AIA documents *or* the EJCDC documents.
- Study Guides, Handbooks, and Study Work Books Links:
 - CDT: [Candidate Handbook](#) and [Candidate Study Work Book](#) (requires having or creating an account on website).
 - CCS: [Candidate Handbook](#) and [Candidate Study Work Book](#) (requires having or creating an account on website).
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 - CCPR: [Candidate Handbook](#) and [Candidate Study Work Book](#) (requires having or creating an account on website).

Credits: 2 AIA CES credits per session attended, typically.

Please provide the following information:

Name: _____ Firm: _____

Mailing address: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

- Are you planning on sitting for a CSI exam in Late March / Early April 2022? Yes No. If yes, which? _____
- If you need continuing education units or learning units, please furnish the name of your professional organization and your membership number so we can submit your credits.
- Are you a CSI member? Yes No. Baltimore Chapter member? Yes No. If not, would you like more information about joining CSI? Yes No.
- To obtain study materials, or to register for exams, contact CSI at www.csiresources.org or call 800-689-2900.
- Reserve your seat as soon as possible. Space is limited and fills up fast.