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Santa Clara Valley Chapter

Summary

January 2008

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JANUARY'S PROGRAM: CODE CHANGES AN INTRODUCTION TO THE 2007 CALIFORNIA BUILDING CODE

January marks a new era for the construction industry in California. The state will be adopting a new building code based on the 2006 International Building Code. Join us for an evening of discussion on the concepts behind this new code and the implications it will have on how buildings are designed and constructed.

John Raeber, FCSI, FAIA will give an overview to the 2007 California Building Code with an emphasis on the key concepts underlying the new code. He will touch on the main differences between the 1997 UBC and the 2006 IBC, helping to raise awareness on code driven impacts for future projects. This hour long presentation will provide you with a great starting point for understanding the new codes.

Mr. Raeber is specifications writer and educator with over 30 years of experience. He is a well known building code and accessibility resource, as well as a material witness for the Construction Industry. Mr. Raeber has been educating architects, engineers, specification writers, and contractors about accessibility and codes for over 20 years. His qualifications have been utilized by the AIA in educating their membership. The California Building Standards Commission also put his skills to use as a consultant and educator for Title 24.

**January's meeting will be on
the second Thursday of the
month! Enjoy your Holidays
and join us on the 10th.**

WHEN: Thursday, January 10, 2008

COST: No host bar, dinner is \$28.00 including gratuity and tax

LOCATION: Ramada Inn Silicon Valley
1217 Wildwood Avenue, Sunnyvale
(Lawrence Expressway & 101)

RSVP: Please make your reservations to Jim Morelan with choice of meal by noon on Tuesday, January 8th.
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TIMES: Board Meeting: 5:00 p.m.
Social time: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Program: 8:00 p.m.

Guests are welcome • No-shows will be billed

MENU: Green salad with fresh rolls; lemon chicken piccata with seasoned rice and seasonal vegetables; fruit tart and coffee or tea.
OR
Green salad with fresh rolls; mixed vegetable kabob on a bed of seasoned rice; fruit tart and coffee or tea.



AIA/CES Learning Units: This program meets AIA/CES criteria. Participants will receive 1 hour of LUS (learning units) per each program which also applies to 1 HSW (Health, Safety Welfare) hour.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY KRISTA NELSON

Wow, can you believe that another year has passed? I am so excited about what our chapter has done and what it can accomplish over the rest of the CSI year. There is much to celebrate. First off is the greater involvement by members in our chapter. We had a wonderful holiday celebration put on by the new Social Programs Chair, Erica Paul with help from Hannah Moyer and Rietta McCain of the Program's Committee. Erica kept the successful wine pairing dinner theme but threw in the twist of a new location, Antonella's Ristorante in the Rose Garden area of San Jose. Everyone had a great time catching up with friends while enjoying good food and the wonderful wine from Martella Vineyards. Thank you to our sponsors, Rosendin Electric, CAS Architects and the Southbay Plastering Contractors Association for the wine and the fun gift baskets that Erica put together. I cannot wait to see the creative ideas for our next celebration.

We are also having success on the education front. There was a great demand for a second code update seminar by Steve Winkle. Dawn Anderson had organized the first session with the AIA, but they were not going to be able to do a second session. Maia Gendreau jumped in with both feet to take this on in a very short time frame. Thank you Maia and Dawn for putting this session together and helping to educate the construction community. I am looking forward to seeing what the committee puts together for their next seminar.

I also had the opportunity to sit in on a Program's Committee meeting. I believe good programs are the core element for the success of a chapter. It is so exciting to see how this

committee has grown from Hannah and myself to now a committee of four. Based upon what I heard, we should have an exciting year of programs coming up for the next year.

Thank you also to Michael O'Donnell and Ron Adams for helping CSI and AIA support Toys for Tots. They delivered and picked up barrels throughout the architectural community. Over a barrel of toys was collected at our holiday dinner alone. Thank you all for your support of this organization that benefits so many children in our community.

Thank you all that have all helped the chapter towards its goals. I look forward to working with all of you as we continue into the new year. The Operating Guide task team and especially Julie Brown are working hard to pull together the draft guide into a cohesive document. The Membership Committee with the help of all of us is trying to meet the West Region Membership Campaign's goal of 4% growth for every chapter. If you'd like to be a part of helping the chapter in any way, please let me know. The more hands we have, the lighter the load and the greater our chance of continued success. ♥



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Paulette Salisbury, FCSI, CDT,
enjoying the wine of Martella
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MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

CSI, Santa Clara Valley
(Draft, Board Approval Pending)
Place: Antonella's Ristorante, San Jose
Date: December 6, 2007

Opening

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Krista Nelson at 6:10 p.m.

Attendees

Board Members Present

Krista Nelson, RA, CSI, CDT,
LEED®, President; Albert Wege, CSI,
CCCA, Treasurer; Maia Gendreau,
AIA, CSI, CDT, Secretary; Hannah
Moyer, VP/Director – Professional;
Jim Morelan, AIA, CSI, Professional
Director, Barbara Brosh, CSI, Industry
Director

West Region Officer Present

Paulette Salisbury, FCSI, CDI,
Advisor II

Committee Members Present

Rose Garrison, CSI, Greeter-Raffle

Minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed by those present. Minutes are approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

None of the income or expense of the Education Seminar were posted. Report is filed for audit.

Region Director's Report

Orange County did send a letter requesting if we wanted to apply for the monies "in need" fund. Unless someone disagrees, we will not be pursuing this.

President's Report

Enjoy the evening, happy holidays!

Unfinished Business

Leadership Program

We are thinking of doing the Leadership Training with Paulette Salisbury with the launch of the Operation Guide.

New Business

Fellowship Award

Santa Clara Valley nominated a candidate, Jim Balboni, about 3 years ago. Endorsement letters need to come from others in the industry and will testify to the contents of the nomination dossier. Brosh moves that SCV CSI nominate James A. Balboni for Fellowship in the Institute and direct the Secretary to prepare the letter of nomination. The motion is seconded, and carries. Salisbury presented the Institute letter to Gendreau to produce on CSI letterhead.

Chapter Dues

Chapter Dues need to be voted on at

January meeting. Are there any items that need review prior to the next meeting? We have been running a budget deficit, is this something we need to review to assess the dues? Wege and Nelson will review the bare minimum costs to present at January meeting.

Committee Reports

Special Events: No report.

Membership: See written report.

Educational Seminar

See written report. Might be possible to do Code seminar again.

Programs/Technical

Written report will follow via email. January, February and March programs are planned.

AIA Liaison

January program is registered. CSI CEN's are not yet done due to paperwork issues. Brosh may assist Moyer in completing paperwork.

Greeter/Raffle

No report. No raffle tonight.

Annual Roster: No report.

Editor

See written report, especially regarding deadlines.

Historian: No report.

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Awards: No report.

Website: No report.

Operating/House

33 RSVPed for tonight, but possible cancellations.

Toys-for-Tots

Marines are coming tonight, the toy barrel is present at meeting.

Marketing Committee

Sponsorship brochure was emailed to Board. Everyone can help with prospects for sponsorship.

Social Events

It's happening tonight.

Operating Guide Task Team

Compilation of the Operations Guide is continuing.

50th Anniversary Task Team

No report.

Announcements

January's meeting will be on the second Thursday of the month, the 10th.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned by Chapter President Krista Nelson at 6:27 p.m. ♡

PLANNING CALENDAR



CHAPTER MEETINGS

January's meeting will be held on the second Thursday of the month!

Jan 10	Code Changes
Feb 7	ConXtech
March 6	Storm Water Management Practices

PLAN AHEAD

CSI Convention:

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West Region Conference:

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Albert Wege CSI, CCCA, Jim O'Keefe, CSI, and Jim Morelan, CSI, AIA at the December Holiday Party



WEST REGION CORNER



WEST REGION PRESIDENT

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Well, 2007 is drawing to a close. We have been privileged to be a part of a re-energized Construction Specifications Institute that has a well-defined Strategic Plan; one focused on measurable goals. We have no doubt, that over the course of the next few years, we are all going to see our visions for the future of CSI realized. These will be exciting times for all of the volunteers who have worked so hard toward a common goal; the future growth and prosperity of our Chapters, our Region and The Institute.

Walt Marlowe, our Executive Director, will soon get the chance to meet each of you. Walt is the most accessible of any Executive Director in recent memory. Walt has a willingness to listen to and integrate with members. He has already participated in several chapter/region functions, nationally. Walt is aware of our focus and is working diligently in our behalf for the future growth of CSI. Most importantly, one of Walt's greatest strengths is as a communicator. This is an area that many of us missed in our previous leadership and sincerely welcome for the future health of our organization.

Duane and I have had the privilege to hear the wise council of Gary Betts, who has worked for many years, in an extremely collaborative effort, to put a new Governance Program before our membership. We believe the Governance vote, due in early 2008, will be an excellent compromise to all of our members past concerns. We also believe it will help our organization to grow in a more timely and efficient manner.

When you serve on the Institute Board of Directors, you quickly realize the talents many members of the National Board bring to the table. All of your elected directors bring their best to

CSI and are truly committed to the organization and its future potential. The National Board is a collaboration of insightful thoughts, ideas and solutions. We are honored to bring this shared expertise back for the benefit of our Region and our Chapters.

Many member benefits have come from the endeavors of our true CSI Leaders. CSI has always, despite a few bumps along the way, epitomized a spirit of cooperation, goodwill, friendship, and respect. As volunteers, there are many in each Chapter, nation-wide, who donate countless hours to making their Chapters, Region and Institute events successful. Each person who donates their time, according to their talents and interests, adds value to the membership of many CSI members. Thanks to the talents of our Membership Chairs and active CSI leaders, as of May 2007, every chapter in the West Region experienced a growth in membership. Those who had a 2% net growth in membership received a free registration to the West Region Conference. This year, we have provided a West Region benefit for an even greater benefit; that of continued growth of our Chapters and our Region.

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All who work in a volunteer capacity for CSI have a challenge in meeting the needs of our future CSI members. Many of us have studied and discussed the latest research on future generational wants and needs. Christine Tanner, who spoke at our West Region Conference Leadership Day, gave an excellent view into what Institute is doing to address member educational and communications needs now and in the future. These programs are already proving to be successful. Creative thinking will be the key to opening new doors to future CSI members.

If you are not currently a volunteer, we urge you to become active. Share your ideas and your expertise. Our membership is growing for a reason – we provide the best education and certifications in the Construction

Industry. We are unique in that we serve the entire building team. If you would like to become involved, please do not hesitate to contact the Chapter closest to you so that they can match your talents with their Chapter needs. We guaranty that your involvement in CSI will benefit you both personally and professionally.

We close our December 2007 West Region Corner with a personal wish that each of you experience a safe and restful Holiday Season. Forgive and reach out to those who may have inadvertently hurt you. Spend extra time with your friends and family. Life is too short not to recognize those who are most special in our lives. Re-energize and get ready for a new and exciting year. Once again, thanks to each of you for the part you played in making CSI, our Chapters and our Region so special. ♡

BUCH NOTES

**BY EDMUND C. BUCH,
CSI, CCS, AIA**

Demolition is not a subject frequently considered by those of us focused mostly on new construction. Of course there is the momentary fascination when a Las Vegas hotel is imploded in spectacular fashion, but beyond this, I suspect most of us do not give it too much thought. This is not surprising given that, until recently, taking a building down has been a pretty low tech enterprise. Think crow bar and wrecking ball. But like many things, there is more to it than you might have thought. Jeff Byles presents this in his book, "Rubble, Unearthing the History of Demolition", (2005, Three Rivers Press, 303 pages).

Demolition can be viewed as a counterpoint to historic preservation, or as an extreme spectator sport, or as performance art. It has also been used to implement social policy in cities such as Paris, Philadelphia, St. Louis, and Detroit. It has also been the terrorist's tool, used with unimaginable effectiveness on Sept 11, 2001 at the World Trade Center.

The roots of planned demolition go back to September 1666,

AGC MEMBERS UNANIMOUSLY VOTE AGAINST A201 ENDORSEMENT

The Associated General Contractors of America (AGC) announced that its board of directors unanimously voted not to endorse the American Institute of Architects' (AIA) A201 (2007 edition) General Terms and Conditions document. This marks the first time in 50 years that an edition of the document did not merit AGC's

endorsement.

"Our members believe that the A201 does not reflect the collaboration that is necessary for a successful project," said AGC CEO Stephen E. Sandherr.

AGC conducted extensive member outreach for more than three years

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MR. WOLFE GOES TO WASHINGTON A DICKENS OF A TALE

BY SHELDON WOLFE, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCA

Scrooge was an old man, set in his ways. And why not? He had been doing things the same way for many years, and the resulting success was sufficient evidence of the wisdom of continuing in that path. Whenever it was suggested that change might be a good thing, "Bah, humbug!" was his response. "I like things the way they are! I started this business, I've been doing things the same way for fifty years, and I don't see any reason to change!"

One evening, a strange series of events befell our dear Mister Scrooge. Having had a particularly trying day, he tried to enjoy a rich repast and a few glasses of wine in an effort to forget his problems. As he fell asleep, he was thinking of how much fun he had in his youth.

The First Spirit

"Wake up, Scrooge!"

"Who is that?"

"It is I, the Spirit of the Past. Come, let us revisit those wonderful days!"

As the words were spoken, they were transported to a city long ago. They stood in the midst of a group of young men busily engaged in excited discussion.

"Good Heaven!" cried Scrooge, looking about. "I know these people! They are specifiers, one and all! Oh, what a marvelous time that was, with the construction industry expanding, and so much work to do."

"Yes, it was. Do you recall why these people met, what they planned to do?"

"It comes back to me now! We were a group of specifiers who were unhappy with the haphazard way specifications were done. Not surprising, considering we worked for the government! We

met and decided specifications could be improved, and we formed an organization to work toward that end. We thought that, by working together, we could improve the practice of writing specifications, make them simpler and easier to understand, standardize government agencies' documents, standardize building codes, and bring greater efficiency to the industry as a whole. Ah, those were exciting days!"

"You certainly were enthusiastic, and set some lofty goals. And in the early days, you made significant progress." Although it seemed to Scrooge that he and the Spirit remained stationary, the scene around them shifted and changed; different locations came into focus, and vivid images of people and documents materialized, then faded away.

"There is Carl Ebert!" Scrooge exclaimed. "He was there from the beginning - Institute President, first editor of the Construction Specifier, charter member of the DC Chapter. I see Ben John Small, a founder of the New York Metropolitan Chapter, and author of a column in Pencil Points. He was a great promoter of the value of good specification writing. And J. Norman Hunter! When he was president, we added twenty-two new chapters!"

"Once you started growing, what did you do to address the issues that brought you together?" asked the Spirit.

"Why, isn't it obvious? Look there - it's the CSI Format for Construction Specifications. The industry needed organization, and building designers quickly began using it to bring order

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when it was used to clear a fire break in advance of the Great London Fire. Explosive demolition was used effectively to stop the advance of large fires in New York City in 1835, at the Great Chicago Fire of 1871, and more recently following the San Francisco Earthquake of 1906.

Alfred Nobel's invention of dynamite in 1867, by combining nitroglycerin with a clay like substance, made him the patron saint of demolition.

Jacob Volk, was the preeminent "deconstructionist" of the early 20th Century demolishing over 900 buildings in New York City. Most of this was done using hand tools until he invented the crane mounted wrecking ball.

The art of demolition was raised to a new level in 1997 when Controlled Demolition, owned by the Loizeaux family, dropped the Seattle Kingdome using 4,728 pounds of high-velocity gelatin explosives. Jack Loizeaux started his career in the 1940s blasting tree stumps with dynamite. He founded Controlled Demolition in 1960.

The history of demolition as a city planning tool is presented in the instance of Baron Haussmann's creation of the grand boulevards in 19th century Paris where nearly 30,000 houses were demolished.

Protests in advance of the demolition of Madison Square Garden lead to the creation of the NYC Landmarks Preservation Commission in 1962. This in turn saved New York City's Grand Central Station and, as a result, the historic preservation movement across the US achieved increased prominence and new energy.

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to their specifications. It was so useful, it was also used for filing information about products, and it became the industry standard MasterFormat. And see there? It's SectionFormat. We didn't stop with an overall grouping of information, we also established an order for the information for a specific product! Or "work result" as today's young whippersnappers say! There again, we saw the need for better communication through standardization, and we responded. And what about PageFormat? Once more, we created a standard for the industry!"

"Yes, you did all of that - and you created a forum where design professionals, product manufacturers and installers, and contractors could meet and discuss problems and solutions. CSI grew from a handful of people to a nationwide organization of nearly twenty thousand. Indeed, those were the good old days!"

Suddenly, the Spirit disappeared, and Scrooge found himself wondering if he had seen the Spirit, or if it was just something he ate for dinner. He took a couple of antacid pills and went back

to sleep, remembering the way things were, so many years ago.

The Second Spirit

"Wake up, Scrooge!"

"What is it this time? Are you real, or am I having indigestion?"

"I am the Spirit of the Present. It isn't your dinner, though you really should watch what you eat. You seemed to enjoy your visit with the first Spirit, so let's take another journey."

"If it's like the last one, it will be fun. Let's go!"

Once again, Scrooge and the Spirit were surrounded by changing scenes of places and faces. But it wasn't quite the same.

The construction industry was even stronger than before. Despite a few economic setbacks along the way, there were many more design professionals, contractors, and building product manufacturers than ever before. The industry appeared to be moving ahead at a frantic pace, with plentiful new construction and renovation of existing buildings, seemingly without limits. Projections

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FROM THE
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**"The only
disability in life is
a bad attitude."**

Scott Hamilton

Barbara Brosh, CSI, Krista Nelson, RA, CSI, CDT, LEED, Bob Mosblech, CSI, CTC, and Hannah Moyer, CSI, CDT, AIA at the Holiday Party hosted at Antonella's Ristorante



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of future work indicated more work would be done in the next several years than ever before.

The results of Scrooge's earlier work were evident. That part of the construction industry involved with buildings was making good use of CSI's Formats: manufacturers included MasterFormat numbers on their literature; design professionals and contractors alike knew where to look for whatever information they needed; and, even though specifications often ignored the rules established in CSI's venerable Manual of Practice, communication was much improved over that which existed before CSI's standards existed. And, where before specifiers were forced to create their own documents, there were now several commercial master guide specification systems, some of them automated to the point that the user no longer had to worry about section numbers or titles, cross references, or all of the other nagging minutiae that consumed so much of a specifier's time in the past.

Scrooge was delighted, thinking he would continue on and become even more successful. Still filled with such thoughts, he was taken aback when the Spirit showed him a smaller part of the industry - his own business. "Whatever is happening?" asked Scrooge. "The industry is growing by leaps and bounds, yet my own part of it is not keeping pace! There are so many fewer members, and the chapters that once were thriving and growing have lost their vigor! Is it possible I am mistaken? How could I have missed such ominous portents?"

Sadly shaking his head, the Spirit replied, "What you see is what now is. From the time of your visit with the first Spirit, your membership has decreased by a quarter. Many of your chapters seem to have trouble

understanding what they are to do. And, in the comfort of your middle age - I'm trying to be kind - you lack the energy and purpose of your youth. You have become complacent, satisfied with your great accomplishments of days gone by."

"You have been, perhaps, too successful, and, pleased with that success, failed to see the opportunities to further improve communication in your industry. You have continued to concentrate on paper documents, even though the problems of the past have been solved, and little remains to be done with them. It is in electronic communication that today's challenges lie."

The Last Spirit

The second Spirit vanished, only to be replaced by yet a third Spirit.

"Judging by what has gone before, am I correct in assuming you are the Spirit of Yet to Come? If so, I fear what you may have to say. And yet, I sense that the visits by you and your kin are meant to help, and I am ready to listen."

Scrooge and the third Spirit were transported to an indefinite, yet not distant, future. Around them appeared a group of young people, engaged in serious conversation.

"I thought CSI was a TV show way back when!" exclaimed one.

"Well, yeah, but there was this organization with the same name, that had a huge impact back in the latter part of the twentieth century. They did some really cool stuff, like organizing construction information - back when it was all on paper. You wouldn't believe how crazy construction documents were before they came along."

"So what happened to them? If they had so much going, how did they let it slip away?"

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The National Association of Demolition Contractors was formed in 1972. This coincided with the creation of two federal agencies that imposed new regulations on the industry: the EPA and the OSHA. These new rules, especially those regulating the handling of lead paint and asbestos, greatly increased the demolition contractors revenue. Today, it is the demolition of decommissioned nuclear plants that holds great future for the demolition industry.

The flawed social theory behind the development of the Pruitt-Igoe public housing in St. Louis and its subsequent demolition by the Loizeauxs in 1972 is detailed. On a less grand scale, between 1949 and 1973, the federal government paid over \$12M to bulldoze 2500 neighborhoods in 992 American cities in the name of urban renewal. The process continued on an almost unimaginable scale in cities like Detroit where 161,000 abandoned dwellings were demolished between 1970 and 2000.

The book would not have been complete without some observations on the destruction of the World Trade Center towers on September 11, 2001, even though this is strictly an act of terrorism rather than a planned demolition. The destruction of the World Trade Center is compared with the atomic devastation of Hiroshima and the London blitz in WWII.

The book concludes with a description of the demolition derby in Las Vegas where one hotel after another has been imploded, sometimes with the addition of auxiliary fire works. The Superbowl of wrecking. ♥

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"I don't understand it. What they did for paper later needed to be done with electronic documents. Maybe it was just a case of turning into a bunch of old farts, who didn't understand computers and couldn't see the new problems."

"Didn't they do a lot with education and certification?"

"They did, but they were so busy telling each other how important they were that they forgot to tell anyone else. Here's a funny thing: After all the good things they did, and not telling others how important those things were, other groups came along, and in just a few years each convinced government agencies across the country that what they did was the most important thing. First it was energy-efficient buildings, then accessible design, commissioning, design-build, construction management, "sustainable design", and somewhere in there was "partnering". All of which should have been done by design professionals all along. In the end, the things CSI did were absorbed by other organizations, and they didn't have anything to do anymore."

"I bet it was pretty sad in the end, when it was just a bunch of the same old people getting together, reliving the good old days, waiting for each other to die."

Scrooge cried out in agony, "Spirit, please tell me that what you have revealed is only what might be, rather than what is destined!"

After a pause, the Spirit replied. "It's not that you no longer do useful things. Your work with interoperability and global standardization are truly worthy efforts, and will one day make the industry better - but those things are of no immediate concern to your existing members, and they won't bring in new members. You have not

accepted the possibilities of the near future, when the value of information itself will far outweigh the value of explaining it in words - a process that continues to demand less and less expertise."

"Some have said that all professional organizations have suffered loss of members and inability to connect with younger people. That may be true in most cases, but it is not an excuse to relax. Those organizations that survive will have found something of value that will attract new members. You claim to represent all those involved in construction, yet you have done little to attract most of them. They represent an untapped resource of knowledge and challenges that can carry you into the future."

"You do have much to fear, and much to do if you are to avoid the future we have seen this evening. That is but one possible path, though it is one that becomes more likely with each day you do nothing to avoid it. It is possible to regain your former stature, but only if you look to the future. What was it that made you great? It was your ability to see the needs of communication in the construction industry and to provide solutions for those problems. Yes, certification has become more important in the construction industry, but if that certification is not required, it has minimal value. And yes, education is important, but there are many well-established sources of education, and you have little chance of displacing them."

The End?

We leave Scrooge on the verge of waking. What will he do when he wakes? Will he regain the intensity of his youth, or will he be content to rest on his laurels, meeting old friends until they are no more? ♥

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through its chapters, committees, and divisions, as well as an owner-advisory group before reaching an endorsement decision. In particular, AGC chapters throughout the United States urged AGC not to endorse the document

AGC's members expressed deep concerns that the new edition does not fairly balance risk among all parties but instead significantly shifts risk to general contractors and other parties outside of the design profession. The membership also warned that the A201 did not positively serve the industry as a standard document.

"Fundamentally, the A201 mandates a command-and-control approach that is in stark contrast to the more collaborative and innovative direction of our rapidly changing industry," added Sandherr. "However, we hope to renew stronger collaborative efforts with AIA to develop documents the better serve the industry." ♥

VOLUNTEER

It is that time of year again, when the Nomination Committee is formed and they find volunteers to fill the openings that will be coming up in July.

There are committees that need chairs or co-chairs and some board positions that need filling, so please let Krista Nelson or Jim O'Keefe know if you have an interest in a certain committee or board position.

Thank you in advance for your consideration and support.