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Santa Clara Valley Chapter**

Summary
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NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM: BLUEPRINTING TO GREENPRINTING

Our speaker this month will bring us up to speed on what is happening in the reprographics industry in the 21st century. We all depend on the blueprinters, but the industry is changing so rapidly we need to catch up on how our reprographics can continue to assist us in our projects and be kind to the planet, too.

We will hear about the history of reprographics for the construction industry and how the digital age has brought changes. How we deal with files for everyone on the project with a reduced carbon footprint and how software tools create a digital workplace that is earth friendly. The latest in file delivery systems is producing faster files with less gas and recycling is keeping the industry greener.

Greyson Prinzing is Vice-President of Sales and Marketing at San Jose Blueprint and Supply Company, which has seven shops serving the reprographic needs of the Bay Area, from San Mateo County to Santa Cruz and Monterey Counties. Greyson has been a "Blueprint Guy" for over 20 years, the last 15 with San Jose Blue. He has witnessed many changes in our industry, from hand drawn vellums

and cut-and-paste drafting to today's CAD drafting with high-speed laser plotters.

Greyson remembers when duplicating and distributing construction information used to involve vellum originals, stinky blueprints, and delivery trucks. With no environmental concerns, the closest thought to a "carbon footprint" was when someone stepped on their pencil.

Today, Greyson is part of an ever-evolving reprographics industry, where emailing a plan file is reducing paper consumption, speeding up construction, and reducing harm to the environment. Join us and learn how your blueprint company is not your father's blueprint company anymore.



WHEN: Thursday, November 6th, 2008

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

TIMES: Board Meeting: 5:00 p.m.
Social Hour: 6:00 p.m.
Dinner: 7:00 p.m.
Program: 8:00 p.m.

MENU: Green salad with fresh rolls; turkey, mashed potatoes and gravy, stuffing, and seasonal vegetables; pumpkin mousse with whipped cream; coffee or tea
OR
Green salad with fresh rolls; vegetable kabob and rice pilaf with seasonal vegetables; pumpkin mousse with whipped cream; coffee or tea.

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

RSVP: Please make your reservations to Krista Nelson with choice of meal by noon on Tuesday, November 4th.
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Guests are welcome • No-shows will be billed

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This program meets CSI/CEN and AIA/CES criteria. Participants will receive 0.1 hours of Continuing Education Units (CEUs) and 1 hour of LUS (learning units).



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY JIM O'KEEFE, CSI

As many in the Chapter can attest, the West Region Conference in Monterey was outstanding. The venue was wonderful. With the Pacific Ocean in the background and views of at least 50 miles combined with temperatures in the 70's, one could not ask for more. But in fact there was a lot more, given the wonderful work of the West Region Board and supporting committees and volunteers. For those who missed the Conference, they really missed an excellent conference, the wonderful environment of the Monterey Peninsula and the experience of the Monterey Jazz Festival.

The presentation conducted by Walt Marlowe, Institute Vice President, was an excellent update on the state of the Institute. Currently, the Institute has 14,138 members and has a goal of adding 3 percent net new members per year. It was interesting when Walt noted that the Institute adds nearly 2800 gross new members. With a goal of 3 percent net additional members per year and 2800 gross new members per year, the turnover or fall off of existing members is significant – nearly 2400 or 17%. With this type of churn in membership, it is critical for all of us to work to promote the many benefits that CSI offers to insure that current members and sponsoring firms renew their membership. To continue to enhance the benefits of being a member of CSI, Walt Marlowe outlined several new endeavors of the Institute including Webinars, Audiocasts, Podcast, and improved certification programs including preparatory materials, computer based testing, and study guide updates. Walt also outlined a possible new certification program entitled Certified Integrated Program Manager

focusing on Building Information Management. Two additional initiatives mentioned were an updated Project Resource Manual designed in a modular format assembled in a loose leaf binder and the role out of Green Format in November 2008.

I was also pleased to see that Walt mentioned that the Institute and the Board have undertaken a strategic planning process to update and revise CSI's vision and strategy for the future. It is planned that the results of the strategic planning process will be presented at the 2009 Convention

Attending the various seminars held at the Conference was outstanding. Being a Product Representative, I attended the seminar presented by Walt Scarborough of HKS Architects. It was interesting hearing from a head spec writer for a major architectural firm as to what he expects from a product rep. As a product rep, I was pleased to see Walt blasted his fellow architects in not appreciating the value and opportunity that good product reps offer the architect. He says he always returns the call of all product reps. That comment got applause for the audience.

Finally, I would like to acknowledge that our own Rietta McCain received a West Region award for her efforts in developing and publishing our outstanding Chapter Newsletter. Rietta received tremendous applause from the audience at the awards dinner and our Chapter was much admired. As your current Chapter President I was very proud of Rietta's award and the fact that our Chapter had one of the largest turnouts of members of any of the West Region Chapters. Thank you to all Santa Clara

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Kevin Norman, and
Dave Ingram.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

CSI, Santa Clara Valley
(Draft, Board Approval Pending)
Place: Ramada Inn, Sunnyvale
Date: October 2, 2008

Opening

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Jim O'Keefe at 5:00 p.m.

Attendees

Board Members

Jim O'Keefe, CSI, President; Hannah Moyer, AIA, CSI, CDT, LEED, Vice President; Albert Wege, AIA, CSI, CCCA, Treasurer; Maia Gendreau, AIA, CSI, CDT, Secretary; Krista Nelson, RA, CSI, CDT, LEED, Immediate Past President; Rose Garrison, CSI, Industry Director; Rietta McCain, AIA, CSI, CCCA, Professional Director; Kevin Norman, AIA, CSI, LEED, Professional Director

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Minutes

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

Treasurer's Report

CD-02 matures October 24th. The rate is 1.6%. Treasurer's recommendation is to renew for another 9 month term. Wege will look into alternate terms for better rates.

Raffle draw will likely go over \$1000 tonight.

We still have an outstanding check to Dawn Anderson. Wege will issue a new check to her tonight.

Treasurer's report is filed for audit.

Region Director's Report

West Region Conference: Dave Ingram was unable to attend the West Region Board meeting, but enjoyed the seminars and social events. Congratulations to the board for a 100% attendance.

Julie Brown reported on the West Region Board Meeting: Janet Piccola is heading up an effort to start a new chapter, the Inland Empire Chapter.

Orange County is now back participating in the West Region. It was proposed that the funds remaining from Orange County's hiatus be applied to Inland Chapter to get started. A decision has not been made on this.

A motion passed to eliminate alternating between profession and industry member classification

requirements previously required for Region Directors position.

A motion passed to form a special election committee to develop guidelines and administrate the election process for the interim vice president.

Institute is looking to change the way assessments are handled for Regions and may increase the assessment. This will be voted on at the November Board meeting. Although if it does pass, the West Region Board made a motion, (which passed) to increase chapter assessments.

President's Report

West Region Conference notes: Jim O'Keefe attended the whole conference and found it quite enriching.

Rietta McCain was awarded the Best of the West award for the newsletter. Congratulations!

The West Region Conference Committee deserves congratulations for a successful and fun conference.

Membership: our membership report looks excellent, the issue is now retention. O'Keefe and Garrison will review.

New Business

We will need to move the meeting location after December.

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The November meeting will be here at the Ramada.

The December meeting will be at the Radisson, 1471 North 4th St, San Jose.

The Biltmore, the Radisson and Mariani's were options for new meeting locations. The Board opts to proceed with investigating the Biltmore and the Radisson further.

The Task Team is tasked with checking out the Biltmore and the Radisson by the November board meeting. Ideally we would like to try to sign a contract with the new venue for a minimum of 10 meetings in a year's time.

Committee Reports

Special Events: No Report

Membership

We are at 75 home members. Moyer is tracking down members for blurbs for the newsletter.

Educational Seminar

Trying to track down a host room at no cost for the seminar.

Programs/Technical

Next month's program is in order, the holiday event is under way.

AIA Liaison

Tonight's program is registered.

Greeter/Raffle

Tonight's raffle will be 3 bottles of wine to raffle, plus the marble draw.

Annual Roster

In process. Currently confirming sponsors and verifying a few emails.

Editor

Last newsletter went out on time. This month's deadline is Tuesday, October 7th at noon.

Historian: No report.

Awards: No Report.

Website: No Report.

Operating/House

We have 29 tonight. Clearing up email addresses so our flyer is getting out properly.

Toys-for-Tots

Flyer will be finalized with the location for Holiday party.

Marketing Committee: No Report.

Social Events: No report.

Operating Guide Task Team

Comments are coming in. Comments from the committees are requested to be submitted by October 10th.

50th Anniversary Task Team (2010)

The committee has been eating a lot and no decisions have been made.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned by Chapter President Jim O'Keefe at 5:59 p.m. ♡

**PLANNING
CALENDAR****CHAPTER MEETINGS**

Nov 6 **Blueprinting to
Greenprinting**

DEC 4 **Holiday Dinner**
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1471 N FOURTH STREET
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JAN 8 **TBD**
**Second Thursday
of the month!**

PLAN AHEAD**CSI Convention:**

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Was it just me or did our Region Conference this year just “feel right?” You know the way you get when you go to the ocean and take a deep breath of that salt air and you feel refreshed and reborn. To me this gathering did everything a Region Conference is supposed to do.

We had the required Board meeting which finally felt right with Orange County Chapter re-joining the Region family. We also heard the good news that counter to the national trend of declining membership, our message is being well received in preliminary planning for a possible new Inland

Empire Chapter in the Riverside / Ontario region that President Piccola has been spearheading.

The Keynote address “From Green to Truly Sustainable” by Geof Syphers the CSO of Coddling Enterprises and founding director of the international consulting firm, Green Building Services Group at KEMA, got the room buzzing as we saw a real project in Redwood Empire’s backyard go from the typical talk to a whole new level of resource management. The next time any of us open a new CD, we’ll certainly remember the Scandinavian story of trying to dispose of the “contraband” shrink-wrap bought in France. The leadership themed workshops and speakers that followed gave us new tools and reminded us of old ones to use to rebuild and re-engage our membership. This member to member sharing is an aspect we should truly remember when we ask ourselves why I should write that CSI renewal check again in these difficult financial times.

Hearing how others outside our region tackle similar problems is always a special treat and we were not disappointed. Knoxville’s Brent Williams, CSI, CDT, musical analogy of “Chapter Building and all that Jazz” and Grady Whitaker, Jr, FCSI, RA, NCARB had us all repeating

that “the main thing is to keep the main thing the main thing” with his lunch talk on personal centering and focus. Those talks just made you go “Yeah that’s it, now let’s go do it.” These ideas work equally well for your CSI life and your personal and professional life, truly showing the “value” of CSI interaction. I was asked in a session to describe in 15 words or less why I value my CSI membership and was here. I responded by saying that “there are people here that do things better than I can, and they are willing to share.” It has kept me coming back for 25 years.

It felt good to finally hear Stephen Nash, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, put our various Chapters’ desires on the difficult governance changes in some logical order that will now allow us to move forward with the needed Bylaws revisions and the election to bring our Region into conformance with the Institute’s new model. This flowed nicely with the updates by our Institute representatives on such timely issues as the updating of the Strategic Plan with its 3-5 year objectives and reviews of many of the Institute provided new tools like the highly informative CSI Monthly Leader which should be a must read at all levels of leadership. It is a nice compliment to our Region’s reputation of working hard, playing

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hard and thinking outside the box, that we always get high level Institute leaders at our conferences with both the Institute CEO, Walter Marlowe, PE, CSI and VP Greg Markling, FCSI, CCS, CCA, AIA making the trip and conducting “official” sessions and spending additional time in those highly productive “hallway” sessions and the Chapter President’s Breakfast.

But you know we cannot have a West Region function and not have some fun. Although “Admiral” Joe Dworkin, RCI, FCSI, CDT, could not attend, the hastily appointed Vice Admirals (or Admirals of Vice) shredded his 3 pages of rules and the pool got rowdy. Six other Chapters rose to answer the Challenge laid down by that bevy of buccaneers of the inland sea and made Sacramento walk the plank in the Tyvek boat race for the Admirals Cup. But their legacy lives on as the students from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo (originally chartered as the Student Affiliate of the Sacramento chapter) cruised to victory for the Fresno Chapter. I understand however, there might be a group looking into the legality of Fresno’s bylaw change to make sure they are not still part of the Sacramento chapter. Just another example of why each Chapter needs an active student component. Arrg.

Finally, we ended the session with a great evening to say “Thank

You” to a very deserving group of award recipients in a room with a breathtakingly clear view of Monterey Bay. I want to close by repeating their names as this is the CSI we should all be proud to be part of, those that give what it takes to get the work done. So thank you again from both Jan & I:

Best of the West

- Rietta McCain, CSI, CCCA, AIA, for outstanding creative efforts as editor of Santa Clara Valley’s electronic newsletter, The Summary
- Los Angeles Chapter, for a 3% net increase in membership for 2007-2008

Director’s Certificate of Appreciation

- Mary-Alice Avila, RA, CSI, CCS, USGBC, LEED for personal dedication to involving students in CSI activities
- Valarie Harris, FCSI, CCPR for spearheading the 3% increase in LA’s membership
- Craig Mount, CSI, CDT, AIA for spearheading the 3% increase in LA’s membership
- Stephen Nash, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA for diligence as chair of the Governance Documents Special Committee
- Robert Siegrist, CSI, CDT, AIA for exemplary service as Treasurer of the Region
- Brian Varner, CSI, CCCA for exemplary service and mentorship you embodied the slogan

“Leadership is not a spectator sport”

- Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, CCS, CCCA for your passion for training our future CSI leaders in an enjoyable format and high standards and forward thinking while representing CSI

President’s Award

- Jeanne Nunez, CSI for many years of dedicated service to the Monterey Bay Chapter and to the West Region

Jim Butler Memorial Award

- Barbara Richardson, FCSI, CCCM

Wilbur Johnston Memorial Award

- Marilyn Smith, CSI, CCS, AIA, SCIP

Frank Smith Memorial Award

- Robert Mosblech, CSI, CTC

Wow!

Thanks again to our Conference Co-Chairs, Paulette Salisbury, FCSI and Valarie Harris, FCSI and their outstanding committee for maintaining that West Region tradition of working hard and playing hard. We enjoyed your efforts a lot! ♥



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PUNCH LIST PROCEDURES

BY JAMES O. PARKER JR., AIA CSI CCS

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Inspection Procedures

The design consultant should actually carry and use the contractor's list - no matter how good or bad it is during the walk through. The design consultant can then just verify and add marginal notes to the contractor's list. (Zoom the contractor's list up on a copier.) Performing the inspection in this fashion maintains the contractor's format and shows that the contractor's list was comprehensive (or not).

As the design consultant adds items yet to be completed or fixed, that list should not separate work by trades or contain assumptions about which subcontractor is to do the repair - that is the contractor's job. (The contractor may require the plumber to have a door fixed if the plumber scratched it. Hopefully, the plumber won't actually do the painting!)

The design consultant should not tell the contractor how to fix the problem, just identify it. The "means and methods" of repairs should not usually be detailed. The design consultant may not be able to judge what it takes to fix a problem. If the contractor fixes something using methods recommended by the consultant and the problem is not corrected the consultant may be at fault. So, just state what is wrong - i.e. - "Door 123 doesn't close properly" instead of "Trim top of door 123." "East wall is stained" instead of "scrub east wall." Think about including photographs in the punchlist documentation.

The contractor's project manager or superintendent should participate in the entire punchlist walk through. If the contractor attends, repairs can start even before the walk through is

finished. Everyone will have seen the same thing and can better deal with any confusing or complex issues.

If at all possible, conduct the walk through with the owner and get the owner's comments incorporated. If nothing else, have the owner prepare a list before the walk-through. No one wants the owner coming up with a new list after everyone else has completed their reviews and repairs are underway. If the owner has specialized consultants - such as security, food service, etc. - make sure they are included in the process.

If the design consultant finds so many things wrong that adding items to the contractor's list simply does not work, chances are that the project is not really "substantially complete". The contractor either needs to finish construction or prepare a more comprehensive list. The design consultant should not solve such problems by taking on the responsibility to do an exhaustive list from scratch. The design consultant can stop the substantial completion process when an incomplete or massive list is first received from the contractor or can stop partway through a walk-through when it is discovered the work really is not done. If repeated, or extensive punchlists are required, the consultant may be entitled to additional compensation.

After a walk-through (and the same type of review by all disciplines), the lead design consultant can type up the certificate of substantial completion. Although not specifically required by the AIA's general conditions, punchlists should be physically attached to the certificate of substantial completion. That package

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THE WORLD WITHOUT...

BY RALPH LIEBING, RA CSI

Dare we think of a world without CSI and SCIP? A world where only battered, dog-eared, hastily bound copies of the PRM, and remnants of MF04 barely held together. Other resources minimal; not part of a grand organization-- on our own!

No interplay and exchanges of ideas. We have contacts, but no common relationship, and route for influencing, being certain and sure -- just not there any longer. Old voices gone.

Begun with like-minded people seeking support, mutual aid, and exchanges of ideas-- now a memory, lost to benign neglect, stagnation, lack of interest, direction and action, mired in status quo, and no initiative to reach out, to attract, or serve others openly!

Membership lost to lack of response and urgency; to perceptions of little return for increased dues; disinterest; exhaustion of mind and body; frustration; a sense of disconnection from the organization. Worn out from a sense that all has been done -- no new goals!

Only handful of "members" to maintain principles, positions, and convictions. These will erode and change as tasks transition to others who do not know the organization, and its resources. More losses from previous eras; decline in personal technique, abuse of valid values, and an expanding gap in construction knowledge that provides insight and wherewithal. Machines seen as things they

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CSI WEST REGION CONFERENCE: I HAD A GREAT TIME; I'D DO IT AGAIN!

BY ALBERT L. WEGE, III, CSI CCCA AIA

After being the Chapter Treasurer for the past three and half years, I finally attended my first CSI West Region Conference. Pasadena seemed a little too far. Reno seemed a little too much like Las Vegas. But Monterey sounded like a great place for a conference; all within 75 miles of home. That, and a request from Ms. Karen Collins, the West Region Certification Chair, to proctor the CCS examination. Count me in.

While it seems that one of CSI's mantras is to have fun, and fun was had, it was Mr. Geof Syphers who really got me thinking about "beyond LEED." Mr. Syphers, who gave the keynote address, works for Codding Enterprises and oversees work performed at Sonoma Mountain Village (SMV) in Rohnert Park. Codding Enterprises purchased the old Hewlett Packard facility and the surrounding property and converted/ built residential units, provided new business facilities, educational facilities,

and a public market and square.

The premise of SMV is a self-sustainable community of 5,000 persons with everything within a 5 minute walk. While many in SMV will appreciate the many "green" features of the community, Mr. Syphers acknowledged that there are some future residences who really who will not care. The success of SMV will be making these sustainable features fully integrated into the design so that become second nature.

While I believe that LEED certification is a good step in the right direction, I have seen times when the primary focus becomes get points to obtain a certain level of certification. SMV appears to address some aspects of this dilemma and provides a holistic approach to sustainability and the community. ♡

THANK YOU TO OUR RENEWING MEMBERS

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LEED AP

Larry Simon, CSI

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Chapter members that attended the Conference.

Next year the West Region Conference will be sponsored by the Oakland – East Bay Chapter at the Doubletree Hotel in Berkeley. In 2010, the West Region Conference will be sponsored by the Fresno Chapter and will be held at the beautiful Tenaya Lodge just outside the south gate of Yosemite National Park. ♡

Hannah Moyer,
CSI, CDT, AIA,
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Bob Ajitomi at
the West Region
Conference in
Monterey.



SO MUCH TO LEARN

By JULIE K. BROWN, CSI CCS SCIP

We had another great West Region Conference and this one was hosted by the West Region in beautiful Monterey, California. The Santa Clara Valley Chapter was very well represented, which was fabulous to see. Although, we all hope that Marvin is feeling better as he came down ill while being there.

There were so many good speakers and good programs to write about, but I will limit this to the Monterey specific topics.

There were two wonderful programs on the Monterey Bay Aquarium; one "Monterey Bay Aquarium: Down Deep," which shared the interesting aspects of the fresh sea water pumping and piping systems that they use. They circulate about 18,000 gallons of fresh sea water per minute for the tanks throughout the aquarium. In case of emergency they also have a huge back up generator to keep things working in case of a power loss. What an amazing system that they have in place, and it starts a 1000 miles out from the shore in the Bay.

The other one was "Monterey Bay Aquarium: Insider's View," which showed the process of constructing the newest outer bay wing. I found this fascinating for the challenges that they had to work with in the changing tides

and crashing waves. Not to mention the 13 inch thick clear acrylic window, which was shipped in 5 pieces and then chemically adhered to each other with little-to-no visual impairment. If you look hard though, you will find the seams.

The day was not over yet, and we attended "Monterey Peninsula Airport Sound Reduction". Did you know that there was a federally funded program to help homes, schools, and religious building with noise reduction in the path of airplanes? I did not. I found this very interesting, especially since they are giving people new windows, doors and insulation installed in there homes and buildings. They mapped out the areas of highest noise to less noise conditions. The structures in the highest noise areas can have their windows replace with triple glazed windows, new sound reduction doors, and add more insulation where needed to decrease the effect of the airplane noise.

It was great to see everyone, reconnect with old friends and associates, and meet new friends. If you did not make it this year, schedule to be at the next West Region Conference in Berkeley, California hosted by the East Bay/Oakland Chapter on September 24-27, 2009. Hope to see you there. ♡

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may be big - the certificate, the contractor's list, the consultant's additions, the engineers' lists, etc., but it is worth it to have everything in one place, signed off on by everyone to document what remains to be done.

The design consultant should resist the urge to tidy up the punchlist into one nice neat list, even if the contractor has provided something hand-written and a whole pile of sub-lists have been collected from subconsultants. Retyping takes significant effort and likely will delay how quickly the punchlist can be issued and repairs can start. Redoing the list can also introduce typos, add interpretation, and make the list difficult for the contractor to follow. A retyped list becomes "the design consultant's list," and the consultant then is responsible for constant updating and re-issuing. If it stays the contractor's list, the contractor can keep updating it as items are completed or resolved.

The punchlist is not just a look at the physical building. It should list everything that still needs to be done to complete an entire contract for construction including administrative items not complete, such as operation and maintenance manuals, warranties, city signoffs, record documents, etc. Review all parts of the specifications and the submittal log to ensure that all open issues are listed.

Through careful communication and attention to established procedures, the completion of a construction project can be rewarding and productive instead of rushed, adversarial, and frustrating for everyone. ♡



THE NEW A201: GENERAL CONDITIONS

BY RIETTA MCCAIN, CSI, CCCA, AIA

This year's West Region Conference was great fun in addition to providing a chance to learn more about hot topics in the construction industry. Friday morning I attended Mike Stransky, FAIA, LEED AP's presentation on the new AIA Contract Documents.

The new A201, General Conditions of the Contract for Construction, forms the backbone of all the new AIA agreements. The changes to this document ripple out to all of the other documents the AIA produces. Here are some of the highlights of what has changed in:

- The 'Initial Decision Maker' (IDM) is now listed in the contract documents. If no third party is selected, the role defaults to the architect. This will not have a big impact on most projects.
- Dispute resolution has shifted away from arbitration and mediation is now favored. Be careful, litigation becomes the default means of dispute resolution, due to state law,

if no option is selected.

- Claim time limits have been adjusted to be based on state law or no longer than 10 years from the date of Substantial Completion.
- Revisions in the new documents allow consolidation and joining of claims in the hopes of making dispute resolution more efficient.
- Consequential damages waiver has also been adjusted to be balance the needs of owners and contractors more evenly.
- Insurance requirements have been adjusted to require the General Contractor to list the Owner, Architect, and Consultants as insureds for claims.

The AIA documents have long been the industry standard for construction contracts. The changes in the new 2007 version reflect the direction our industry is heading. With all of these changes, and others, it is important to review and understand the impacts the new A201 will have on your work and your projects. ♡

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are not-- creators of solutions; protectors of legalities, rights and liability; flexibility in thought, use and application of construction materials and methods.

A bleak picture? Perhaps! A harbinger of coming truth? The start of festering; symptom of adverse "maybe;" vision of the "ghost" [well on its way!]

And the solution is.....?
[You fill in your thought] ♡

Cindy Scholz, CSI
and Barbara Brosh,
CSI at the West
Region Conference
in Monterey





WEST REGION CONFERENCE PHOTO RETROSPECTIVE



Santa Clara Valley Chapter Friday afternoon photo: (left to right) Julie Brown, Dave Ingram, Bob Ajitomi, Krista Nelson, Hannah Moyer, Rietta McCain, Jim O'Keefe, Kevin Norman, Maia Gendreau, Barbara Brosh, Albert Wege, and Karen Wege.



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John McCaffrey, FCSI, Kevin Norman, and Dave Ingram enjoying the lunch keynote speaker on Saturday.





Hannah Moyer, Bob Ajitomi, Karen Wege, Albert Wege, and Dave Ingram

Jim Balboni, FCSI and Paulette Salisbury, FCSI having a great time on the dance floor.



Mike O'Donnell, Beverly Mowatt, and Greg Mowatt, FCSI



Jim O'Keefe, Dwayne Brown, and Julie Brown



Chapter Members all dressed up for the Awards Dinner: (left to right) Julie Brown, Albert Wege, Karen Wege, Jim Balboni, FCSI, Cindy Scholtz, Dave Ingram, Hannah Moyer, Mike O'Donnell, Bob Ajitomi, Rietta McCain, Jim O'Keefe, Krista Nelson, Kevin Norman, and Paulette Salisbury, FCSI.

Pervious Concrete Seminars Offer a Solution to Stormwater Runoff

The National Ready Mixed Concrete Association (NRMCA) and the Portland Cement Association (PCA) have once again combined efforts to offer the seminar *Pervious Concrete—A Stormwater Solution* in four additional cities in 2008. The seminar has been offered in 28 cities over the last 2 years. The new 2008 seminars are scheduled for:

- November 18, 2008 — St. Louis, MO
- December 5, 2008 — Boise, ID
- December 10, 2008 — San Francisco, CA
- December 16, 2008 — Albuquerque, NM

Each seminar provides attendees with detailed instruction on how to implement pervious concrete pavements as a solution to reducing stormwater runoff from building sites and other paved areas. Attendees will learn the details of pervious concrete pavement systems, engineering properties and construction techniques. This course will help civil engineers, architects, landscape architects and public works officials develop details and write project specifications for pervious concrete pavement systems. Contractors, product suppliers and land developers will also benefit from this seminar. The registration fee is \$295.

Registration can be completed online at www.nrmca.org/seminars or by contacting NRMCA's Jessica Moore, (240) 485-1152 or by e-mail at jmoore@nrmca.org.