



MAY'S PROGRAM: NAVIGATING THE MULTI-GENERATIONAL WORKPLACE

How do our generational cohorts influence our work experience? "Why don't those old guys just retire and let me do it my way?" "Are tattoos and flip-flops proper work attire?" We will explore the real issues behind these questions and more in this lively presentation. This program is based on research from recognized authorities on the multi-generational workforce in America. You will learn tips on managing and interacting with colleagues of the four main cohorts active in the workplace and non-profit organizations today. How does the common experience of a cohort shape our attitudes about work, family, loyalty and expectations? We will explore the dynamics of working with members of all four generational cohorts to help avoid conflicts and even capitalize on the diversity of the workplace.

In addition we will discuss strategies for pairing those workers who value loyalty and service with Xers who are skeptical and the Boomers who are team-builders. You will learn ways to adapt the "culture" to accommodate

generational differences at work and in associations. The presentation will help you to recognize differences in cohorts in order to better understand and cope with challenges when they clash and to develop ways to encourage cross-generational relationships

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WHEN: Thursday, May 1, 2008

LOCATION: Ramada Inn Silicon Valley
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(Lawrence Expressway & 101)

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

MENU: Mixed green salad with fresh rolls; beef brochette (beef tenderloin and assorted vegetables on a kabob) on a bed of rice; key lime pie with coffee or tea.
OR
Mixed green salad with fresh rolls; assorted vegetable kabob on a bed of rice; key lime pie with coffee or tea.

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

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Guests are welcome • No-shows will be billed



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

BY KRISTA NELSON, RA, CSI, CDT, LEED AP

Hats off to the Programs Committee for another great dinner program. Rich Green from Rich Green, Ink spoke about integrating technology into our buildings. It was presented from the residential point of view, but the principles were applicable to all types of projects. One of the things that really struck me was about the effort to give the control back to the users. As the technology developed, many automation engineers took controllability to the extreme. Everything could be controlled, but you could not necessarily easily go over to a switch and turn on one light. Now, options are provided. You can still control a light at a switch, but you can also turn on scenes or have sensors sweep your lights off after a certain time of being unoccupied. He also builds into the contract to come back and finalize programming for lighting controls after the owners have occupied the home for a month or two and really understand how they use the space. It is a simple way of helping people feel like they are in control of their building rather than the other way around.

Another big emphasis was building in flexibility since technology will change. Provide conduit where it will not be easy to feed wire in the future. Consider whether or not exterior elements want to be tied into the controls. For instance, if security and lighting are tied in together, sounding of the alarm system can also turn on all the interior lights and cause the exterior lights to flash so it is easy for police to find the home.

Are you getting all you want out of CSI? Have you taken full advantage of what it can offer? Did you join for the networking and the chance to meet architects and specifications writers?

If so, do you come to the programs regularly to meet and develop relationships? Would you be interested in taking advantage of a table top opportunity to be able to discuss your products during the social hour? What about being the Greeter at our monthly programs as an opportunity to meet everyone that comes through the door?

Or, like me did you join for the education? Do you come to the dinner programs or education seminars? Have you read the Specifier magazine? Can you provide future program or speaker ideas to the Programs Committee? How about joining the Programs or Education Committee to help further develop the education opportunities in our chapter? Getting involved in the chapter helps you to get more value out of your membership and it helps increase the value of the membership to others. I am always happy to hear your comments and thoughts about improving the chapter. If you are interested in becoming more actively involved, we could talk about committees that align with your interests.

I hope to see you for this month's program on generational differences in the workplace. ♡



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Brandon Kohler and
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at the April Meeting.



MINUTES OF THE BOARD MEETING

CSI, Santa Clara Valley
(Draft, Board Approval Pending)
Place: Ramada Inn, Sunnyvale
Date: April 3, 2008

Opening

The meeting was called to order by Chapter President Krista Nelson at 5:01 p.m.

Attendees

Board Members

Krista Nelson, RA, CSI, CDT, LEED®, President; Jim O'Keefe, CSI, President Elect; Albert Wege, AIA, CSI, CCCA, Treasurer; Maia Gendreau, AIA, CSI, CDT, Secretary; Marvin Bamburg, CSI, AIA, Immediate Past President; Hannah Moyer, AIA, CSI, CDT, VP/Director – Professional; Jim Morelan, AIA, CSI, Professional Director; Barbara Brosh, CSI, Industry Director; Bryan Taylor, CSI, Industry Director

Region Director

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Committee Members

Rietta McCain, AIA, CSI, CDT, Editor

Minutes

The minutes of the March meeting were reviewed by those present. The minutes were approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report

The budget is into the black. The CD's are earning interest.

Next month we need to determine what to do with the 4 month CD. The rate of return is likely not to be as high as current.

The programs' income is ahead of the budget.

Report is filed for audit.

Region Director's Report

The speak-out meeting was reputed to be informational.

West Region Board meeting furthered the resolution with Orange County Chapter.

In future budgets, the chapter will need to budget for their own representative's expenses at Region meetings, twice a year. West Region Director recommends that we add a line item for the Director and Committee chair so it is reviewed annually at the budget.

West Region official actions:
No longer covering travel and other expenses for each Chapter's Director or committee chairs.

Accepted current member assessment payment from Orange County Chapter for the current year.

Recommend for future budgets to

include line items for Chapter's Region Director's expenses and possible chapter members who are on Region Committees.

President's Report

We are not doing as well as we would like in membership. We may want to make a push to hold steady or push for increase at the end of the year. This year it has been difficult to track due to the changes at the Institute website access.

Unfinished Business

Election Results

Ballots were opened today prior to the meeting. 37 ballots total received, 1 not signed. Directors were all unanimously elected, except one ballot, which did not include a vote for Kevin Norman.

The ballots were opened and the following slate was approved.

President; James O'Keefe, CSI
Vice President; Hannah Moyer, CSI, CDT, AIA
Director Professional; Rietta McCain, CSI, CDT, AIA (1 year term)
Director Professional; Kevin Norman, CSI, AIA, LEED AP (2 year term)
Director Industry; Rose Garrison, CSI (2 year term)

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Gendreau will forward the election results to Julie Brown.

Charter Framing

Chapter Charter is presented as restored and framed. It looks very good. It is recommended that the President be required to keep the charter. This should be added to the Operation Guide. The Charter and the gavel can be passed on to the new President at the June Awards banquet. Good job to Dave Ingram

Construct 2008 and The CSI Annual Convention

Chapter Delegates at the CONSTRUCT 2008/the CSI Annual Convention::

Krista Nelson, Dave Ingram, Hannah Moyer, Jim O'Keefe, Rietta McCain. Albert Wege. Julie Brown will also be added to the delegates list. The SCV Chapter is permitted 8 delegates and we will be sending 7.

Gendreau will report delegates to Institute.

New Business**Industry Director Position**

Taylor will be resigning for work-related travel starting in two weeks. Brosh mentioned that her term ends in June and she could possibly step in to the Industry Director's position. Any ideas can be brought to Krista Nelson or Jim O'Keefe. Ingram recommends that President-Elect,

President and another person should form a nominating committee to recommend a new Industry Director.

Committee Reports

Special Events: No report.

Membership

Total membership is 93. Home chapter members reported at 73, dropped one from prior month. The region is having another membership drive. We need 79 to achieve our growth goal. O'Keefe has a call into the Institute to verify, the President and the President-Elect/Membership chair concur that the information about chapter membership is suspect. Emeritus membership was discussed briefly.

Educational Seminar

Plan Reading: Wege reports checks are incoming, Taylor reports several people from his company are planning on attending. LEED exam prep: no progress has been made.

Programs/Technical

May: Paulette Salisbury will speak, June is the awards banquet, plans for future programs are proceeding.

AIA Liaison

We are now a registered CSI CEN provider. CSI members need to register as "learners". AIA Liaison position will be reorganized in the Operating Guide.

PLANNING CALENDAR**CHAPTER MEETINGS**

May 1 Multi-Generational Workplace

June 12 Awards Dinner
Second Thursday of the Month!

July 10 TBD
Second Thursday of the Month!

PLAN AHEAD**CSI Convention:**

"Construct 2008"
June 3-6, 2008
Las Vegas, NV

West Region Conference:

"Jazzin' with CSI"
September 18-21, 2008
Monterey, CA

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The Governance Vote

The Governance vote was passed by a wide majority of CSI members. How will the vote affect how we conduct West Region and Institute business in the future? We have provided an overview of what to expect and will keep all apprised of the proposed time-lines for change once the Governance Implementation Task Team completes the first phase of its work:

1. Article XIII, Meetings of the

Institute has eliminated our previous delegate voting system at the Annual Meeting. In its place will be 'all members in good standing', a much more inclusive method of handling an important representation process.

This takes the burden of gathering and confirming delegates to Institute off chapter secretaries; it will still require that members attending the June 2009 meeting be accredited to vote, but not by Chapter. The Board must approve new Regulations for Annual Meetings at the June 3, 2008 Board Meeting for the following year.

2. Article VI, section 4, Nomination and Election of Officers and Directors. This alternate method for nomination of future Officers will improve the petition process. The amendment allows for a petition deadline in December and the presentation of names by the Institute's Nominating Committee. Each petition must be signed by not less than 2% of the voting membership from each of four Regions and must arrive with all data necessary from the proposed nominee. This is a change from 1% from 6 Regions and essentially allows for nominations "from the floor."

This process can provide opportunities for the Region to bring forward its talented members even if the Institute Nominating Committee has not selected them. It is important that we start the process of identifying potential Institute Board members from our Region. Appointment of a Region Nominating Committee will likely be necessary to take on this task as Nomination by Petition would take some concentrated effort on each nominee's behalf. Qualifications for Institute Board service will also carry greater weight than in the past. Corporate board and/or executive level business experience would be a great plus for any candidate.

3. Article VI, Nominating Committee. This article's revision is in the composition of the Nominating Committee. This Bylaw's change was revised to accommodate concerns many had on this important committee's future efforts. The changes are excellent and obviously settled the issue for the majority.

The new Nominating Committee will be comprised of 7 members. It maintains the current 5 member rotation from the Regions and

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adds two Board members. The changes to this article will have no direct impact on our Region but will provide a vital, previously missing link between the Institute Board of Directors and the Nominating Committee. Our future Nominating Committee will have greater responsibilities, as they will not only be selecting future institute officers, but developing our future leaders as well.

4. Bylaws Revision, Revised Board Structure. The new Institute Board will have no Executive Committee and will be comprised of 10 directors elected by the Regions. There will be 2 Directors at Large and 6 officers: President, President-elect, Secretary, Treasurer, 2 Vice Presidents (one professional, one Industry/Associate member). Directors serve 2-year terms, staggered. 5 Directors will be elected every other year. Directors at Large, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer may succeed themselves once. Directors at Large serve 2-year terms, staggered. The VP, Secretary and Treasurer serve 2-year terms, Vice President and Treasurer elected one year, Vice President and Secretary the next. The amendment creates a limit that at least three of the Officers and Directors at Large

be either Professional members or Industry/Associate members. Directors, Directors at Large, Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer may succeed themselves once.

This Bylaws revision is singly the most important piece of the governance vote. Streamlining our Board decisions is crucial in this fast-paced business world. The smaller Board will allow this to happen. The Board will be responsible for giving a governing leadership voice to the direction of the total organization. The expansion of qualified candidate nominations by petition will provide added opportunity for more members, many with a wealth of experience in all construction disciplines, to be involved in CSI's governance. Future Boards will be focused on the business of CSI and products and services that meet the needs and expectations of our members. This will have a broad impact on our Regions and our members by providing greater benefits and services, while re-defining our relevance in today's business climate.

A significant change will be reflected in our Region Bylaws, as the future President and Vice President of the Region will no

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BUCH NOTES

**BY EDMUND C. BUCH,
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Liquid Stone: New Architecture in Concrete, was written to accompany an exhibition by the same name that was on display at The National Building Museum in Washington, DC from June, 2004 through January of 2006. Through a combination of short essays and beautiful photographs the book provides views to the future possibilities of concrete as an architectural material.

The book was edited by G. Martin Moeller, the curator of the exhibition, and Jean-Louis Cohen, an architect and professor of architectural history at the Institute of Fine Arts at New York University. In addition to the photographs, the book includes essays by six other architects, engineers and architectural historians discussing different attributes of concrete. The book, published by Princeton University Press in 2006, was a collaborative project undertaken with The LaFarge Group, Paris, France, a multi-national building materials producer.

Concrete as most of us know it, is used in its least technically advanced form. Typically, with

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MR. WOLFE GOES TO WASHINGTON BACK TO BASICS

BY SHELDON WOLFE, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

In the early days of CSI there was plenty to do. Construction documents in that time were inconsistent in almost every way, even from a single office, as there were no standards for writing specifications or organizing construction information. I am awestruck at the audacity and vision of that original group, who recognized and analyzed the needs of the construction industry, stated the solution, and then adopted the following ambitious goals for the new organization:

- Better specification writing
- Simpler specifications
- Standardization of specifications for public works
- Standardization of building codes
- Greater efficiency and cost effectiveness throughout the industry

What they wanted to do had obvious value. The fledgling organization had something to offer, and began to attract new members across the country. Chapters were popping up all over, and membership grew at an amazing rate. Much of the work done on CSI's standards was initiated by individual chapters, and members of many chapters wrote monographs and other documents that discussed a variety of construction products and ways to improve the practice of writing specifications. During the next few decades, CSI successfully established standards that are used to this day - the Manual of Practice (now the PRM), MasterFormat, SectionFormat, and PageFormat.

Part of the reason for growth through the '90s was the absence of good source material. The lack of useful documents provided fertile ground

for authors, and the adrenaline that is often found in young, rapidly growing organizations made active participation in CSI beyond the chapter level exciting, useful, and satisfying.

Design professionals wanted to learn how to specify so they could do their jobs better. Manufacturers wanted to offer information to design professionals in a format they could more easily use. And in the late '60s, a quiet revolution began: CSI began work on COMSPEC, which led to SPECTEXT, and AIA began development of MASTERSPEC. These products made it possible for anyone to at least start with a document that closely complied with CSI's standards.

As manufacturers' documents improved, and as more design firms chose to use commercial master guide specifications, the demand for member involvement in technical documents decreased. Prior to that time, technical dissertations had great value, but as information became readily available the need for personal evaluation and comment essentially vanished.

CSI chapters continued to work on SpecGUIDEs, documents intended to help specifiers understand more about construction products. These guides, which enjoy a mythical stature, were of little value, but were widely regarded as a good way for chapters to continue working on technical documents. For a variety of good reasons, the plug was pulled, and the SpecGUIDE program was terminated in 1997.

In the years immediately following the demise of SpecGUIDEs, chapters across the country looked to Institute for something "technical"

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compressive strengths in a range from 2,500 psi to 5,000 psi and in applications such as mass concrete for slabs on grade, or concrete poured on metal floor and roof decking, or concrete used with steel reinforcing in structural elements, or since the 1980s, the use of High Performance Concrete achieved by the addition of strength enhancing chemical admixtures. But these applications do not even hint at the possibilities that concrete can provide.

Many of the more exciting applications presented in the book are a very long way from being commercially feasible. Synthetic fabric reinforcement, light transmitting concrete, flexible concrete, and ultra thin translucent concrete for decorative panels are a few of the applications presented. Other new applications presented are currently available and are trying to find their share of the commercial market. Photocatalytic concrete, as used by Richard Meier at his "white" chapel in Rome is an example. Autoclaved, aerated concrete, as used in concrete masonry, is another example of a new concrete product recently introduced to the construction market.

In considering the subject of concrete, it bears recalling that concrete is the result of combining several constituents that have variable characteristics themselves. For example, there are various types of cements available for use in different applications. Cement powder can be mixed in various proportions with other supplementary cementitious materials, such as fly ash, before it

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longer automatically sit on the Institute Board. Our Institute Board members will represent a nation of CSI Chapters. Our future West Region President and Vice President will represent a region of CSI Chapters. We will need to decide upon appropriate election procedures and investigate related costs as Region elections will now be managed by each Region.

These changes are far-reaching and will definitely benefit the Institute and the Regions. But they will not happen overnight. CSI leadership has been tasked to figure out how to accomplish the transition in an

orderly and prudent way. More information will be forthcoming as these important decisions are made.

A real plus for our future Region Officers will be that focus on Region business will be absolute and not split between two very important jobs. This change provides our future Region officers the time to focus on our membership efforts, expanded leadership training, and other vital Region activities. These will be exciting and productive times for our Region and our future Region Officers. Stay Tuned! More reports to follow..... ♡

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is combined with sand, aggregates, water, and chemical admixtures. The selection of the sand and aggregate can affect the appearance and the properties of the concrete. If chopped fiberglass fibers are included in the matrix, different strengths and appearances can result. What used to be a relatively straightforward process for making concrete (i.e., combining cement, sand, and aggregate in water), has now advanced to a much more sophisticated process in which chemistry and nanotechnology are essential for optimal results.

In addition to a view to future developments in concrete technology, the book also includes a brief history of concrete as an architectural and engineering material. Milestones from the origins of ferro-concrete in France in the late 1800s, to projects by Le Corbusier, Frank Lloyd Wright, Saarinen, IM Pei, and Santiago Calatrava are presented. These illustrate how concrete

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Mike Gutierrez of San Jose Blue and Jim O'Keefe of Frazee Paint during the marble draw at the April Meeting.



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to do. Given the origin of early CSI documents - individual or small group effort - it was evident that a vast chasm had developed between chapter and Institute technical activities. With reasonably good literature available from manufacturers, and the apparent elimination of the need to learn how to write specifications, it seemed there was nothing left for individuals or chapters to do.

In the last ten years, the Institute Technical Committee made a number of attempts at revitalizing technical activity. Many suggestions were made, but there was no response, and eventually the cry for something to do faded away.

Today, many chapters have technical committee chairs but no committees, and others have given up all pretense. With a few notable exceptions, those chapter technical committees that still exist have been relatively inactive. The question, then, is this: Is there anything "technical" that members, chapters, or regions can do? The answer: Yes!

Most of our members have probably had occasion to use or at least look at two web-based knowledge resources: Wikipedia and Wiktionary. Wikis are collaborative websites that can be edited by anyone. At first that sounds a bit scary, but the websites are not complete anarchy. Contributors' statements may be challenged by anyone, and the process leads to consensus on any given subject.

During the past year or so, several members have considered establishing a wiki as a forum for CSI where ideas and information could be posted, discussed, and developed. Fortunately, at the same time, Institute staff was actually working on making CSIWiki a reality, and in February of this year it went live.

Before announcing its existence, staff populated it with a collection of existing (old) documents, including monographs and SpecGUIDEs. The bad news is that most of these documents need to be updated, verified, and reorganized to make them more useful. The good news is that most of these documents need to be updated, verified, and reorganized. Even better, not all subjects are covered.

As noted, the wiki provides a collaborative environment where anyone can add or change information. Contributors are asked to provide references to allow others to verify information, and each page has a related discussion area where behind-the-scenes debates can take place.

CSiWiki is a potential goldmine of opportunity for all members. Industry and design professionals alike can contribute technical information and add comments from their experience. There is an almost infinite amount of work to be done as new products and processes are introduced and old ones are changed. CSiWiki can become the one place to go for definitive information about the construction industry - but it will not happen without your help. We don't have the staff to take on such a monumental task, but more importantly, you are the ones with the knowledge that is needed to make it a success.

In this time of declining membership, this is the first and only activity that is available to all members. Common complaints from members who do not attend chapter functions are lack of time or money, inconvenient meeting locations, and inability of committees to get things done. None of those objections apply to this project. You can work on it from home, from your office, or anywhere you have

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has been used with great skill in the creation of architecture and, more importantly they serve to show how far this most common of building materials has come in barely 100 years. ♡

"The quality of a person's life is in direct proportion to their commitment to excellence, regardless of their chosen field of endeavor."

Vince Lombardi

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR



Several emailed versions of the *Summary* have been returned to the Webmaster due to incorrect addresses or a blocked account.

Please review your email and physical address online at www.csinet.org.

Please notify Rietta McCain at rietta@aba-arch.com of any changes, as soon as possible, to ensure uninterrupted delivery of your newsletter and other SCV CSI mailings.

MINUTES • cont'd from pg 5**Greeter/Raffle**

Garrison will not be here tonight. Rose Garrison donated tickets for the next Wednesday's Giants game. Wege reports the raffle is north of \$670. Tonight we will raffle 2 bottles of award winning wine, Giants tickets, and the lucrative marble raffle.

Annual Roster

Advertisements are continuing to be sought for the roster.

Editor

The April issue went out on time. The file was a record setting size, with several attached fliers. Deadline for the May issue is next Thursday. Next month we will need a back up photographer.

Historian: No report.

Awards

Plans for the awards dinner are in progress

Website

Nelson needs to send some things to Anderson.

Operating/House

27 coming tonight. Some glitches in receiving reservations were discussed.

Toys-for-Tots: No report.

Marketing Committee

New committee members are tentatively interested.

Social Events

Moyer will call Paul for an update.

Operating Guide Task Team

Committee has commented on first section, the second part is continuing to be compiled. Brown is working on Part 2.

50th Anniversary Task Team

Task team meeting will commence after the board meeting. A meeting was held last month also, and the committee is reported to be on course.

Announcements

The East Bay Chapter is hosting a seminar on General Conditions of the Contract and O'Keefe would like to announce at tonight's meeting.

Closing

The meeting was adjourned by Chapter President Krista Nelson at 5:46 p.m. ♡

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Internet access. You can do it in the morning, at lunch, on the bus, or anywhere. You do not even need to be online to write your contributions.

But, even though it can be an individual effort, contributions also can be made by groups. Groups can be made up of members of a single chapter, but a virtual group can have members from anywhere. No matter what your specialty is, you can hook up with a peer in the next house or in a different country.

In the good old days, chapter and region technical committees were busy putting their collective wisdom in print in an effort to help the entire industry. The electronic equivalent is now available. Let's get back to the good old days and work together toward our original goals of better construction documents. ♡

RAFFLE PRIZES

If you have not been to a meeting lately, you should mark your calendar! Our monthly raffle features a Marble Draw for a cash prize, fine wines, and other great goodies.



Last month's unclaimed Marble Draw amount was \$750. May's amount will be approximately \$800.

Our current wines include an award winning Viognier. It received Gold - Best of Class in the San Francisco Chronicle's recent Wine Competition.

**CHEVRONS COMING UP FOR SALE**

For those of you that have reached the prestigious point in your CSI membership where you have been a member for more than 10 years, 20 years, or 30 years, the CSI chevrons will be for sale to you at the awards program on June 12, 2008. Julie Brown will have on hand silver chevrons for each 10, 20 and 30 years. They will be on sale for \$10.00 each, which includes the hard costs and shipping costs at the time they were purchased.

If anyone wants to purchase a 5 year or 40 year chevron, let Julie Brown know and she will make an order and confirm with you the current costs.



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Advanced Plan Reading Seminar

Saturday, May 31st, 2008

8:30 am to 4:30 pm

Builders Exchange of Santa Clara County

400 Reed Street, Santa Clara, CA 95050



**(6.5) AIA Learning
Units Available!**

8:30 AM – 9 AM..Registration & Snacks

9:00 AM – 12 Noon..Seminar

Principles of Construction Documentation

Contracts and Intent

Minimum Content of Construction Documents

Code / Standards / Requirements

Review of Symbols, Legends & Plans

Drawing Methodologies

Plans / Elevation / Sections / Details

Scopes of Work

12 Noon – 1 PM..Lunch

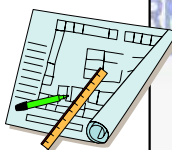
1:00 PM – 4:30 PM..Seminar

Coordination of Work Scopes

Plans Review Sessions

Problem Solving

4:00 PM – 4:30 PM..Q & A



Who Should Attend?

Architects / Contractors / Engineers / Estimators
Construction Managers / Interior Designers
Product Representatives / Property Owners
Inspectors / City Planners / Facility Managers

Instructor

Dawn Anderson, AIA, CSI, CNCS is a registered architect and OSHPD / ICC certified inspector with over 25 years of contract document production, quality assurance, and construction administration experience. Currently, she is the lead inspector at several major medical campus' and adjunct professor at the San Mateo Community College's Building Technology Department.

**Lunch, plans and study
packet included in fee!**

QUESTIONS? Email: gonedawning@yahoo.com

Mail or fax registration information below with payment today!

Deadline for
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5/23/07

Standard Registration: **\$145.00**

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Visa or MC payments accepted.

Registrant: _____

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Attach list of additional attendees w/ email addresses!

I authorize the CSI to charge my credit card in the amount of:
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EAST BAY / OAKLAND CHAPTER

The Construction Specifications Institute,

Presents a half-day course

Friday, May 9, 2008, 8:30 am through 12:30 pm

General Conditions in the Construction Process

with special focus on AIA's new A 201-07

Course will include a detailed review of common requirements found in general conditions used to govern the administration of construction contracts. Special focus will be given on AIA's new A 201-07. The course is designed for both those creating construction documents or engaged in contracting for construction.

Architects, Engineers, Owners' representatives, General Contractors, Sub-Contractors, Construction Managers, and those preparing for licensing exams will benefit from the information presented.



Knowledge for Creating
and Sustaining
the Built Environment

Location: American Institute of Architects, East Bay Chapter Office, 1405 Clay Street, Oakland, at the corner of 14th Street. See map on backside. The location is a short walking distance from major bus lines and the **12th Street – Oakland City Center BART Station**. Garage fee parking is available on Clay Street opposite the location and elsewhere in the area.

Sign-In: Begins at 8:00 am.

Food: Morning refreshments.

Texts: All required texts are included with registration. Items include: AIA General Conditions A201 (2007), and course materials prepared by the instructor, Mr. Henry W. Berg, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP.

Enrollment Information:

1. Full enrollment fee must accompany Registration Form.
2. Please complete a separate Registration Form for each applicant.
3. Registration deadline: Registrations received after May 1, 2008 will be accepted contingent upon space available and payment of an additional \$15 fee.
4. **Four AIA Learning Units or 0.4 CSI CEUs** will be awarded for the course.
5. East Bay/Oakland CSI reserves the right to cancel courses and return fees.
6. Applications may be withdrawn by notifying the Chapter at FMG Architects (Michael Morris) 510.465.8700 or e-mail at mmorris@FMGarchitects.com not less than 10 days prior to the class. Withdrawn applications will be refunded in full.

Questions? Call Michael Morris: 510.465.8700 or e-mail: mmorris@FMGarchitects.com or Matt Crawford: 510.889.1001 or e-mail: mcrawford@kellymoore.com
(More info on backside)



REGISTRATION FORM: (Copy & Return with Payment)

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City _____ Zip Code _____ Telephone _____

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Early Bird Registration (by May 1):

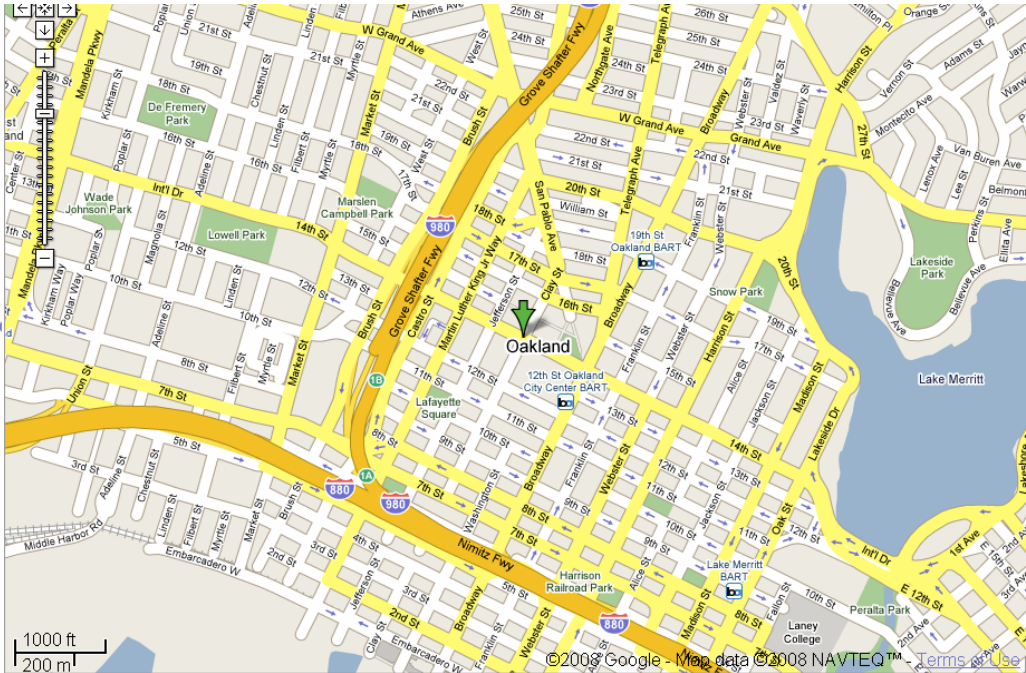
- ☐ \$80 for CSI and AIA members and students with valid student I.D.
☐ \$95 for nonmember.

Registration after May 1:

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☐ \$110 for nonmember

\$_____ (Check Enclosed)

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INSTRUCTOR:

Henry W. Berg, FCSI, SCIP, CCS, CCCA is a construction quality assurance consultant in private practice. Mr. Berg is a past chairman of CSI's Institute Technical Committee, and a past president of the East Bay/Oakland Chapter CSI. He is recognized nationally for his education courses and is a recipient of the CSI's highest award as an educator, the J. Norman Hunter Memorial Award. Mr. Berg has been the instructor of CSI's national convention exam preparatory course and a featured speaker at numerous CSI national conventions. His experience includes both facility management and architectural practice. He has managed architectural projects in the U.S. and overseas.

ABOUT CSI AND THE EAST BAY/OAKLAND CHAPTER:

The Construction Specifications Institute is a national organization of almost 17,000 architects, engineers, specifiers, owner's representatives, contractors, and manufacturers' representatives dedicated to the advancement of construction technology and improvement of communication within construction documents.

CSI's East Bay/Oakland Chapter was established in 1967 and holds its meetings on the third Tuesday of each month at H's Lordship's Restaurant at the Berkeley Marina. If you are not already a CSI member, we urge you to consider joining us for the interesting programs, education activities, and good fellowship of your colleagues. Chapter membership dues are \$135 in addition to Institute dues. With Chapter membership, meals at each monthly meeting are only \$10 (which is approximately \$25 less than the cost without Chapter membership). Call Harry Haimovitch, CSI, AIA; Membership Chair, at 510 604-2106 for more information.