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This Month's Meeting

Interpreting Standard Contract Provisions in Construction Scheduling and Legal Issues Relevant to Delay Damages

"Nick Locketta, Esq. and Bill Ryan, Esq. will be presenting a two-part seminar dealing with the legal issues involved in construction scheduling for design and other professionals. The first part of the seminar will focus on the interpretation of standard contract clauses which are directly and indirectly related to construction scheduling, including provisions pertaining to duration requirements, time for completion, liquidated damages in the event of default, responsibility for construction coordination and other common contractual provisions. The second portion of the seminar will deal with the legal issues which arise during the implementation of construction scheduling, and the recovery of "delay damages." Some of the issues which will be addressed in the second portion of the seminar include the implied duties on the parties in performing the construction related contract, the right to finish early (and the implications of an early completion), concurrent delays which affect completion, and the legal burdens in establishing and recovering damages for construction delay."

Wednesday, October 20th, 2004

Holiday Inn Conference Center
Fogelsville, PA ~ Routes 100 and 22/78

6:00PM: Fellowship 6:30PM: Dinner 7:30PM: Program

Menu: Sliced Eye Round of Beef, Bordelaise Sauce and Poached Salmon w/Dill Sauce, Mashed Potatoes and Corn O'Brien

Tabletop display: Eastern Industries

RSVP by Friday October 15th, 2004 to Dave Hausman (484) 223-1761
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NOTE: All No-Shows to meetings or events will be billed.

NOVEMBER ~ 11/17/04

Salvatore and Mitch will help navigate you through the new CSI MasterFormat and MOP.

DECEMBER

Annual CSI Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn Fogelsville. Bring your significant other.

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Friday After Chapter Meeting

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In today's world we are always looking to alter the way we work. We want to increase production, reduce time, create a perfect project and make a profit. With all these changes we look for those organizations that can help us reach our goals and, CSI is a prime example.

CSI is unique in that it can assist in all of the various aspects of the construction industry. From the Professionals that design the elements in the built environment; to the Suppliers that provide the products; to the Builder/Contractor that construct the buildings, roads, bridges or other structures: we all work together as a team. And as a team, the common media we rely on is the framework provided to us by CSI.

CSI not only gives us the basic formats for communication on a national level but also networking on a local level. The networking is done in two ways. First, we meet other individuals in the industry at the monthly educational meetings that are created to give an updated source of information that can be applied to all aspects of construction. Secondly, we are given access to many additional members of CSI, nationally and locally, during the course of daily activity to allow us to get our job done.

What we as an individual of the Allentown Chapter need to create is a more elaborate network of construction personnel at our local level. It is our contacts in the industry that help get the job done efficiently and effectively! So help CSI flourish in the future by recommending the organization to others in the construction industry. And who knows, the individual that you recommended might recommend CSI to somebody else who in turn may help you out of a jam in the future.

So hope to see you at next month's meeting, and don't forget to **spread the word.**

Sincerely,

Roxanne Verrastro, CCCA
President of the Allentown Chapter

Your Help Needed

The CSI Expo 2005 Committee is looking for your help.

One meeting was held in September.

We had a good meeting, but you were missing.

Come out to the next meeting on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 @ 7:00 AM, at the Starlight Diner on PA Route 100 near Route 22/78.

Make EXPO 2005 a success.

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September Plant Tour Recap by Dave Wrigley

On September 15, the local Chapter toured National Woodwork Mfg., which is an established, quality oriented custom cabinetry / architectural millwork company located in Bethlehem, Pa. This family owned, WBE certified business has grown from a two-man shop in 1995 to the present progressive, well-equipped facility with 18 employees.

Chris and Don Merrigan and their capable staff took the time to go over the entire manufacturing process, beginning with the time the job first enters the doors as an idea or concept from the Architect. They adroitly showed us the administrative portion of their operation, demonstrating material ordering, the shop drawing process, and equipment programming. Next we witnessed the fabrication process itself by touring the actual woodworking facility with Chris and Don as our guides, showing us the ins and outs of their new computerized beam saw, edgebander, table saws (with worker designed safety features), their new CNC / Machining Center, and finally to the assembly and finishing areas. The tour was concluded with some refreshments, handshakes, and a hardy thank you to our hosts.

This companies outstanding talent and working philosophy of excellence with teamwork has resulted in the receipt of much recognition in the industry: Award of Excellence from AWI, Design Portfolio Award from Custom Woodworking Business, 1st Place in the Large Commercial Project Category from Associated Builders and Contractors, to name a few.

The Local Chapter of CSI wishes to thank Chris and Don Merrigan, and their staff, for their gracious generosity



The 6th Annual Product Representative Academy

October 27-29, 2004

Denver, Colorado

www.csinet.org/prainfo

Registration is open for the 6th Annual Product Representative Academy!

In this three-day program, you will participate in hands-on, intensive, interactive sessions run by experts. You will take home techniques and insight to share with your firm. Or, bring your colleagues to the PRA at a discounted group rate! Our 2003 event sold out! Enrollment is limited to ensure a quality education experience with a low faculty-to-attendee ratio, so register early to secure your space. Position yourself for success. REG-

Allentown Chapter CSI—Mission Statement

The Allentown chapter of CSI strives to provide opportunities for education, and the exchange of knowledge and information for its members and the construction community by using the available resources through its



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Upcoming Meetings

December's Meeting

CSI Christmas party at the Holiday Inn Fogelsville
More details to follow.

January's Meeting 1/19/05

Topic: A review of the new guide "Architecturally Exposed Structural Steel", which provides designers with information about how to specify to fabricators the precise architectural conditions they desire.

Speaker: Brian Miller, AISC Marketing.

Tabletop Display (Sherwin Williams)

Joint meeting with AIA

February's Meeting 2/16/05

Tour of the New LVH Addition at Muhlenberg

Joint meeting with AIA, IFMA, and PSPE

Newsworthy Members

PRESS RELEASE

Below are the three Region Awards that members of the Allentown Chapter received at the Middle Atlantic Region Conference in Camp Hill. Out of 12 Awards given at the Banquet, our chapter received three. That's 25%!

Roxanne received an Education Award for the Play House, Mark Nattress received the third highest award that the Region hands out and Mitch received the second highest award in our region.

In addition to that, the Region Board passed a motion to officially rename the Middle Atlantic Region Golf Tournament to the "Ronald Nattress Memorial Golf Tournament".

Education Award

Presented to
Roxanne E. Verrastro, CCCA, CSI

For conceiving and implementing the Playhouse structure for the Allentown Chapter CSI Annual Product Show for FY2004, unifying the membership in both design and construction to educate the attendees and promote the mission of CSI, you are presented the Education Award on the 2nd day of October 2004.

George C. Neuhausel Memorial Award

Presented to
Mark Nattress, CSI, CDT

For your continuous service and contributions to the region and Allentown chapter, enthusiastically promoting the goals of the Institute, you are presented the George C. Neuhausel Memorial Award on the 2nd day of October 2004.

Robert P. Brosseau Memorial Award

Presented to
Mitchell A. Miller, CSI, CCS, CSI

For your continuous service to the Institute, Region and Allentown Chapter and promoting the goals of the Institute serving on the Institute and region membership committees and monthly chapter programs, you are presented the Robert P. Brosseau Memorial Award on the 2nd day of October 2004.

Worth Reading

For the full story, check out <http://www.neregiocsi.org/history.cfm>

History of the Construction Specifications Institute

Walter Damuck, CSI

CSI - WHY - WHEN - WHERE

WW II's technological advancement forced drastic changes in the burgeoning construction that was its aftermath. New materials, demands for skilled workers that weren't there and cut throat competition (frequently unscrupulous) created conditions that specifications of that time were not able to cope with.

The simply phrased specifications that only indicated intent (based on the expected pride of workmanship and integrity of the contractor with nary a thought of "loop holes" or substitutions were GONE! The Specs were very weak in organization making it difficult to find what you wanted; arrangement of subject matter was at the Architect's whim, as were the number of "divisions" - most with over 90! Some were arranged to follow the construction process from "Site Clearing" to "Painting", others were bound in alphabetical order of the concerned activity and still others tried to keep all the related activities grouped (framing, lathing and plastering).

Early in 1947 government Spec Chiefs started complaining about the differing practices among the agencies as well as their consultants. A Treasury Dep't Architectural Chief thought of forming a group of people, who prepared and used specifications, that would bring order out of chaos in construction communications. In September a meeting of architects, engineers and others in construction disciplines interested in standardizing specifications agreed to form a group to be known as THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE. The intent being for primary concern with business and technical matters overriding social aspects.

The toughest job in this formative year was to establish a structure for the "Institute" that would permit growth from the whole nation and to develop objectives that would encourage membership. These had to be realistic and far reaching enough to endure without change, The six settled on were:

1. Provide a forum for exchange of information among government and non-government people physically and technically involved in the building construction industry - with the objective of improving the quality, clarity and technical validity of construction specifications;
2. Develop a greater appreciation of the value of the construction specification as a contract document;
3. Cooperate with, rather than compete against, existing organizations in related fields of endeavor thus avoiding duplication of work;
4. Interest educators from architectural and engineering schools in developing practical courses in preparing construction specifications [improving, but still a problem];
5. Develop a means for circulating building research information acquired from valid sources; and
6. Develop and maintain current background information on construction materials and methods applicable to construction specifications.

Given this, it was foreseen that CSI's growth must be in an orderly manner, if not it would enter areas for which it would not be suited. So, concurrently, it was determined to define what CSI would not do:

1. Establish any semblance of a specification writer's union or similar pressure group interested primarily in self advancement;
2. Emphasize pre-written specification material at the expense of promoting basic principles and suitable background information underlying specification preparation;
3. Engage in any public lobbying or political activities; or
4. Attempt to establish the new organization as a super-authority in evaluating construction materials.

March 8, 1948 the Certificate of Incorporation was signed and filed in Baltimore, MD eleven days

Worth Reading

later. On April 15, 1948 the new 45-member strong organization had its first official meeting, at which Officers and Directors were elected, bylaws adopted and Washington DC was designated as its location. The bylaws established the types of membership as Active and Associate (Which was changed to Industry, a classification which restricted leadership assignments. They resented their position of financially supporting the Institute without voice representation and made it an issue at several Annual conventions.) We have now changed classifications to be apropos of our times with: Professional, Industry, Associate, Intermediate, Student, Retired, Emeritus and Honorary. Regardless of the designation, emphasis had been and still should be "Active". We cannot help ourselves, each other, the Chapter, Institute and the industry in general without active members.

For the full story, check out <http://www.neregioncsi.org/history.cfm>

You are Responsible

When you have a change in address, telephone number, or email address, you are the only person who can contact the Institute and change or correct the roster. The Chapter depends on the Institute data for sending emails, mailing postcard notices about meetings, and special events. If your information on the Institute roster is incorrect, you will be cut off from the flow of information about the Chapter, Region, and Institute events.

Act now! Make sure that you stay in contact with CSI!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

OCTOBER 2004

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
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2004

OCTOBER 2004

10/11—Columbus Day
10/20—CSI Meeting
10/31—Halloween & Daylight Savings Time Ends

NOVEMBER 2004

11/2—Election Day (Go out and vote)
11/11—Veteran's Day
11/17—CSI Meeting
11/25—Thanksgiving

DECEMBER 2004

Annual Holiday Party
12/8—Hanukkah