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NEWS AND INFORMATION FOR
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JANUARY 2012

Congratulations to Members Celebrating January Anniversaries

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New Members Joining in December

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Mr. Sebastian Sole, CSI, *The Sherwin-Williams Company*
Mr. Tom C. O'Brien, CSI-E, *Siplast*

Member News

Welcome Chris Walsh to the Chicago Chapter and his new position as InPro Sales Territory Manager – Chicago area, Chris has been a member of CSI Cincinnati since 1996 and covered the OH, KY and southern IN territories. He moved to Chicago to take over this position in November, 2011 and was just in time for the Holiday Party. He is a member of InPro “Executive

Club” of top sales performers, a CDT and active in IIDA. Chris attended Ohio State on an “Caddy” Scholarship (do we see a future CSI golf outing volunteer?) and is still active in the Evans Scholarship Program. He can be reached at P 773 899 0645 cwalsh@inprocorp.com

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CSI Members & Guests in Action at Quay on December 7



[More Pictures on our Flickr Site>>](#)

December Holiday Party was a Sellout!

\$550 Raised for Chicago Food Depository

Quay, was an incredible venue for the festive Holiday Party. Overlooking the Chicago River, CSI Members and guests fully took advantage of the spectacular views and private room. The food was spectacular and plentiful, with one of the favorites the Kobe beef sliders. Thank you Kristin Henriksen for arranging this beautiful location. 55 Members and guest signed up for this event, including new member Tom O'Brien, who had to wrestle the "senior" Tom O'Brien when the name was drawn for a raffle prize!

Thanks to the raffle ticket purchases, and prize donations from many members, CSI Chicago was able to donate \$550 to the Chicago Food Depository. Raffle donations and winners:

Raffle Item	Donated by	Company	Winner
Premium white whiskey from FEW Spirits, Evanston's only micro distillery - Retail \$50	Nick McMurtry	KPFF Consulting Engineers	Tabitha Ruiz
Wine from Coopers Hawk	Holly Hirsch	Johns Manville	Elaine Szot
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Wireless Indoor Outdoor Speakers (Retail \$100)	Peter Nutini	North Products	Stuart Berger
Handy Man Wanna Be Basket with Menards Gift Certificate (Retail \$50)	Cathy Beazley		Dewain Peterson
\$50 Nordstrom Gift Card	Kristin Henriksen	Carboline	Stuart Berger
\$50 Barnes & Noble Gift Card	Kristin Henriksen	Carboline	Nicole Ayala
Kindle Touch	Matt Nordloh	MAPEI	Bill Cohen
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\$25 Best Buy Gift Certificate	Charlie Renner	HB Fuller	Tom Finn
\$25 Crate & Barrel Gift Card	Pam Hutter	Hutter Architects	Kira Rogatnik
Winter Care Survival Kit with Heated Seat and Gas Gift Card (Retail \$35)	Cathy Beazley		Tom Mikrut
Boys of Summer Book and Summer Sausage (Retail \$35)	Cathy Beazley		Matt Nordloh
Wine	Cathy Beazley		Bryce Hanson
Chocolate Pretzels, Starbucks Coffee and Travel Mug (Retail \$28)	Doug Sowers	Specialty Systems Inc.	?
Chocolate Ornaments (Retail \$12)	Doug Sowers	Specialty Systems Inc.	DeEtta Perkins
Golf Umbrella & Assorted Items	Scott Conwell	IMI	Doug Sowers
Wine	Michael Sreckov	Hafele	Tom Finn

CSI Chicago & USGBC Illinois Collaborate on a Green Products Show / Educational Symposium in 2012.



Save the date: Thursday, September 27, 2012 for a day of continuing education seminars and a full exhibit hall of sustainable products. The event will be held at the Carpenter's Training Center in Elk Grove and will be economical for attendee and exhibitor alike. GBCI and AIA credits will be available for all seminars, and 1.0 GBCI by visiting the exhibit hall. Watch for details: seminar proposals submittals and exhibitor registration in early February, 2012.

9th Annual Building Enclosure Event Tuesday, February 28--two locations

“Why Building Enclosures Fail”

From case studies to lessons learned, this comprehensive program is invaluable for even the most seasoned professional. Vince Cammalleri is a noted expert in building enclosure issues and will share his vast knowledge in a fact-filled, fast paced session.

The program will summarize experiences with moisture-induced degradation and remediation of building enclosures. Fundamental errors that cause failures, from inception through implementation, in design and construction, are analyzed.

Mr. Cammalleri will describe design principles that generate effective barriers for combined water, air, vapor and heat flow through the building enclosure, and provide examples of how misunderstanding or misapplication of these principles can lead to costly failures. He will illustrate potential consequences of inadequate enclosure design & installation-- from a visible, isolated water leak to widespread, concealed deterioration, corrosion and mold growth. He will also provide guidelines for prevention.

Continuing Education: 2.0 AIA LU/HSW

Learning objectives

1. Review the most common sources of failure in building enclosures.
2. Understand the mechanisms and consequences of these failures.
3. Examine the fundamental errors that cause failures, and how to prevent them.
4. Review design principles that generate effective barriers for combined water, air, vapor and heat flow through the building enclosure.

About our presenter



Vince Cammalleri, AIA, is a Senior Principal in the NYC office of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc. He has extensive experience in the design, investigation and repair of walls, roofs, glass curtain walls and windows. He leads the Building Science Practice group at SGH, specializing in the analysis of moisture migration and condensation issues in the building envelope caused by heat, air and vapor flow. Vince has lectured as an adjunct professor at the School of Architecture, McGill University and as a visiting lecturer at the Department of Architecture and Urban Planning, Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He has published numerous papers related to building technology in the United States and Canada, and is an active member of ASTM International.

To register, fill out the registration form below and mail with check to: Chicago CSI, 330 N Valley Road, Barrington, IL 60010 or register with credit card [online](#)>> (Online Available 1/10/2012)

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● For 9 years, this event has featured renowned experts in Building Enclosure issues from across the country.

● Each year 250 to 350 architects, engineers, contractors, owners, project managers and other design & construction professional have benefited from the high quality of education and technical knowledge

● Every year this has been filled to capacity. Reserve early to assure your attendance.

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Registration Form

Building Enclosure Event February 28, 2012

“Why Building Envelopes Fail”

Please fill out the following information for each registrant and mail with check to CSI Chicago, 330 N Valley Road, Barrington, IL 60010. Or register online with a credit card at the CSI Chicago Website.

Register early! This event has been filled to capacity for eight years in a row. Registration will not be confirmed without payment. Walk-in registration not available. Cancellations/refund accepted before Feb. 21 minus \$10.

Choose one:

Morning Session

Maggiano's

516 North Clark Street, Chicago, IL 60654
Enter Banquet entrance on Grand
 7:30 AM Continental Breakfast & Registration
 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Program

Cost:

- \$35 member before Feb. 21
- \$40 member after Feb. 21
- \$45 nonmember before Feb. 21
- \$50 nonmember after Feb. 21

Evening Session

Meridian Banquet & Conference Center

1701 Algonquin Road, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008
 5:30 PM Registration & Cash Bar
 6:00 PM Dinner
 7:00 – 9:00 PM Program

Cost:

- \$40 member before Feb. 21
- \$45 member after Feb. 21
- \$50 nonmember before Feb. 21
- \$55 nonmember after Feb. 21

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Phone	Email for confirmation
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*Members of CSI Chicago, CSI Northern IL, ASA, BEC, AIA Chicago and AIA Northeastern IL are eligible for member rate.

This program is registered for 2.0 AIA LU/HSW. Bring your AIA number for sign-in sheet if desired. Certificates of Completion are available that may qualify for other professional development units.

Amount Enclosed \$ _____

Chapter Volunteers Needed

Graphics Assistant Help create website ads for the chapter and sponsors. Assist with newsletter formatting & graphics. Development of a Chicago Chapter logo and/or 60th Anniversary Logo. Help the Executive Director with technology questions.

Public Relations Chair & Committee Notify professional organizations of CSI Events. Submit information about CSI members and events to media.

Membership co-chair Welcome new members by email and/or phone. Invite new members to meetings. Assist chair in membership recognition and mentoring of new members.

Membership (Emerging Professional Focus) With the new bylaw change creating a new membership classification for Members who have less than three years experience in the Industry, there is need for a chapter member to help develop programs and incentives to join CSI. Will work with membership committee.

Certification Reporter for Newsletter. Help with the newsletter section called "Are you smarter than a CDT?" A list of sample exam questions are available, and volunteer would be in charge of selecting 4 questions each month, putting in a Word Document, and submitting to chapter for publication each month

CSI/USGBC Joint Green Products Show & Education Event.

Jim Saxton, CSI, American Wickdrain is the chair of this event, which is being organized by Chicago Chapter CSI and USGC-IL for fall 2012, He is looking for co-chairs in various areas including (a) Marketing/Public relations (b) Volunteer coordination (c) Expo Services Liaison (d) Program/seminar solicitation (e) Keynote Speaker (f) Sponsorships **Let us know if you have an interest in these or other committees or start your own!**

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Upcoming Meetings:

Wednesday, January 9

Technical Roundtable:

5:30 – 7:30 PM Daltile, 315 W Hubbard, Chicago

Tuesday, January 24

Chapter Program: "How do design and construction firms differ in their use of BIM?"

5:00 PM – 7:30 Union League Club

Tuesday, February 28

9th Annual Building Envelope Event

7:30 AM Maggiano's – Chicago
5:30 PM Meridian Conference & Banq. – Rolling Meadows

March, 2012

Trivia Night! Bring your emerging professional colleague for a fun night of architecture trivia and conversation. Details to come.

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The Golf Outing will be back this summer!

Save the date: Second or third week in June
Location: Gleneagles Country Club in Lemont

Chair: Kurt Moehlmann CSI, CDT

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Let Kurt know if you would like to help!

Are You Interested in a Resurrection of the Specifier Roundtables?

Remember the Specifier Roundtables? For those new to the CSI, the Specifier Roundtable morphed into the Professional Roundtables some 10 years ago or so. The roundtable was a monthly gathering of specifiers and specifying architects who met to discuss issues they encountered writing specs. No powerpoints, typically no handouts, etc... just a one line agenda listing the roundtable subject. For those who haven't had the benefit of participating in one just picture Renee Doktorczyk, Gary Betts, Ken Crocco, Joe Stypka, Dean Walker, Rich Ray, Alan Itzkowitz, and others locked in a room discussing a subject near and dear to them. Pretty cool uh! Ok, pretty loud and spirited too!

There has been some interest in rejuvenating these roundtables and adding it to our monthly calendar. We would like to have your thoughts. Use the link below to respond to a 5 question survey that is tabulated anonymously, or email John Birazzi with your thoughts.

Click on the link below or paste into your browser bar to start the survey:

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/QNKYK8D>

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Share CSI with others who haven't yet experienced the benefits of membership. When you recruit one professional member who joins, CSI will provide you with one membership to GIVE to a potential new member. You'll be able to sponsor another colleague in CSI, and make your network and chapter that much stronger.

How it works:

1. Recruit an individual to join as member (does not apply to emerging professional and student members). Make sure they enter your name and member number under "Member Referral Information."
2. CSI will send you a special membership certificate to give to a potential new member.
3. The person to whom you give your gift will need to join by the deadline cited on the certificate.

With your help, we can recruit others in the industry to join our ever-growing community. **For your help, CSI will also award you \$25 CSI Bucks for purchasing CSI products or services.** [Learn more](#), or Contact CSI Marketing Coordinator [Kaitlin Solomon](#) with questions.

Join CSI Chicago on Facebook, Twitter and Linked In

Thank you to Scott Conwell, chapter Social Media Chair, who has set up these new communication vehicles. Hope you can join in! Make sure to join the groups for continuous updates on CSI activities. Comments, suggestions, and participation in this endeavor can be directed to sconwell@imiweb.org



Facebook

We hope you become our fan and like us on Facebook. In order to do this, just log into your Facebook account and search for "CSI Chicago." You will find a fan page and a group page. Please like the fan page by clicking on the thumbs-up icon. By doing so, CSI Chicago's posts will appear on your wall, so you will be among the first to know when there is a new event or program. If you don't want CSI's events to be posted on your Facebook wall, you can still become a fan, then choose to hide our posts from your wall later. Because your status with CSI Chicago is "fan" (which is different than "friend"), CSI Chicago will not have access to any of your personal information or pictures you've posted unless you've made them publicly available in your personal privacy settings.

Twitter

We invite you follow us on Twitter. In order to do this, just log into your Twitter account, click "Who to Follow," and in the search box type "@ChicagoCSI." If you follow us, we will follow you back. Don't be surprised if we retweet some of your posts to your fellow members.

LinkedIn

We would like to connect with you on LinkedIn. Please send us an invitation to connect from your LinkedIn account. The best way to do this is in the "Search People" search box, type "CSI Chicago." When you find us, click "add to network." You may be asked how you know CSI Chicago, which only takes a moment to check a few boxes; then send the invitation, and we'll be connected.

We are excited about expanding our network, both real and online! Thank you for connecting

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- ✓ There is something for every budget, and every contribution helps support the education mission of the the chapter. This newsletter accepts advertising in a variety of sizes with a year long price that is extremely economical. (Check out the business card ads in this issue.
- ✓ Not only does our electronic newsletter reach CSI members, but also over 500 non members who have elected to subscribe.
- ✓ Website ads are also available and are viewed by thousands who click on our website.
- ✓ By advertising on the website, the newsletter, or sponsoring events, you are supporting the chapter and its mission to provide continuing education, increased knowledge, and networking opportunities with all members of the project team.
- ✓ There are numerous ways to become involved, increase your brand awareness and support the chapter's education goals. Whether an ad on the website, in the newsletter, or sponsorship of an event, certification class or golf outing, your help is welcome at any level. Based on your monetary commitments, there are additional benefits for partners. For a list of opportunities, contact chicagocsi@aol.com.

Certification Classes Are Full

Still Time to Sponsor a Certification Class

Reach the membership of CSI with marketing exposure and support the education goals by sponsoring a CDT Exam Study Class. For \$150, you will be recognized on the website, electronic newsletter and on the handout. You can choose one of the Monday "sold out: classes to speak for five minutes prior. (optional). [More info>>](#) or call 847-382-1924.

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CCCA Certification Candidates Now Required to Have Two Years of Experience

At the recommendation of the Certification Committee, the board revised the experience prerequisite for Certified Construction Contractor Administrator candidates from "strongly encouraged" to a requirement attested to by two people. Implementation of this modification will align the advanced certification exam candidate prerequisites and enhance the CCCA credential.

CCCA candidates registering for the spring 2012 exam will be the first group that will have to meet this requirement.

Institute Updates

CSI Academies Registration Now Open March 1-3, 2012, San Diego

What are the Academies?

For more than 60 years, CSI has focused on improving construction communication between architects, specifiers, contractors, product reps and others to save money, time and stress for all the parties. The CSI Academies teach construction industry skills that can improve your performance. The Academies:

- Instill confidence by teaching you the roles and responsibilities of all the construction teams, and how they should interact (and what to do when they don't!)
- Improve your marketability and productivity today with skills and information you can use immediately

[See a list of sessions and speakers.](#)

Product Representative Academy (PRA)

Become a product representative who understands more than the product – know where and how you fit into the construction process, and become a useful resource the design team will call on again and again. We'll teach you best practices for presenting products and supporting the design and construction teams. Manufacturers will tell you what you need to know about their products – we'll give you the skills to present that information and succeed in the commercial construction community. [See the sessions!](#)

Contract Administrator Academy (CAA)

No where else will you find intense training for experienced administrators focused on general skills for managing construction documentation, front-end documents, and general conditions. The information and skills you gain you'll be able to use tomorrow! [See the sessions!](#)

Construction Specifier Academy (CSA)

Let CSI, the most respected specifications information source in the U.S., teach you the best practices in specifying, LEED specifications, and BIM data management. Courses focus on specifying in the real world and current issues, including getting LEED requirements into the documentation and understanding how to communicate specifications in BIM. [See the sessions!](#)

"The seminars were excellent and the location was great. As a product rep, I now know the trials and tribulations that GC's go through when bidding a project, I better understand liability and product substitutions (Division 01 can help), and I learned how to make my lunch and learn presentations enjoyable for the attendees. Keep an eye out for 2012!" - [Jon Lattin](#), CSI, CCPR

"The CSI Academies were outstanding - I learned from the experts in the front of the room and the ones sitting next to me." [Ann Baker](#), RA, CSI, CCS, CCCA

[Learn more, or register now!](#)

New Membership Classifications

CSI is now implementing new member classifications approved by the membership earlier this year during the 2011 CSI Election. Both professional and industry members will now be designated as "Professional Members", and student members will be titled "Emerging Professionals". Membership renewals will reflect Professional and Emerging Professional categories, as will the Leader Toolbox reports. Questions? Contact CSI at csi@csinet.org.

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CSI's Member Directory contains contact information for thousands of construction professionals who belong to the Construction Specifications Institute. It is available only to CSI members in good standing. Search for a CSI member by name, company, location, CSI chapter or CSI Certification! [Learn more, or get the app.](#)

PER-SPEC-TIVES

OTHER PERSPECTIVES, OPINIONS, EXPRESSIONS, IMPRESSIONS, THOUGHTS AND IDEAS ABOUT THE NOBLE PROFESSION OF SPECIFICATIONS WRITING-- OPEN FOR, AND SEEKING DISCUSSION

HMMMMM!, WHAT IF CSI.....

by Ralph Liebing, RA, CSI, CDT, Cincinnati, OH

If the International Code Council [ICC] can do this.....

ICC Adopts Model Building Code Training for High School Students

The Code Council is supporting the nationwide expansion of a pilot program to prepare high school students for careers in code enforcement and the construction industry. See--
<http://www.iccsafe.org/newsroom/News%20Releases/NR-11302011-HighSchoolProgram.pdf>

....what should, can, or will CSI do within their broad range of expertise in construction information, education, standards and communications, in a similar direction; at say, the post-secondary/college level? Any obvious suggestions [please think this through first and “go outside the box”]--- on what can, should, will be done? No more grouching—what action is obviously required?

Friends, it’s a matter of foresight, and creative thinking, as well as starting to solve problems and creating a better profession tomorrow. WOW! All that in one simple effort and new direction! What think ye?

The World Series and Super Bowl really are seated in pee-wee football, and 8-year olds who look lost in their helmets and outfits. Planting seeds and teaching fundamentals at any early [but meaningful] age is the best way-- by far!-- to create a lasting flow of new participants. These folks are further teachable as the current situations evolve and change. It is rather short-sighted to sit in one place and not really be pro-active in reaching out [and down?] to those who may be able to do some good if approached and weaned in the pertinent environment.

Are there more code officials than spec writers? In some 19,000 jurisdictions there are code “people” from clerks, to plans examiners, to field inspection personnel. The number in each office varies, of course, in proportion to the size of the jurisdiction’s size-- much as the number of specifiers varies in the professional offices. So it is obvious that there is a direct parallel and hence credence to what the ICC is doing, TO HELP ITSELF IN THE FUTURE!

See the CSI Blog where discussions continue on L&Ls and technical education. Good information for all members, etc., but again, not addressing voids in professional education that CSI has the expertise for and could well address its benefits to a large groups of personnel in, or coming to, the design and construction professions -- i.e., new “choirs” that needs to be sung to! The “need” to do something and the various benefits show up there, but what about the will-- the initial effort to DO something more to enhance the influence and “reach” of the organization. It is obvious the organization sees things that are really opportunities, and things that will yield and accrue new status and prestige, but.....reluctance? disinterest?, futility? What?

There is no doubt that higher quality construction documents will be required in the future. BIM may be the answer [until something else comes along, shortly!] for working drawings, and graphic design models, but specifications [as many note] will not be an immediate part of the BIM scenario. More time [10 years???? or more] may be needed to properly incorporate specs into the BIM related production.

But in the meantime we can make better specifiers by expanding into more education; better fundamental education; initiation of earlier programs so the relative speed and quality of specs production will be more attuned to that of drawing production. There is no time like now to start; and in fact we are well behind in education-- proper education – of design professionals by truncated education, disjointed course offerings, and misalignment and lack of coordination of education in facilities one from another. Help and direct action has lain fallow far too long! Anybody care?

Earlier delivery of specifications fundamentals is so basic to future success of professionals and their projects it is difficult to believe that so little if anything is done in the early stages of professional education-- won’t hurt anyone to have this specs resource!

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