



Opportunities and Obstacles in Specifying Green Building Materials

Lynn N. Simon, AIA, of Simon & Associates, Inc., Green Building Consultants, will discuss the selection and specification of environmentally preferable building materials: products selected to conserve resources, reduce pollution and waste, protect indoor air quality, or to meet other green criteria during their lifecycle. The program will provide an overview of some green interior materials and finishes, as well as exterior materials and building system.

Lynn is President of Simon & Associates. Established in 1994, Simon & Associates is a green building consulting firm that addresses sustainable and healthy design and construction practices. Lynn is a green building pioneer and a leading authority in the industry. Her firm has completed four LEED certified projects and is currently working on a wide range of projects including the new UC Merced Campus and CalPERS Headquarters Expansion Project. She has served on the

Board of Directors of several leading building industry organizations, including the AIA San Francisco Chapter Board for four years and the U.S. Green Building Council's Board for six years. She is currently serving on the USGBC's Curriculum and Accreditation Committee where she is Chair of the LEED Accredited Professional Task Force. She is a LEED Faculty member and a LEED Accredited Professional. Lynn is a licensed Architect in the state of California and has her Bachelor of Art in Architecture from UC Berkeley and a Master of Architecture from the University of Washington. In 2003, she received the AIACC Presidential Citation Public Service Honor Award.

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

When: THURSDAY, March 3, 2005

Location: Ramada Inn Silicon Valley, 1217 Wildwood Ave., Sunnyvale (Lawrence Expressway & 101)

Times: Social hour: 6:00 PM with Hors d'oeuvres.

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Program: 8:00 PM

Menu: Green salad, fresh rolls, Dijon pork chop, red roasted potatoes, asparagus, coffee and New York style cheesecake.

Dinner Cost: \$25 per person. Guests are welcome.

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President's Message *by Dave Ingram*

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The evening's program on the updated studies of the Collapse Investigation of The New York World Trade Center was superlative. The program was presented by Mr. Ron Hamburger of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc.. Mr. Hamburger is the current President of the National Council of Structural Engineering Associations and also serves as managing principal for western regional structural engineering operations of Simpson Gumpertz & Heger Inc.

The joint meeting with the Structural Engineers Association of Northern California provided an interesting mix of personalities and knowledge. There were almost 100 attending. By the end of the evening each table's mix of CSI and SEAONC members produced lively conversation and intriguing questions to Mr. Hamburger on his presentation.

Our committee members and chairs are all working hard to continue providing value for our Chapter. We are even having more members beginning to participate in committee activities. This is a wonderful thing to see, for it points to the continue health of our chapter. Yes we can always use more money, but each additional member's contribution of their personal energy and time is priceless. All are welcomed, all are invited.

A quick reminder that the San

Francisco & East Bay/Oakland Chapters Building Products Show 2005 is Wednesday, March 9 at the San Francisco Mart. For information go to either chapter's web site.

Our chapter also lost two friends during the past month with the passing of Bill Bose, CSI and Gus Tsoponakis, CDT. Bill was retired, and Gus as always was very active on the local and regional levels. Both were great friends to all who knew them and each will be missed, but never forgotten.

The 49th Annual CSI Show™ & Convention

April 20-23 in Chicago at McCormick Place. Co-locating are The Masonry Showcase and The TFM Show™.

Attendees can earn a year's worth of continuing education hours in just four days.

A total of 132 continuing education programs will help commercial construction professionals at The 49th Annual CSI Show & Convention (April 20-23, Chicago) streamline delivery of

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projects even as they grow more complex. Sessions covering the entire facility life cycle will be conducted by the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and six industry education partners.

Professional development offerings, for virtually everyone involved in project delivery regardless of experience level, begin at McCormick Place on Tuesday, April 19, with three pre-convention workshops:

-- A workshop on the newly released version 3.1 of the U.S. National CAD Standard, co-developed by CSI, the American Institute of Architects, and the National Institute of Building Sciences. It is a standard for organizing and presenting CAD drawings to aid communication of graphic information among everyone involved in building project delivery. The new version's structure is aligned with the 2004 edition of MasterFormat.

-- The MasterSpec Academy, conducted by master specifications systems provider ARCOM. The academy will focus on SPECWARE and MASTERWORKS.

-- A program to train people as accredited instructors of the recently released MasterFormat 2004 Edition, the much-expanded new version of the predominant U.S.-Canadian standard for organizing project information and specifications.

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Minutes of the Board Meeting

CSI, Santa Clara Valley Chapter
(Draft, Board Approval Pending)

PLACE: Ramada Inn, Sunnyvale

DATE: Feb. 03, 2005

TIME: 5:00 PM

PRESENT: Hannah Moyer,
Krista Nelson, Julie Brown, Dave
Ingram, Jim Balboni, Marvin
Bamburg, Ron Ronconi, Mike
O'Donnell, Harry Hedges, Gus
Sharvey

1. Meeting was called to order
by President Dave Ingram.

2. Minutes from last meeting
were accepted.

3. Treasurer's Report

a. Treasurer's Report was pro-
vided by Marvin.

b. The Treasurer's Report was ap-
proved by the Board.

4. Regional Director's Report:
No report.

5. President's Report: Chapter
should look for "fresh blood" for
new members, beyond
just dinner attendees. We should
consider new industry projects.

6. Unfinished Business: None.

7. New Business:

a. Strategic Planning for 2005:
Board should explain Chapter
activities to new Board mem-
bers. Long term goals should be
considered.

Julie handed out "Outstanding
Chapter Commendation" criteria
and "Chapter Best Practices",
these should be looked at prior
to the next Strategic Planning
meeting. The documents are a
great tool to assist us with short
term and long term planning.

b. 2006 West Region Confer-
ence Hosting: Board decided to
decline.

Welcome to Our New Member

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8. Committee Reports:

a. Golf Tournament Committee:
Mike gave update. Gus yet to
receive E-mail of entrants.

b. Educational Seminar Com-
mittee: Hannah reported that
the seminar had to be cancelled,
since less than the minimum at-
tendees required were registered.
Jim suggested "Road Show"
alternate. Our ads should be
simplified.

c. Programs: Krista discussed
topics.

d. Certification: No report.

e. Publications: Julie reported
that the Newsletter went out on
time.

f. Website: No report.

g. Operating/House: Mike re-
ported on current status.

h. Membership: Ron reported
on current efforts. Jim: We need
membership analysis. Member
services should be emphasized.

Jim: We should find a way to
thank members.

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- Product Specifications
- Job Site Inspections
- Presentations



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“The New World of MasterFormat.”

The 49th Annual CSI Show & Convention celebrates the publication of the newly revised and expanded MasterFormat 2004 Edition. In addition to the MasterFormat Accredited Instructor Program on Tuesday, April 19, Wednesday’s opening general session will feature a panel of prominent industry figures from various design and construction disciplines discussing their specific MasterFormat implementation issues. Saturday’s education sessions will address the new edition’s application guide and keynoting with the new version.

A Year of Education Credits in Four Days

With more than 130 professional development opportunities in Chicago, attendees can acquire in just four days an entire year’s worth of continuing education credits to maintain licenses and certifications.

Paid registrants attending The CSI Show & Convention’s education program receive on site a free copy of MasterFormat 2004 Edition, a \$159 value.

CSI Education Partners

Contributing content to the continuing education program in Chicago are six top education partners:

- Specifications Consultants in Independent Practice.

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REMEMBER TO VOTE FOR THE SANTA CLARA VALLEY CHAPTER BOARD

Nominations are in for the new board for 2005-2006, as follows:

President	Dave Ingram
Vice-President	Marvin Bamburg
Treasurer	Albert Wege (2 year term)
Secretary	Krista Nelson (2 year term)
Immediate Past-President	Jim Balboni
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	Jeff Cremona (1 year to go)
	James O’Keefe (2 year term)
Director, Professional:	
	Ron Ronconi (1 year to go)
	Hannah Moyer (2 year term)

Ballots will be mailed in the very near future, and we ask that you all vote and return the ballots prior to March 1, 2005.

Planning Calendar 2005

Chapter Meetings

March 3 – Opportunities and Obstacles in Specifying Green Building Materials

April 7 – Construction Joints

May 5 – Flood Response at the 9th Circuit Court of Appeals

Other Important Dates

March 11-12 – West Region Mid-Year meeting

April 20-22, 2005 – The 49th Annual CSI Show & Convention; www.thecsishow.com.

May 26, 2005 – SCV First Annual Golf Tournament and Product Show.

Planning Ahead

West Region Conferences

2005	Sacramento, Sept. 28, to October 2
2006	Monterey Bay
2007	Los Angeles

CSI Institute Convention & University

2005	Chicago, April 20 -23
2006	Las Vegas, April
2007	Washington D.C., June

Visit our website at www.csiscv.org or

The West Region’s website at www.westregioncsi.org

West Region Report



By Ed Buch, CSI, CCS, AIA

Congratulations to Tian Feng, CSI, CDT, the President of the East Bay-Oakland Chapter. He will be elevated to Fellow at the Institute Convention in April.

The election of Institute Officers and Directors will take place in the month of February. The West Region is fortunate to have a candidate in the running for Institute Vice President, Professional, Mr. John McCaffrey, FCSI, CCS, AIA, SCIP. We encourage you to vote for him in the balloting that closes March 2, 2005. There is a complete list of candidate profiles in the CSI News Digest Quarterly that you should have received in January.

The dates for the Institute Convention and CSI University are rapidly approaching. April 20-24 will be here before you know it, so if you haven't sent in your registration, do so now. Chicago is a great city for architects and others interested in American

architecture. See some of these landmarks and attend the great technical sessions being offered at the Convention. Now that CSI-U is being combined with the Convention, you can save on your travel expenses and take advantage of the leadership and chapter development sessions at CSI-U in the same trip.

The West Region Mid-Year meeting will be held in Oakland on March 12, 2005. At this meeting the principal item of business will be to approve the West Region budget for the next CSI fiscal year starting on July 1, 2005. If you are a region committee chair and haven't given thought to your budget for next year, now is the time.

On Friday evening, March 11th, we will hold our annual region speak out meeting. This will be a good opportunity for you to raise issues of concern with region leadership and to discuss them in an informal setting with representatives from other chapters. If you're coming to the meeting on Saturday, please plan on coming early so you can participate in our discussion Friday evening.

As I'm writing this, the January issue of the CSI Leader has just arrived. This monthly e-mail publication is a useful and informative way to stay current with developments at the Institute. For example, this month there's news that the Institute's Con-

struction Documents Education Program is now available for purchase at the CSI Bookstore. In addition to the news and feature articles for chapter leaders, it also provides an opportunity for our Executive Director, Karl Borgstrom, to share his thoughts with us. I think this is a great little publication and I encourage you to read it each month.

For those of you who don't regularly cruise through the Institute web site at www.csinet.org, let me call your attention to a couple of CSI documents you should know about buried deep within the Technical section. These are titled, "Procedural Guide for Representing CSI," and "CSI's Guiding Technical Principles." I found them after reading about them in the Santa Clara Valley Chapter Newsletter, "Summary." The documents are brief and the titles are self-explanatory. They can be found in the "Technical" heading on the left side of the CSI home page. Once there, click on the section, "Technical News and Information." The Institute web site has a lot of useful tools and information to offer and these two documents are good examples.



BuchNotes

Part 2

By Ed Buch, CSI, CCS, AIA

This is the second article in a two part series on sources for information on construction materials and technology. In the last issue of the LACSI Newsletter, I reported on six trade magazines I find useful. In this column I will describe eight more. If you know of a magazine that I haven't included, please let me know and I will include it in a future list. I have limited this selection to those that are available free of charge.

As I noted previously, *The Construction Specifier* magazine is the most consistent source for a broad range of authoritative articles on recent developments in construction materials and products. The two mainstream architectural journals, "architecture" and "Architectural Record", for the most part, have not had regular articles on building materials and technology since the mid-1990s. The Construction Specifier and the trade magazines listed here fill this void nicely.

Building Design & Construction. www.bdcmag.com. Published monthly by Reed Business Information. In addition to building industry news and product information, several building projects are highlighted each month demonstrating different approaches to the month's theme. In recent issues, building security, LEED, and adaptive building reuse have been themes.

Articles tend to focus more on the technical aspect of projects rather than architectural design. Useful building cost information is usually included. BD&C also has an annual ranking by size of architectural, engineering, and construction management firms.

Professional Roofing.

www.professionalroofing.net. Published monthly by the NRCA, this magazine is aimed at roofing contractors but is also useful for architects and specifiers. Completed projects are used to illustrate different types of roofing applications. A recent technical article included a comparison of different types of rigid insulation board.

Stone World.

www.stoneworld.com. Published monthly by BNP, it contains stone industry news for stone suppliers and fabricators. Excel-

lent photos and some drawings are used to illustrate recent projects making the magazine useful for architects, interior designers, and specifiers to gain a detailed understanding of the different types of stone and their application. A recent issue had extensive coverage of slate from quarrying to fabrication and installation.

Architectural Lighting.

www.lightforum.com. Published seven times a year, this is a great magazine for anyone who wants to understand architectural lighting or who just enjoys photos of interesting lighting projects. This is an excellent source of information on lighting fixtures, the lighting industry, and lighting projects. A well written blend of technical and design articles accompanied by useful advertisements.

Archetype.

www.woodworkinstitute.com. The Journal of the Woodwork Institute includes technical and design articles on architectural woodwork, cabinetry, and wood doors for architects, specifiers and millwork professionals. The projects presented in each issue are accompanied by photographs and detailed technical descriptions.

Architectural West.

www.architecturalwest.com. Published by Dodson Publications six times a year, it has an emphasis on roofing products and projects. It includes a good legal column each month along with building products advertisements, and building industry news.

How to Change Your Personal Information with CSI

It is very easy to change your personal information at www.csinet.org. Just log in with your name and password, as described on the web site. Then you have access to updating your new address, new employment, or new e-mail address.....all at your fingertips. This way you will be sure to receive everything from Institute and our chapter.

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Gus Tsopanakis Passes

I write this with a very heavy heart about a very dear friend of mine and CSI's. Long time member of our chapter Gus Tsopanakis passed away on February 4, 2005. Gus worked for Won Door Corporation and was a true gem of a man, and I will truly miss him. The family has set up a special fund in Gus's honor at Stanford University Medical Center. Inquiries about gifts can be made by contacting them directly at 650-234-0600.

The Santa Clara Valley and San Francisco Chapters are looking at joining together to fund a Memorial Student Grant in his name.

- Julie Brown

DPR Construction Honored with a Governor's Award

California Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger has recently announced that DPR Construction, Inc. is a recipient of one of this year's Governor's Environmental and Economic Leadership Awards (GEELA). DPR received recognition in the sustainable facilities category for its 53,000-sq.-ft. Sacramento office building, which achieved Silver LEED certification for new construction and Gold LEED certification for com-

mercial interiors, and is the first privately held LEED certified building in California's Central Valley. Along with DPR, the city of San Jose for its West Valley Branch Library and Thomas Properties Group for the Joe Serna Jr. Cal/EPA Headquarters also were recognized in the sustainable facilities category. For more information, please visit <http://www.dprinc.com>.

William J. "Bill" Boes Passes

William J. "Bill" Boes, CSI, passed away on January 17, 2005, at age 69.

Born in San Jose in 1935, he was a member of CSI for 20 years, joining in 1978 until his retirement in 1998. He was known by most of us as the representative for Dunn Edwards Paints. What we didn't know was his lifelong struggle with Type 1 diabetes, which he kept a secret from us all, but which finally overtook him.

Bill served on a number of San Francisco Chapter committees and Board positions during his 20 years in CSI, including chair of the ProFair Committee, Industry Director, Chapter Vice President, and Chapter representative to the West Region. He often would be found greeting people or selling raffle tickets at chapter meetings.

Bill was genuinely one of the nicest people I've ever known.

He was also an outdoorsman and avid fisherman. We once drove up to Santa Rosa together for a Region Conference, and he filled the time on the two hour trip by telling fishing stories and how he once found the perfect fishing spot in the Sierra foothills, miles from the nearest road but at the bottom of a treacherous ravine. It was a challenge to Bill to get to this isolated spot.

His wife, Carol, once told the story of driving in their car and being rudely and recklessly cut off by another driver. Bill was so upset, he followed the other car and when it finally stopped, Bill got out of his car, walked over to the other car, stuck his head in the window, and politely said to the other driver, "You know, you should be more careful or you'll cause an accident - you almost hit me back there," and then calmly walked back to his car.

That was Bill - always polite, helpful, positive, and courageous. Bill is survived by his loving wife Carol and two sons, Bill Jr. and Ken. He will be remembered by those of us who knew him.

- William Buchholz, AIA, CCS, LEED AP, Past President, San Francisco Chapter, CSI



LETTER TO EDITOR

Dear Editor,

For your edification.....

The February SUMMARY for SCVC contained a "News" article that Johns Manville is increasing their capacity to produce formaldehyde free fiber glass batts. Good. The world needs fewer toxic materials.

The article caused me to review fiber glass properties in general. Often I suggest the use of COMPRESSED fiber glass batts for both high temperature insulation and sound attenuation, but the use of fluffy fiber glass batts for ambient temperature insulation is perhaps the greatest hoax ever perpetrated in the history of construction materials.

ASTM tests C177 or C518 to evaluate the performance of thermal insulation materials have test criteria based upon ideally dry conditions at 75 degrees F, and under those conditions the materials will perform as rated. If fiber glass batts were tested under field conditions on a chilly day, say 25 degrees F, and a low relative humidity, say 30 percent, the test result would be ZERO thermal resistance. There is another downside to fiber glass batts. Since it is the still air in between the glass strands that actually provides insulation value, when the batts collapse under their own weight over a period of time, a corresponding proportion of thermal insulation value is lost. Have you ever wondered why power bills are so much larger in winter? Now you know.

A previous owner of my cottage here installed one inch of the lowest quality expanded polystyrene possible under the siding. My gas and electric bill averages well under \$15.00 per month. Soon I will be building up North quite near the ocean where it is often both cool and humid. Fiber glass insulation will not be considered.

Sincerely,
Michael Boynoff

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- The Mason Contractors Association of America
- Group C Communications
- The Alliance to Save Energy
- The Lean Construction Institute
- ARCOM, publisher of MasterSpec.

For more information or to register for The CSI Show & Convention, go to www.theccshow.com or call 800-689-2900. The registration fees are \$195 for CSI members and \$250 for non-members.

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- Awards: None.
 - Nomination: New board for 2005-2006 has been found and the names were handed out. Discussion about committees; chapter appears to have a healthy future.
- 9. Announcements:** Dave distributed the chapter's advertising flyer: "Advertisement and Sponsorship Opportunities 2005-2006."
- 10. Meeting was adjourned 6 PM.**

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Contemporary Stone & Tile Design.

www.stoneworld.com. Published quarterly by BNP, this is probably the best designed and printed trade magazine in our industry. Beautiful photographs are used to present stone or tile projects in each issue. A recent edition focused on the many uses of limestone for both interior and exterior installations. An interview with a notable architect is often included to describe the approach used for the selection and use of stone on the featured project. The inclusion of advertisements for many types of stone and stone related products makes this magazine an excellent resource for architects, interior designers and specifiers.

Modern Steel Construction.

www.modernsteel.com. Published monthly by the American Institute of Steel Construction, this is an excellent source of information on steel used in both structural and architectural applications. Written primarily for structural engineers, each month several projects are presented highlighting innovative or unique uses of steel. In the Nov. 2004 issue, Hodgetts & Fung's Hollywood Bowl reconstruction was featured. Each month technical articles are included offering authoritative information on a variety of topics. Galvanizing of members and the benefits of various finish coatings are two recent topics of interest to architects and specifiers.