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When: **THURSDAY, August 4, 2005**

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

Times: Social hour: 6:00 PM

Dinner: 7:00 PM

Program: 8:00 PM

Menu: Green salad with fresh baked rolls, Chicken Picatta, rice, seasonal vegetables, New York cheesecake and coffee.

The price for dinner is \$25.00, which includes gratuity and tax.

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The passing of Harry Hedges, CSI, CCS, Professional Emeritus has saddened us all. I consider myself very fortunate in having known Harry and lucky, both as a recipient of his intelligent good humor and as a witness and beneficiary to his sincere efforts during my years as a chapter and board member.

Harry's significant achievements and contributions to the Santa Clara Valley chapter, West Region and the Institute, fondly reminisced by our more seasoned members go back to his membership starting in 1962. Our deepest sympathies to his family and his friends. Harry, you are missed, but shall not be forgotten.

The first Board meeting and committee reports of the 2005-2006 year caused a shutter of sheer excitement to pass through me as I listened to the active and insightful participation of all present. The new Board and Committees continued building on the past chapter accomplishments and discussed new and exciting ideas for the upcoming year's programs and special events.

Before the program we had the traditional raffle. Wines donated by Otis Elevator, Giants tickets donated by Dunn-Edwards Paints and we did something new. We had a successful silent auction for two sets (two tickets per set) to the Taylor Woodrow

Grand Prix of San Jose, donated by the South Bay Plastering Contractors Association. What a fun evening so far.

The evening's presentation Paint 101, by Jim O'Keefe, CSI, Architectural Services Representative of Frazee Paint and Wall Covering was entertaining and very informative as proven through lots of follow up questions and answers. When I awoke Friday morning reflecting on Jim's great presentation, I developed a craving for pancakes. Jim used Bis-Quick and maple syrup as part of his presentation props.

There were several new faces at the meeting /program. In fact, many stayed talking and exchanging ideas and business cards long after the meeting ended. That is proof of another great meeting by the Santa Clara Valley Chapter.

More activities are in the works and we invite all to attend any of the Board meetings, which are usually the day of the regular meeting starting at 5PM.

See you next month!

Recent Certifications

Congratulations to our members who recently became certified:

Gary Barnett, RA, CSI, CCS
Gregory Hite, CSI, CDT
Hannah Moyer, RA, CSI, CDT

SUMMARY

HARRY HADGES 1932-2003

On June 15th, 2005, the Santa Clara Chapter CSI, the Local Profession and the community as a whole, lost a valued member and a true friend to many. Harry G. Hedges 73, passed away after a, thankfully, brief battle with cancer. He is survived by his lovely Wife, Orsa, and two wonderful children, Maria and George.

Harry had been an active and continuously contributing member of CSI for over 40 years. He had filled all the seats in the Chapter Committees and on the Board of Directors, and still, he kept contributing his time and efforts. He was there when the Chapter hosted Region Conferences and Region Meetings. He was an integral part of planning the Chapter's 40th Anniversary celebration. He was always there; giving of himself and never asking for anything in return.

Harry also gave of himself to his beloved St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church each year at their annual Greek Festival held at the end of May, handing out complementary passes to many to encourage their attendance. And, he was an active participant with the Hellenic Society, raising funds for charitable causes, one of which was the purchase and donation of an ancient Greek Goddess Figure, which is on permanent display at the Palace

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Minutes of the Board Meeting

CSI, Santa Clara Valley Chapter
(Draft, Board Approval Pending)
PLACE: Ramada Inn, Sunnyvale
DATE: July 07, 2005
TIME: 5:00 PM

I. The meeting was called to order by Dave Ingram, CSI.

II. Attendees:

Board Members Present:

Dave Ingram, CSI – President;
Marvin Bamburg, CSI, AIA
– Vice President;
Albert Wege, CSI, CCCA
– Treasurer;
Krista Nelson, CSI – Secretary;
Jim Balboni, CSI – Immediate
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Director;
Ron Ronconi, CSI AIA – Profes-
sional Director

Committee Members Present:

Julie Brown, CSI, CCS, SCIP
– Editor/Historian, Awards;
Gustav Sharvey, CSI –
Operating/House

III. The minutes of the previous meeting were reviewed by

those present. It was moved that the minutes for the June Board Meeting be accepted as written; the motion was seconded and carried.

IV. Treasurer’s Report: Albert Wege distributed the 2004-2005 end of year report. The chapter incurred a slight loss for the year, and the Chapter remained solvent. Each committee member to review the end of year report. Jim Balboni moved that the Financial Report be accepted as presented; the motion was seconded and carried.

V. Region Director’s Report:
No report.

VI. President’s Report: Dave Ingram is excited about the coming year. The chapter is looking healthy and there are new opportunities for income stream. This should be one of the chapter’s better years.

VII. Unfinished Business: The check in honor of Gus Tsopanakis has been sent to San Francisco Foundation.

VIII. New Business:

A. Dave Ingram moved that the chapter make a \$100 donation in honor of Harry Hedges to the St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church Building Fund; the motion was seconded and carried.

B. The 2005-2006 budget will be presented for review in August.

C. The minutes from the Strategic Planning session has been distributed. Ron Ronconi did not receive the minutes. Dave Ingram will send him a copy.

IX. Committee Reports

A. Income Stream: Dave Ingram likes the idea of hosting a bocce ball tournament and would like to see the Campo de Bocce court. He’ll try to coordinate a field trip with Ron Ronconi.

B. Membership: Ron Ronconi reported that new members signed up in the last month. He has also received 3 inquiries from CSI members regarding how to add membership in this chap-

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SUMMARY

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ter. The individual members can add this chapter by going online and modifying their membership account. This provides Institute with the information that they need to update the records. In addition, the members that were up for renewal last month have paid their dues.

C. Educational Seminar: Written report provided by Hannah Moyer.

D. Programs/Technical:

1. Written report provided by Hannah Moyer.
2. Ron Ronconi suggested a presentation on the October change to the energy portion of Title 24 for a future program. This probably would be 1 1/2 -2 hours instead of the typical 1 hour program because of the amount of content and to provide time for questions. Ron will check to see if the consultants he'd met with would be willing to do this. One possibility is that this be a seminar starting at 4:00 with a small charge and a hand-out. The November program could be moved so that the evening program could relate to the topic. The speaker for the October program is coming from out of town so it should not be moved. Another option would be for the chapter to put a paper together and offer it for sale. Currently, the chapter does not have a technical committee. It could also be offered for free to anyone that signs up as a new members as incentive to join the chapter. The discussion will continue by email

and a timeline will be developed.

E. AIA Liaison: Written report provided by Hannah Moyer.

F. Greeter/Raffle: Update provide by Julie Brown. Tonight will be a raffle of wine and Giant tickets. There is also a silent auction for the San Jose Grand Prix tickets – two bronze packages donated by the South Bay Plastering Contractors' Association.

G. Annual Roster: Dave Ingram reported that the chapter may issue two this year to pick up additional sponsors. He's is going to research the actual costs to see if this is feasible. If not, it will be produced by the end of August.

H. Editor/Historian: Newsletter went out on time last month.

I. Awards: It was decided that a task team develop a memorial award in honor of Harry Hadges. It was suggested that Julie Brown, Jim Balboni, Mel Cole and Ron Ronconi work on this task team.

J. Website: Dave Ingram noted that he's trying to complete the update by August 1st.

K. Operating/House: Gus Sharvey noted that many individuals responded late. Albert Wege noted that the attendee list can be emailed rather than faxed.

L. Toys-for-Tots: No report.

M. Marketing Committee: Dave Ingram reported that the committee was on track.

X. The meeting was adjourned by Chapter President Dave Ingram.

Planning Calendar 2005

Chapter Meetings

August 4 – Coming Storm in Construction

September 1 – CMU Plant Tour and Program on CMU Testing Methods

October 6 – Coatings for Cool Roofs

November 3 – MPI Manual by Master Painters and Decorators Association

December 1 – Holiday Celebration

Other Important Dates

West Region Conferences

2005 Sacramento, Sept. 28, to October 2

Planning Ahead

West Region Conferences

2006 Reno
2007 Los Angeles

CSI Institute Convention & University

2006 Las Vegas, April
2007 Washington D.C., June

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West Region Report



By Ed Buch, CSI, CCS, AIA

July is the first month of the new CSI year, 2005-'06. Paulette and I welcome all new chapter officers who are beginning their terms in office. We also say "thank you" to the returning officers for your hard work this past year. Your leadership will make a positive contribution to the success of your chapter and the West Region as a whole. We look forward to working with each of you this year.

The first region event of the new year, our West Region Conference, will take place in Sacramento from Sept. 29th to Oct. 2, 2005. The conference will be hosted by the Sacramento chapter and will be held at the Downtown Sacramento Holiday Inn. The format will be similar to recent region conferences starting with a region board of directors meeting all day Thursday. The golf tournament and student competition will also be held on Thursday.

The annual meeting of the West Region will take place on Friday morning followed by technical programs and the product show. At the dinner on Friday evening, West Region awards will be presented. If you want to make a nomination for an award this year, please contact John McCaffrey, FCSI, AIA, in San Francisco.

Saturday will include more technical presentations followed by a series of chapter leadership workshops. The day will continue with some fun events and conclude with dinner Saturday evening. This is a great event for all chapter leaders and committee chairs, but especially for the new ones. The workshops will enable you to meet and learn from your counterparts in other chapters. There is typically a lot of energy in these sessions and many new ideas to share amongst the various committees. For a complete listing of events, be sure to look for your conference flyer in the mail. Plan now to attend.

The Institute has been hard at work with our membership dollars developing more member benefits. Evidence of this is apparent in a couple of ways. First, as many of you know, the Audio Exchange program has had a series of timely and informative presentations this spring. These hour and a half presentations are distributed live, via a combination of Power Point visuals

on your computer along with the audio portion by telephone conference call. They are an inexpensive and convenient way to participate in Institute sponsored technical sessions. Early in May I attended the excellent program by Ross Spiegel, FCSI, CCS, AIA, LEED AP, on specifying for LEED certification. Look for more of these presentations in the coming months. You can find them listed at the Institute website, www.csinet.org.

The second program the Institute has developed recently will be debuted in San Francisco this October 12th-14th. The Construction Specifications Academy will be offered for the first time this year on the same weekend that CSI's other two academies, the Construction Contract Administration Academy and the Product Representative Academy, are being offered. Check the Institute website for more details on all three of these programs.



SUMMARY

Corporate Headquarters Goes for LEED-CI Certification

Foster City, Calif. - Rudolph and Sletten General Contractors will relocate its corporate headquarters from Foster City to the Pacific Shores Center in Redwood City on August 1, going green in the process. As a leader in sustainable building practices, Rudolph and Sletten is so committed to building responsibly that they will be putting their sustainable building practices to work on their new corporate headquarters. Visit Rudolph and Sletten at <http://www.rsconstruction.com>.

2005 Excellence in Energy and Sustainability Award

San Francisco, Calif. - Rumsey Engineers recently announced that the American Institute of

Architects (AIA) San Francisco chapter has selected the Global Ecology Research Center for its 2005 Excellence in Sustainability Award. Rumsey was the lead consultant for the mechanical and plumbing engineering for the project, which was completed last year. The architects for the project were EHDD of San Francisco, who have collaborated with Rumsey Engineers on many successful energy efficient projects. This is the third award garnered by this innovative laboratory building. For more information, visit <http://www.rumseyengineers.com>.

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select Bentley Prince Street carpet lines as Environmentally Preferable Products in April 2004, EPP certification now extends to all standard company products. For more information, please visit www.bentleyprincestreet.com.



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of the Legion of Honor in San Francisco.

In his busy career, he was responsible for the production of construction documents for many well-known projects, including the Visitor's Center at Mount St. Helens, the Visitor's Center at the Hoover Dam, and numerous projects at Yosemite National Park.

We will all miss you Harry. You have set a standard for all of us to look up to and set our goals to try and come close. Vaya Con Dios. May God be with you.

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Too Bad You Missed It...

By Krista Nelson, CSI

Walking into June's program, you may have wondered why there was a table up front with Bisquick, eggs, milk and syrup. Was this to show the latest idea for our income stream – a pancake breakfast? Were we making our own dinner?

Jim O'Keefe, CSI, architectural representative for Frazee Paints was showing how paint is just a recipe of binders (solids) and liquids. He discussed the various components of paint, which were important for high quality paints.

Even the best paint won't perform properly if it's applied to a dirty, wet or flaking substrate.

For instance, titanium dioxide is important to provide hiding in white or light color paints, but it's also the most expensive ingredient. He also reminded us that in this area, the material is only about 20% of the cost while labor is about 80%. As a result, it usually makes sense to spend for high quality paint to reduce the frequency of repainting.

Surface preparation is one of the most critical elements of a successful paint job. Even the best

paint won't perform properly if it's applied to a dirty, wet or flaking substrate.

Another frequent concern of architect's and specifiers is fading. It's not possible to eliminate fading, but 100% acrylics will fade less than other paints. Red or blues will fade more than off-whites or earth tones.

Jim also discussed how air quality concerns are affecting paints. For quite a while, it was possible for the manufacturers to just modify the recipes, but with the latest requirements, reformulation has been required. Zero VOC interior paints are available, but not exterior.

In regards to other sustainable issues, some manufacturers offer recycled paint. Use of recycled paint does require acceptance of a much more limited color selection and fewer sheen choices.

Jim briefly discussed the MPI (Master Painters Institute) Manual but saved a more in-depth explanation for our future planned program.

BuchNotes

By Ed Buch, CSI, CCS, AIA

An understanding of basic science is essential to the proper selection of many building materials we specify in our projects. This is the premise of good textbooks on the subject, some of which have any many pages a large city's telephone directory. A pleasant exception to this is, "Building Materials Technology,

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Structural Performance & Environmental Impact," by L. Reed Brantley and Ruth T. Brantley. (McGraw-Hill, 1996, 325 small pages.) This is a gem of a little book with an emphasis on the chemistry of building materials. The authors are professors at the University of Hawaii, one an emeritus professor of chemistry, the other an associate professor of home economics and interior design.

The book begins with a short and easy to understand chapter on the chemistry of materials. The periodic table of the elements, the structure of atoms, and how chemical compounds are formed are some of the topics included. The difference between organic and inorganic materials is explained and the

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presentation on polymers is especially useful in understanding the later chapters on plastics, sealants and paint.

The chapters that follow cover the most common materials encountered in building construction. Chapter 2 begins with an interesting presentation on the chemistry of soils. Chapters 3 through 9 include topics on concrete and stone through glass, carpet, and paint. In each case the chemical characteristics of the material are presented, sometimes in great detail. For example in the chapter on concrete, the deleterious effects of sulfates on cement paste and of chlorides on reinforcing steel are described. In the chapter on metals there is an explanation of the iron-carbon phase diagram along with a discussion of the chemistry of corrosion.

This is a gem of a little book with an emphasis on the chemistry of building materials.

The chapter on wood includes sections on the deterioration caused by insects and various forms of rot. Chapter six also includes a description of the chemistry that makes adhesives work. But the most useful portions of the book are those that describe the manmade polymers

Little Known Facts

A dime has 118 ridges around the edge.

A cat has 32 muscles in each ear.

A crocodile cannot stick out its tongue.

A dragonfly has a life span of 24 hours.

A goldfish has a memory span of three seconds.

A "jiffy" is an actual unit of time for 1/100th of a second.

that are so prevalent in modern building materials. This includes additives used with traditional materials like cement, but also those used in the manufacture of modern high performance adhesives, plastics, sealants, and paints. This is fascinating and useful for anyone who wants to have an in depth understanding of these materials. It also makes one appreciate the amount of research that goes into the development of even the most prosaic materials today.

It's one thing to read and appreciate the science behind many building materials in use today and something else again to know the science thoroughly enough to really understand and apply it. This is just too complicated for us to do without experts from industry since

we are, after all, architects and engineers, not scientists. While it may have been the author's intent to help us understand the basic chemistry in the materials we use everyday, the real value of a book goes beyond that. I think it highlights the necessity for us to consult an expert when we want to understand or need to make a decision on the application of many of today's building materials. This is an excellent little book.

Just Click Here

July 2005

A True CSI Exclusive

*By Joy Davis,
CSI Communications Manager*

Every year, Lake Superior State University publishes the "List of Words Banished from the Queen's English for Mis-Use, Over-Use and General Uselessness." (See the list at www.lssu.edu/banished.) One of these days I'm going to nominate the word "exclusive" for that list. It's one of many adjectives that has suffered in the hands of marketers over the years. When I hear it, I take it as a red flag that what I'm about to be offered is anything BUT exclusive.

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This means a product representative who belongs to CSI can look up the names of all the members of a particular chapter before dropping in for one of its meetings. The chair of a chapter Awards Committee who is looking for advice on assembling a Fellowship nomination can find the local Fellow. Members with ideas to share with the Institute

Membership Committee can find the chair’s name.

Or if you’re like me, and all you can remember is that the guy’s first name was “Harry” and you’re certain he was a chapter president (was he in the Las Vegas Chapter? Hartford?), you’re off to a good start.

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