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# CHOICE



## CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA CHAPTER CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

### Central Pennsylvania Chapter – Construction Specifications Institute

Tuesday, October 10, 2017  
at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA

Personal vs. Professional Responsibility:  
The Tragedy of the Building Collapse Onto the  
Salvation Army's Thrift Store in Philadelphia

Presented by Salvatore Verrastro, AIA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA,  
NCARB  
Principal with Spillman Farmer Architects

This program addresses the events and actions that led up to the collapse of a four-story building onto the Salvation Army Thrift store in Philadelphia. The lack of understanding of the responsibilities of the various parties involved contributed to miscommunications on the project. We will explore how the Design Professionals should react to communications, compliance with the Contract and the proper responsibilities during on-site observations. The session will conclude with a discussion as to some of the major issues associated with a demolition contract and related non-contractual parties.

This continuing education course will be registered with AIA CES for 1 Learning Unit, and CE certificates will be available for all attendees.

Our dinner meeting will be held at the  
RADISSON HOTEL, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA  
Attitude Adjustment at 6:00 p.m. Dinner at 6:30 p.m. Program at  
7:15 p.m.

Dinner Cost: Free to Central Pennsylvania Chapter CSI Members &  
First-Time Guests/Visitors,  
\$10.00 for Students, \$25.00/person for all others (pay at door w/  
check or cash)

Dinner: Chef's Choice Buffet  
Special Dietary menus (vegetarian, low fat, low sodium or other)  
available upon request.

Dinner reservations, including special dietary menu requirements,  
must be made no later than FRIDAY, NOON, October 6, 2017, by  
contacting Logan Myers by email at loganmyers at hotmail.com or  
by telephone at (570) 850-6330.

NOTICE: Board Members and Committee Chairs have a standing  
reservation.

Please RSVP if you cannot attend!



### Inside the Choice

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All material **MUST** be in the editor's hands no later than **October 27, 2017** for publication in the **November** issue of "Choice".

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Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership.  
Contact: Paul Brunski  
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## President's Message



Dear Members,

I must tell you – Providence, RI is a beautiful city for CSI CONSTRUCT - many charming and historic buildings with a convenient and compact downtown.

The “Game Changer” session was presented by Paul Doherty. He spoke about research at Georgia Tech focusing on generating electricity from pressure and friction on pads below walking and paving surfaces. This energy is stored in graphene batteries that have a greater capacity than lithium batteries.

I enjoyed all of the continuing ed sessions I attended and can really recommend CONSTRUCT to all architects and specifiers. Three sessions I thought were particularly interesting were the following:

- Architect's “Means and Methods” – The goal is to simplify construction documents to eliminate excessive CAD drawing that requires excessive coordination. Simpler drawings also reduce drawing density. One of the keys to efficient construction documents is to make sure key design decisions are made and documented early in the design process.
- Constructability & Critical Transitions of Air, Vapor and Moisture Barriers (WOB) – Many times details of how WOB's, window framing and roofing are not well thought through. Materials may not align correctly so that transitions can be made to complete the WOB.
- What You Should Know Before and After Roofing Installations – This was presented by a roofing consultant and a representative of Factory Mutual. It was news to me that FM standards are now referenced in the 2009 IBC. This will require a deeper dive into the code on my part. In the past, specifiers were advised by the notes in MasterSpec to only reference the FM standards if the Owner's building would be FM insured; however, now that the FM references are in the IBC, they can be considered to more applicable design standards.

We should all be looking forward to the October meeting. The continuing education session will be a presentation by Salvatore Verrastro of the Greater Lehigh Valley chapter. He will be speaking on professional and personal responsibility in the collapse of the Philadelphia Salvation Army thrift store. This is an issue that should concern all of us.

Yours truly,

Robert Loftin, CSI, CDT, AIA  
CPC President

## From the Editor's Desk

Greetings everyone!

IF you've got an article you'd like to have added to the monthly issue of CHOICE be sure to send it in to us! We're always interested in hearing what our members have to say. Be sure to check out the review of CONSTRUCT in this issue along with some great photos!

The Central PA Chapter dues include all meals for the chapter program dinner meetings for the year. Come out to our meeting to network, socialize, and learn about timely subjects in the Construction Field.

# PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES

## Board Meeting Minutes

By: Mike Krahlung

Date: September 7, 2017

Time: 5:00 pm

Location: Radisson Harrisburg Hotel, Camp Hill, PA 17011

Quorum: Yes (8 of 14 min)

### Opening Comments:

-President: Robert Loftin –

1) Robert is going to Construct and has the phone call on the 18th

Treasurer's Report:

-Treasurer: Bill Brightbill–

1) We have completed our transaction with ASHREA, they are all paid up

2) Accounts were reconciled to the penny

### Editors Report:

Editor: Gretchen Weaver – Not Present

1) Eric: Choice went out for Aug / September and will do another one for October

2) If anyone has any tech articles, please send them to Eric or Gretchen

Webmaster: Michael Deck – Not Present

### Committee Reports:

Academic Affairs: John Cannon – Not Present

Advertising: Bill Deck

1) Eric H: the advertisers should be updated on the website

Archives: Bill Brightbill -

1) Still needs to get in touch with Gary Clark at Oldcastle to get the files

2) The files are in about 6-8 bankers boxes

Awards: Kathryn Sterner – Not Present / No Report

1) Gave Bill B a bill from the award banquet

Budget / Finance: Charles Beauduy - Not Present

1) Bill B: handed out copies of the budget

Education / Technical: Robert Loftin

1) Got a LU for tonight's and has a sign in sheet

Electronics / Communications: Gretchen Weaver – Not Present (Questions asked by Eric H)

1) Our social media presence is up to date. Both Facebook account and LinkedIn group have our most current information.

2) Question to the board: Do we want our site optimized for search engines? Response: No, not at this time. We have other, more pressing matters.

3) Question: Do we want to add a scholarship page added to our web site? Response: Yes. Action: Eric will get this set up before the next meeting

4) Question: IF a micro-site becomes available through CSI national again, to we move back to that? Response: NO, we want clear, smooth, easy and consistent. That's what we've got right now - let's stick with that.

5) Question: Star Chapter is a service that has come up in many conversations - is this something we want to look into? Response: No, it would add a layer of complexity (and expense) that we don't really have a need for right now.

6) Question: IF our old \*.org web page becomes available, do we want to own it again? Response: YES! Even if it is only to redirect people to our current page. Action: Eric contacted our webmaster to look into this.

Exhibit Show: Paul Hertzler – No Report

1) Welcomes any thoughts or ideas on how to grow attendance

2) Will be meeting with ASHRAE to see if they will still partner with us next year

3) Eric H suggested we do a meet & greet at the trade show, maybe have it on the floor as a booth? Then it turned into an open discussion: Maybe we have shorter sessions? Have classes after the floor closes? Have classes in the same room as the exhibitors?

4) If anyone wants to meet prior to talk about the show, Paul will meet at the bar prior to the next months meeting

Hospitality: Logan Myers – Not Present

Long Range Planning: Tanya Ness – Not Present

Membership: Jan Myers

1) Membership dropped to 74

2) Eric H: asked if we can have a separate category to go half the dues for emerging professionals. Chris A. said it may be called intermediate member? Jan will look into this. Eric has one person that would be interested

3) Kazin: if we had an Institutional membership he could get a couple members from HACC. Bob will bring this up to National

Programs: Chris Atwood – No Report

1) October program will be Sal V about the Philly bldg. collapse

2) November is the tour at Carlises new bldg. May be in the afternoon with a board meeting afterwards

Directors Reports:

1) No Repots

New Business:

1) Minutes approved as amended. Bill B is now doing archives

2) Budget vote: Approved as presented

3) Kazin: can a membership be part of the scholarship? Bill B will do some more research on how this can happen

Old Business:

1) Long range Planning

Meeting Adjourned: 6:20

## IMPRESSIONS AND OUTAKES FROM CONSTRUCT 2017

Sept 13-15, in Providence, Rhode Island, by Chris Atwood

I found Providence and the Rhode Island Convention Center to be an excellent venue for this event. Good hotel proximities; the Hampton Inn (where I stayed) was the farthest away (about four blocks), but was an easy 10 minute walk. Lots of restaurants around. Weather was great (as opposed to the following week when the outskirts of Hurricane Jose dropped a load of rain on Rhode Island). Everything was reasonably easy to navigate. I think attendees found the travel connections to be pretty good.

The sound reinforcement systems during the large meetings could have used a boost, but I have hearing difficulties in general, so I probably could have positioned myself more opportunely.

The education sessions were, for the most part, engaging, well done, and met expectations. Some went above expectations. Beth Strohane had an entertaining presentation on “Specifying for Target Value Delivery.” Martin Houston hit so many hot buttons and generated so much discussion in his session, “Through the Eyes of the Contractor: Using Specifications to Bridge the Gap Between Design & Construction,” that I think he only got half way through his examples. Emma Hughes of USGBC packed a ton of information into her session on LEED Version 4, while focusing almost exclusively on the Materials & Resources category. Some sessions lacked a bit. The Keynote Address on Thursday morning, by Thom Mayne AIA of Morphosis, focused on several of his projects in which they created unique, highly customized building facades. His case studies were initially interesting, but they were too repetitive, and I found Mr. Mayne to be not a particularly dynamic speaker, though he was clearly excited about what he was sharing.

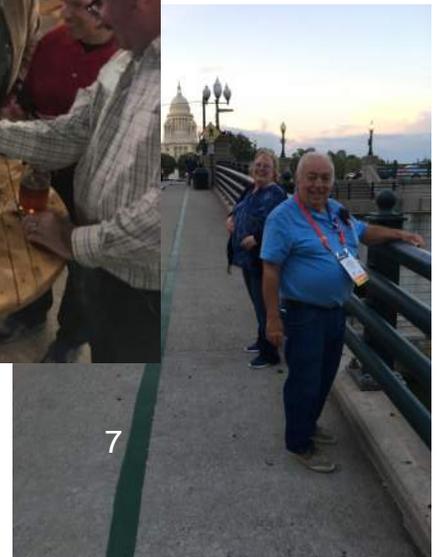
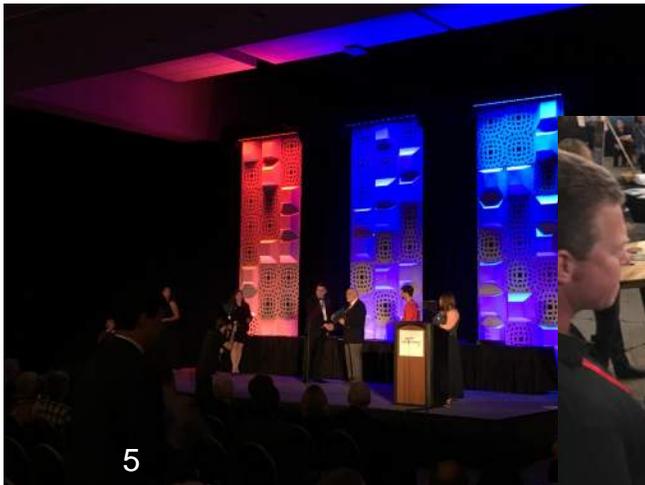
On the other hand, the most exciting education session I attended was the “Game Changer Session: Specifications in the Age of Smart Cities – How Specs Are Changing the World,” presented by Paul Doherty, founder of The Digit Group, Inc. (TDG). A very dynamic speaker, Doherty is a former rock musician, turned architect, who doesn’t appear to do architecture much, but is really into smart city design and lots of cutting edge technologies. It was really interesting to hear and see his vision, especially following our own Chapter’s September Smart Cities program the week before. Doherty sees specifications becoming tightly interwoven in the fabric of visual information modeling (VIM!) and tied inexorably into the development of smart cities.

The product show that is always a prime feature at CONSTRUCT and the CSI Convention seemed smaller again, with maybe 250 exhibitors, yet I still had difficulty getting through the entire show. It may be me, but it seemed like air barriers were the theme, as every other exhibitor had some new material and variation on how to put walls together. Nonetheless, I enjoyed talking to the exhibitors and seeing and touching physical examples of the materials.

The Welcome Reception Wednesday evening featured a huge New England clam (and lobster) bake. Thursday evening, our Central Pennsylvania Chapter was a recipient yet again of the Outstanding Chapter Commendation at the Honors and Awards Ceremony. After the Honors and Awards ceremony, ClarkDietrich sponsored an offsite social event called “Partners and Pints Taproom Takeover” featuring brews by a local beer crafter (of course) and food trucks. Lastly, CSI Night Out on Friday evening was another dining & socializing bash at a nearby location, and sweet way to wrap up CONSTRUCT and the CSI Convention.

**Next year, CONSTRUCT will be in Long Beach, California.**

## PHOTOS FROM CONSTRUCT 2017



### Key to Photos from Construct 2017

1. Rhode Island Convention Center, Home of Construct 2017
2. The Convention Center Main Concourse Uppermost Level
3. The Complete Wall Hands-On Education Session: Detailing for a Continuous Air, Water and Thermal Barrier Assembly
4. Central PA Chapter President Bob Loftin at the General Session & Keynote Address
5. CPC President Bob Loftin Receiving the FY2017 Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award on behalf of the Central Pennsylvania Chapter at the Honors & Awards Ceremony
6. Sharing Buckets of Fries with Bob and a gang from Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter at Thursday Evening's "Partners & Pints Taproom Takeover" Sponsored by ClarkDietrich. Yes, that middle bucket of fries in the back was the dessert variety, with fries seasoned with cinnamon and sugar and topped with piled high whipped cream – a surprisingly delicious treat.
7. Tidewater Chapter Members Margaret Chewning & Dan Cudney on Their Way to CSI Night Out on Friday Evening

## Calling All Reps!



*Bill Deck,  
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Would you like to highlight your company or a special product? Do we have a deal for you. For a mere \$125-\$150 you can display your wares during the social time and have 10 minutes of everyone's attention during dessert at one of our CPC/CSI dinner meetings. What an awesome opportunity to hit several specifiers at once. If you are a member of this chapter, it will cost \$125. If you are not, it will cost \$150. For more details, see the CPC-CSI.com website. To schedule a table top, contact Bill Deck at [bdeck@warehausae.com](mailto:bdeck@warehausae.com). Thanks!

*Bill Deck  
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1. One 72 x 30 inch table to display product.
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4. Electrical: Outlets available. Vender supplied extension cords.

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