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Central Pennsylvania Chapter – CSI

Program & Monthly Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, December 10, 2019

at the Radisson, Camp Hill, PA

The Grenfell Tower Tragedy – Could it Happen Here?
Could the AEC activities that contributed to Grenfell occur in the US?

Presenter: Christopher Bucci, MSCE, PE,
Director of Technical Services, Laminators, Inc.

This course will explore the publicly available facts related to what happened at Grenfell Tower in London, England, during the fire in 2017, the AEC contributing activities during the renovation, and the parallels to AEC activities that commonly occur on North American projects that could contribute to a similar outcome here in the U.S.

Upon completion of this program, attendees should:

- Have an understanding of the events of June 14, 2017 at Grenfell Tower.
- Have a familiarity with UK fire standards and their relationship to US fire standards.
- Recognize the AEC activities that contributed to the Grenfell Tower fire.
- Understand the parallels to US AEC activities that have already contributed to similar construction in the US.

This program is a continuing education course that will be submitted to AIA CES for 1.0 LU. Continuing education certificates will be available for all attendees requesting them.

Our dinner meeting will be held at the
RADISSON HOTEL, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA
Board Meeting at 5:00 p.m., 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
\$10.00 for Students, \$25.00/person for all others (pay at door w/ check or cash)

Dinner: Chef's Choice Buffet

NOTE: Board Members and Committee Chairs have a standing reservation and are required to RSVP if you cannot attend!

NEXT MONTH:

January 14, 2019 - CSI Central PA Chapter - Dinner Meeting & Program:

Is Your Building's Weather Gear Holding Up? A Systematic Approach to Evaluating the Building Enclosure, to be presented by Steven J. Bohlen, P.E., RRC, RWC, BECxP, Associate/Building Enclosure Specialist of Gale Associates, Inc. Stay tuned for more information.



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All material **MUST** be in the editor's hands no later than **December 20, 2019** for publication in the **next** issue of "Choice".

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Anyone who is concerned with construction specifications in any manner is invited to apply for membership.

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President's Message

Twas three weeks before Christmas and all through the Mid-State
Folks were shopping for presents and planning cookies to bake;
The clients are asking, "Are you finished yet?"
The building needs built and cheaper than that."

But before those projects spend your mind dry, and holiday madness ensues,
Spend some time with your friends at CSI and learn a thing or two.

There's something to see, at the Radisson, of course.
Chris has set-up a program that has some real force;
It's a cautionary tale that sadly is true,
A tower, a fire and what not to do;

With details to learn about in hind-site
How to specify so things are built right.

There's attitude adjustment and dinner too,
There will be friends and colleagues, maybe new folks, woohoo!
So please make some time and try not to be late,
Cause while it has to be quick, it still needs to be safe.

Hope to see everyone there!

Kathryn Sterner

Central PA CSI Chapter President



From the Editor's Desk

Greetings friends.

Somehow it is the holiday season again. We're ending this year with a really great looking program and we've got some super stuff lined up for next year already. Be sure to get out and see us!

Don't forget to connect with us on LinkedIn or Facebook and check out our website too for upcoming events!

Our Program Committee is seeking ideas for diverse, unbiased, educational presentations for the coming year (and beyond). If you would like to be part of our Program Committee, or just have some program ideas to share, please contact Chris Atwood (catwood@gfnet.com) or Jeff Turicik (JeffTurick@ykkap.com)

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 Krahling

Date: November 12, 2019

Time: 4:50 pm

Location: Vitrol – 400 Park Dr, Carlisle, PA

Quorum: NO (8 of 14 min)

Opening Comments:

•President: Kathryn Sterner –

1)Talked about trying a different venue for January, Boomerangs. Ken said they have a separate room.

May need to pick a few items off the menu to control cost

2)Dinner rate \$25.50 per person at the Radisson, that's why we are evaluating other places.

3)Insurance requirements are being looked into

Treasurer's Report:

•Treasurer: Bill Brightbill –

1)In good order, everything has been filed with IRS

Officers' Report:

•President Elect-Rich Forsberg – No Report

•Vice President: Open

•Secretary: Ken Robinson – No Report

•Past President / Advisor: Robert Loftin

1)The region survey will be coming out December 1-15 on the survey monkey

2)Region conference is listed on the Region website

3)There is a new CCS coming in Fall 2020, and the new CCPR in 2021

Editors Report:

•Editor: Eric Hardenbrook - Not Present

•Webmaster: Michael Deck – Not Present

Committee Reports:

•Academic Affairs: Open

•Advertising: Bill Deck – No Report

•Archives: Bill Brightbill - No Report

•Awards: Katie Bicksler

1)Is working on the Outstanding chapter award

•Budget / Finance: Charles Beauduy - Not Present

•Bylaws: Bill Deck

1)Revisions will be posted in Choice and we will vote on next month

•Certification: Kazim Dharsi – Not Present

•Education / Technical: Robert Loftin

1)Still needs to get Decembers program registered

•Electronics / Communications: Eric Hardenbrook – Not Present

•Exhibit Show: Paul Hertzler

1)Will email the previous exhibitors that we will not do a show this year and tell them about doing table tops at monthly shows.

Also let them know we are exploring other events

•Hospitality: Logan Myers – Not Present

•Long Range Planning: Rich Forsberg – No Report

•Membership: Jan Myers – Not Present

•Programs: Chris Atwood

1)Good through February

Directors Reports:

1)None

New Business:

1)October minutes approved without revisions

Old Business:

1)None

Meeting Adjourned: 5:28

Attendee's this month:

1)Bill Brightbill

2)Ken Robinson

3)Bill Deck

4)Chris Atwood

5)Mike Krahling

6)Robert Loftin

7)Jeff Snyder

8)Larry Saylor

9)Kathryn Sterner

10)Randy Funk

11)Rich Forsberg

12)Paul Hertzler

13)Katie Bicksler

FROM THE REGION:

CSI MAR Certification Report 2019_11-11

CSI National is looking for volunteers in 5 categories, including reviewer of the Project Delivery Practice Guide – 3rd Edition. Online, up to 40 hours; Preferred reviewers will have CDT® certification or have taught CDT subject matter. 11/13 is the sign-up deadline. see CSI Resources.

Exams

Current Certification testing window is Oct 14-Nov 22, 2019. Registration for this exam is closed.

Spring 2020 Certification Registration, CDT only

Exam Window: April 20 - May 22, 2020

Early Registration: February 19 - March 19, 2020

Late Registration: March 20 - May 20, 2020

Results Notification: June 2020 via email

Exam reschedule, deferral and cancellation procedure & fees are shown on CSI Resources.

exam results pass/fail status will be emailed to examinees approximately six weeks after the testing window closes.

Why do I have to wait for my CSI certification exam results?

During the Spring 2019 testing cycle and intermittently in the future, the CDT® exam will undertake a “passing score” analysis. This means the research to determine the “cut score” (to pass/fail) cannot be determined until after all candidates have taken the exam and the testing window has closed.

Exam items are individually evaluated and those questions (items) that did not perform as expected are analyzed to determine how to score, modify or eliminate. Items are reviewed by a confidential group of subject matter experts (SMEs), CSI members and staff facilitated by a psychometrician, a.k.a. test development specialist.

Once the review is completed, the “cut or passing score” is set and status reports are sent to individual candidates.

Pass List: Spring 2019 & Fall 2018 are on CSI Resources on the Certification tab

CSI Membership Renewal

To view your renewal status, log in to the CSI website and navigate to the “My Certifications” page from the menu. To renew:

- Participate in at least 24 continuing education (CE) hours
- Log your 24 CE hours into your CSI account. Complete the renewal attestation.
- Pay the renewal fee

Respectfully Submitted

Mary-Ellen Pfiester

INDUSTRY TRENDS

I was asked recently to give my opinion on trends in the industry building industry. I'm not much of a trendsetter or a trend follower to be honest, but I have noticed a few things. Trends are by definition the way things are moving, developing or changing. There certainly have been a lot of changes over the past few years.

Trend One: The Cloud. There is a significant push toward working virtual or working via the cloud. I have worked on projects in multiple states of this great nation. There have been a number of times that I have never actually been to those States, let alone the actual project site. All of my knowledge about these projects comes from drone footage site photography and scanned drawings. It is my job to compile those pieces of information into drawings about the project. While I'm doing that, I'm expected to be able to coordinate my efforts with people on site and in some of our other offices, including those offices in other states. "We need to be a flexible workforce" while there is an expectation that all of my work will be accomplished without the need for leaving my desk. Working by way of electronic connections is not going away anytime soon.

Trend Two: Coordination. Anybody connected with this industry has heard about them at this point. BIM models. Building Information Modeling (or Building Information Management depending on your view) is here to stay. The marketers of software associated with this notion have done a very good job. That phrase "BIM" has permeated enough that even building owners and people who are driving projects have heard of it and now believe they have an understanding of it. This has given an expectation of coordination both during design and during construction. Teams are expected to have cleared any and all possible hinderances to getting the job done before anything gets on site. There is a belief that any drawings for any information that reaches the job site should be coordinated and free from conflict.

Trend Three: Speed. I don't know anyone that has wiggle room in their schedules. From my end of things here in the architect's office it has become, "It's in the computer, so it's basically done right?". Once drawings are completed, sometimes after as much as a year of work, contractors are expected to look them over inside a week or two and determine all the costs and schedule needs and "Oh, by the way, when can you get started?" without lead time or many other considerations. Speed has become the standard, and that's not going away BUT what we really need is efficiency. That will serve us far better than doing a rush job any day.

Finally, I'd like to talk about a trend that I have not seen but that I would very much like to see. Get your business on a schedule that combines time for regular training combined with cooperative mentoring. Most people believe I am a tech guru or that I have preferred programs. The truth is when it comes to software. I am non-partisan. Despite but many people believe software is not the issue. Training and 'time in chair' are the issues. My favorite analogy is comparing software to driving. I believe most people here can drive on any given day. If I took you to London and asked you to drive there tomorrow, could you drive? Yes, you would be able to drive, technically, but all of the signs would look different and everyone would be on the wrong side of the road. Software is very much the same thing. It is just a question of opening a program and learning where all the signposts are, and which side of the road do they drive on. That is where education comes in. Our industry MUST build in time and money to their annual plan that allows for employees not only to spend time at their machine but also to take a class or join a user group that allows them to associate with others that use the program. Education is not something that can stop. Your computer is not a pencil, you cannot simply pick up a new sharp one when the old one is dull and working inappropriately and expect that every single thing will be completely the same. The same goes for any software programs that we use on those computers. Programs, particularly BIM related programs, are large, complex, constantly evolving and require continual updates. Users must have time to learn about these things and time and training to keep up to date on them. Yes, it's expensive. Yes, it is time consuming. It's needed.

Using these programs has a tendency to be the realm of the young. Unfortunately, many of the people who are adept at using these programs lack any knowledge of how buildings get built in the field. There is no substitution for experience, and no shortcut to gaining that experience. The only way to gain experience is with time. We can, and should, have a cooperative mentoring program that is part of our annual training or our regular budget as we move through any project phase. We must start getting the people that know how projects are built to share that knowledge with people who know how these projects are built in the computer. If we can get the folks that know the field work talking with the folks that know the computer work and have them see the results (even if only virtually or by photograph) it will go a long way toward making our projects more successful and more profitable for everyone.

Be a trend setter.

Eric V Hardenbrook CSI, CDT

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Calling All Reps!



*Bill Deck,
Advertising Chair*

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. Thanks!

*Bill Deck
Advertising Chair*



Central Pennsylvania Chapter of the
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Table Top Display Registration

Name/Contact: _____

Company: _____

Meeting Date: _____

Telephone: _____ E-Mail: _____

Cost: \$125 members /\$150 non-members (does not include meal)
for non-members

Fee Includes:

1. One 72 x 30 inch table to display product.
2. Display time: 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. (During social hour)
3. Presentation: 10 minute presentation during dessert.
4. Electrical: Outlets available. Vender supplied extension cords.

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LOOKING FORWARD

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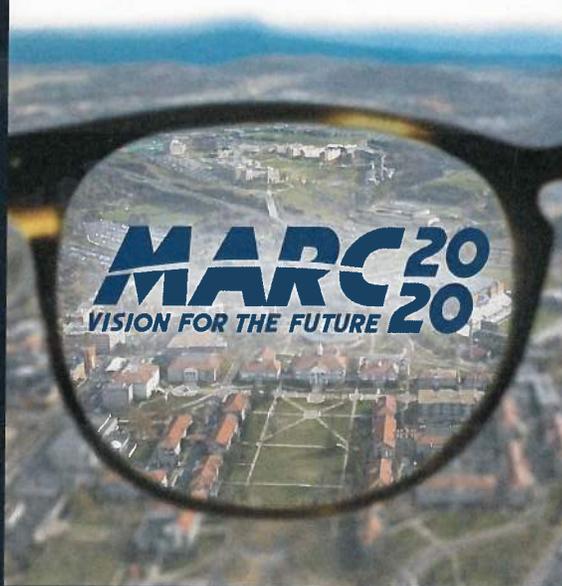
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