From the President...

Wow! How about Tropical Minnesota? So much for snow storms and shovels and snow blowers! Phew, I’m so glad that’s over (heatwave too).

Enough about the weather. I know many of you have heard me say how much I have enjoyed this year as president of the chapter. It’s been a great year and I’ve got to tell you it went by really fast, looking back maybe just a little too fast. It was a year of accomplishments. As you are reading this letter, we have upgraded our website and reading this message on it. We were looking for a simple-to-use site, with a broadly appealing look. As we move ahead we’ll be able to add new features with relative simplicity. It’ll be great for you advertisers out there. Your ads will be prominent and easy to identify. Your Board of Directors (BOD) researched, discussed; researched some more and interviewed experts in the industry in order to arrive where we are today. I congratulate the BOD for their thoughtful deliberations in order to serve their chapter best. I want to thank the Communications Committee, particularly Jerry Putnam for his commitment to making the new site work, once the choice was made. Keith Pashina, we thank you for your work on this as well, and special thanks to Shelby Laramy and Madison Silva at IntrinXec.
From the President (continued)

As for the many events that happen during the year, our programs were very fulfilling and had something for everyone. I want to particularly add the social event by the StEP (Student and Emerging Professionals) Committee that occurred this winter. One of those very simple but very enjoyable experiences. It was a bowling night, I know I haven’t been to one of those in years and yet it was a blast. The food was good but simple and it was just a few hours of fun during an otherwise long winter. Nothing wrong with that! Keep your eyes open for these opportunities next year!

I will never forget the generosity of our members for their contributions for the Toys-for-Tots campaign. Thanks to everyone!

The Awards Banquet this year was fantastic. It was well attended but I wish even more of you had had the ability to attend. The experience of the Wabasha Street Caves was awesome. The comradery, our friendships forged through this organization should never be overlooked. I have many friends at many different levels, as we all do, but there’s something special about all of us getting together a few times each year that makes me appreciate my membership in our chapter. Interesting isn’t it, we are colleagues, customers, vendors and even competitors, brought together by this trade association for what certainly is the common good.

Also, serving the common good is the new program called GAP. This mentorship program for young architectural professionals has a goal of establishing a pipeline for future specification writers in our industry. This will be of great service to the architectural community as well as all of you vendors out there. Without specification writers, vendors’ jobs become a lot more complicated. Special thanks to Susan Lee, Cynthia Long and Gerhard Guth for their efforts in forming this new venture.

One more word about BIG events. The 60th Anniversary celebration is just a few months away and the planning continues. Don’t forget to put this on your calendar: September 20, 2018 at the Midland Hill Country Club in Roseville! A wonderful evening is planned and more to come throughout the summer. There are still sponsorship opportunities available as well, so keep your eyes open for announcements coming in the near future!

Well friends, participation is the real test of membership, if you show up at a monthly meeting or a social event, then in my book you are involved and have made a contribution, thanks for that. So many of you that have served as well, with your volunteerism shining through. Where would we be without our Sponsor/Partners? We cannot thank them enough.
Next time you are at an event, stick out your hand and offer thanks to a sponsor, they deserve our gratitude. For all Minneapolis/St. Paul CSI

From the President (continued)

Chapter members I wish to thank you from the bottom of my heart for letting me serve as your president this year. I’ll never forget it!!

Sincerely,

Andy Garner, CSI, CDT

Soon to be Immediate Past President
Mpls-StP Chapter CSI

A Special Thank You to Mr. Mark R. Geier at Larkin Hoffman

At the April 24, 2018, Expo, Mr. Mark R. Geier of Larkin Hoffman presented the seminar, Ethics for Architects. This presentation was very timely, providing 1 AIA LU/ HSW CE Hour, one which architecture and design professionals could have also used to help meet the ethics education requirement for the upcoming 2018-2020 renewal of Professional Registrations. CSI-MSP thanks Mr. Geier for presenting this very timely topic!
CSI Awards Night

May 15, 2018

The CSI-MSP Awards Committee hosted an evening of awards and celebration of the past 2017-18 year in CSI at the unique and historic Wabasha Caves.

Several Awards Night Sponsors generously contributed to offset the cost of CSI-MSP’s new venue. A special thank you to our Awards Night Event Sponsors:
CSI-MSP also welcomed the guests of CSI, sponsored by JE Dunn.

CSI Awards Night

President’s certificate recipients:
Awarded to the following six individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the Chapter in the advancement of its mission or administration.

Susan Lee NCARB, AIA, CSI
“For her amazing behind the scenes contributions on multiple committees “
President’s certificate recipient

Gary Patrick, CSI, AIA, RRC, & the Membership Committee
“For their team effort to keep our chapter flush with members!”

Brien DeRoche, CSI & the Programs Committee
“For their fresh ideas for monthly programs and then pulling them off!”
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Tohnya Adams, CSI
“For her “can-do attitude” serving on multiple committees and always with a smile!”

Chris Anderson, CSI, CCPR, USGBC, Allied AIA, IIDA
“For his contributions, everywhere he is needed and efforts every year!”

Jerry Putnam, RA, FCSI, CCS
“For his tireless contributions to the Minneapolis - St. Paul Chapter on multiple levels”

Certificates of Appreciation

Awarded to individuals who have rendered distinguished service to the Chapter in the advancement of its mission or administration.

Alex Sirko, AIA, CSI
“For his exceptional service to the Minneapolis- St. Paul Chapter by supporting CSI events and recruiting new architects to attend”

Paul Strother, RA, CSI, Sr. Instructor, Dunwoody Liaison
“For his exceptional service and leadership with the StEP Committee.”

Sandy McWilliams, CSI, LEED AP
“For her exceptional service and leadership with the Chapter Expo.”

Kasey Howard, CSI
“For her exceptional service and leadership with the Chapter Expo.”

Gerhard Guth CSI, CCS, AIA,BD+C
“For his exceptional service and presentation at the MSP Expo.”
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Matt Strand, CSI, CDT
“For his exceptional and continuous service to the Minneapolis – St. Paul Chapter and Awards Committee”

Cynthia Long, CSI, CDT
“For her exceptional service to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter developing new strategies for growth”

Dave Rassmussen, CSI
“For his exceptional service to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter serving as Programs Committee liaison ”

Education Certificate
Awarded to individuals who have made significant contributions to Chapter, Region, or Institute education programs.

Susan Lee, NCARB, AIA, CSI
“For her exceptional service to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter for developing new education strategies”

Gerhard Guth, AIA, CSI, CCS, LEED AP
“For his exceptional service to the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter for developing new education strategies”
Craftsmanship AWARD recipient

J E Dunn Construction

“For your excellent craftsmanship on the renovation of the Minnesota State Capitol Building”

- Exterior Stone Repair
- Efficiency, Life Safety, and Innovation
- Reductions in Water Usage, Energy, and Carbon
- Underground Ductwork

Rebecca L. Foss Environmental Award

This year’s recipient:

MSR Design

“For the Rose. A high performance multi-family housing development in Minneapolis MN. The building was designed using Living Building Challenge guidelines”

Principal’s Award

Awarded to a firm for their enthusiastic support of the Chapter; and its goals and principles. This endorsement is evidenced by the recipient’s generous commitment of its personnel, time, services, and/or facilities.

This year’s Principal’s AWARD recipient:

Sherwin-Williams

“In gratitude and recognition of your outstanding & enthusiastic support of the chapter and commitment to CSI”
**CSI Awards Night**

**Sheldon Wolfe Communications Award**

“Awarded to individuals who have communicated the messages of CSI through written word, speech, or technology.”

This year’s Sheldon Wolfe Communication Award recipient

**Keith Pashina, PE, CSI**

"For his outstanding contributions to communicating the messages of CSI through written word, speech, or technology."

**The Griffith Award**

This year’s recipient:

**Joel Meyer, CSI, CCPR**

"For his outstanding contributions to the mission of the Minneapolis St. Paul chapter of CSI"

**Peter A. Norum Continuous Service Award**

This year’s recipient:

**Dave Rasmussen, CSI**

“For his continuous dedicated service to the Minneapolis – St. Paul Chapter”
Audrey M Brucker Courage Award

“An Individual who has demonstrated extraordinary courage in the face of personal challenges, while maintaining a commitment to CSI, the construction industry, and the community”

This year’s recipient

Rick Nichols, CSI, LEED GA

“For his strength of heart in the face of adversity”

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John C. Anderson Award of Excellence

The Chapter’s highest honor awarded to a Chapter member whose contributions to the Chapter, Region, and/or Institute has set standards of excellence and dedicated service for an extended period of time.

This year’s John C. Anderson AWARD of excellence recipient

Pamela Jergenson, CSI, CCS, CCCA

“For your significant service and contributions at the Institute, Region, and Chapter. For continually advancing the mission of CSI and setting a standard of quality and professionalism.”

Chapter Service Award

Awarded to our Board of Directors members who have completed their term of service; to include the Immediate Past President.

Sandy McWilliams, CSI, LEED AP

“For faithfully completing her term of service as Chapter Vice President”

Jeremy Nordby, CSI

“For faithfully completing his term of service as Chapter Vice President”

James Bergevin, CSI, CCPR

“For faithfully completing his term of service as Chapter Secretary”

George Ramsay, CSI, CDT

“For faithfully completing his term of service as Immediate Past President”
Cynthia Long, CSI, CDT
“For faithfully completing her term of service as President Elect”

Swearing in of New Board of Directors

Chapter President Andy Garner CSI, CDT in his last order of business, swore in our 2018-20 Board of Directors:

President: Cynthia Long, CSI CDT, Presidential Term FY 2018-2019
President Elect: James Bergevin, CSI, CCPR, Presidential Term FY 2019-2020
Chapter Secretary: Tohnya Adams, CSI
Chapter Vice President: Andy Marolt, CSI, CCS, LEED AP, USGBC
Chapter Vice President: Sandy McWilliams, CSI, LEED AP
The Minneapolis–St. Paul Chapter President’s Certificate of Merit and Appreciation Recipient

Andy Garner, CSI, CDT

“For faithfully executing his term of service as our 2017-18 Chapter President”
Daniel Mueller  
District Sales Manager  
Won-Door Corporation  
Minnesota, Iowa, Wisconsin, N. & S. Dakota, Montana

Daniel has worked in the door industry for 24 years in a variety of roles including Sales Manager, Distribution Center Sales Manager, Business Development and most recently District Sales Manager. Daniel has been with Won-Door Corporation for the past two and a half years. Daniel specializes in accordion folding fire doors, movable fire walls, and sound-rated partitions. Daniel has represented other national brands such as, Overhead Door, Wayne Dalton, and Genie Garage Door Openers.

Won-Door Corporation is the pioneer of the accordion type, fire-rated horizontal sliding door. The FireGuard Door has had a profound effect on the model requirements that regulate their use. They may replace traditional solutions in virtually any means of egress application. Technology developed by Won-Door engineers continues to influence the building products and fire protection industry.

Daniel is a new member of the CSI Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter and looking forward to attending various chapter events and networking with other CSI members.

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Head to head

It's been thirty-three years since I took my first job as a specifier. This glorious career came to an early end a few months ago when I left my last office, where I had worked for twenty-two years. Add to that the years I worked in "real" architecture after graduating from architecture school in 1975, and it's been a long road.

My last firm regularly announced milestone anniversaries, and, beginning with the tenth anniversary, each honoree was given the opportunity to say a few words. At my tenth and fifteenth anniversaries, I took a project manual to the lectern, opened it, and intoned, "And now for an interpretive reading of a specification section." The next time you speak, try it; it's always good for a laugh.

For my twentieth anniversary, I couldn't help but think back on my career. I decided I should compare myself to another writer, and, for reasons I can't explain, I chose Tom Clancy. That might sound crazy, but we're both prolific writers, and there is a resemblance.

Mr. Clancy's statistics are easy to find. I found the number of books in print, number of video games sold, number of books rated number one on the New York Times best seller list, number of weeks the hardcover version of Hunt for Red October was on the best seller list, number of weeks the paperback version was on the list, number of words per book, and so on. Clancy began in 1984, and I wrote my first specifications in 1985. Unfortunately for him, Clancy died in 2013, so I had the benefit of a few more years. The time we had been writing could have been a factor, but in the end, it played no part.

Oddly, my own statistics were harder to find. I started with the number of project manuals I had issued, then estimated the number of specification sections, the number of words per page, and the number of pages to determine the total number of words. I discounted the mechanical and electrical volumes, and took partial credit for civil and structural specifications, mixed in a few other considerations, and decided I had published the equivalent of 400 books. With that as a start, I thought, I could at least be competitive.

Tom Clancy is credited with writing over 100 books. I didn't include mechanical and electrical specs in my total, so I
didn't include the many books Clancy co-wrote. Also, because much of his celebrity is based on his fiction writing, I decided to not include his non-fiction work. In the end, I gave him credit for 25 books. So, coming out of the gate, I am far ahead, 400 books to 25.

Other than the number of books written, I wondered, how else could I compare our work?

Although I had written more than Clancy, none of my books made the New York Times Best Sellers list. Clancy scored 17.

Producing best sellers obviously means an author's books are being read; Clancy wins this category as well. Assuming all the books he sold were read, more than 100 million people read his books. It's likely that many of those books were passed on to others, so the total could easily be twice that number.

No one bought any of my project manuals, but, at least in theory, each of my project manuals was read by at least the project architect, other staff architects working on the project, our consultants, several people on the owners' staffs, and all the contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and installers working on my projects. Even though I could throw modesty aside and claim all those people had read my project manuals, we all know better. In reality, the number of my project manuals that were read is probably closer to three, and those only partially.

With all the best sellers he wrote, Clancy was an obvious candidate for Hollywood. Of the books he wrote alone, five were made into successful movies. Because of the number of project manuals I issued, I'm sure someone from Hollywood has tried to contact me, but they're probably using an old email address.

And then there are the games. More than forty video games and a few board bear Clancy's name. Although none of my project manuals have been made into games, there have been occasions when one contractor or another seemed to think they were games.

Finally, I compared our incomes. When I learned his net worth was estimated at more than $780 million, I didn’t bother to find out what Clancy made for each of his books. I’m still counting on the lottery to get me to millionaire status, but who knows, maybe I’ll win one of those billion-dollar Powerball payouts.

With money comes property, and here again I come up just a bit short. According to Wikipedia, Clancy had an 80-acre estate that was once a summer camp in Maryland, with a panoramic view of the Chesapeake Bay. His $2 million home had 24 rooms and a shooting range in the basement; in the yard was an M4 Sherman tank. He also had a condo in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. My wife and I have a five-acre plot in rural Minnesota, with a pond in the back yard. We had a 1949 Ford F3 pickup in the yard, but that’s gone.

With that sobering view of my career, you might think I am disappointed. Although it would be fun to publish a real book, and even more fun to have it be a best seller, I don’t think I’ve wasted my time. Working in construction offers a satisfaction unknown in most other occupations; I can point to many buildings that fulfill the owner's needs - and will continue to be useful for decades - and say, ‘I had a hand in that!’

Sheldon Wolfe

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CSI Project Dynamo to support changing digital needs
May 22, 2018

In an effort to better integrate specifications, building products, and building information modeling (BIM), CSI has announced Project Dynamo, an initiative that will expand the association’s standard organizing principles—MasterFormat and UniFormat—to work more effectively with BIM and support the digital needs of design and construction professionals.

“The focus of the effort is to ensure that data is accurate, timely, and available when and where it is needed throughout the lifecycle of a project,” said Mark Dorsey, CEO of CSI. “CSI Project Dynamo will consult with subject-matter experts, industry associations, and Construction Specifications Canada to create the pathway towards improved workflow and better organization of information to ensure we keep pace with the rapidly evolving digital world and meet diverse industry needs.”

CSI Project Dynamo is a pilot program to expand the North American MasterFormat, UniFormat, and Omniclass standards for organizing construction information by creating a more robust connection between the standards and BIM objects.

“CSI is founded on the principle of working across the spectrum of a project—from ownership, through design to construction and facility management—and serving the industry by meeting those broad and inter-connected needs,” said Ron Geren, FCSI, CSI board chair. “Because of this interdisciplinary approach, CSI can ensure the capabilities envisioned for this project serve the entire industry.”

To read more, click here.
CSI WebReach

**WebReach: Gypsum Success in the Field**
Wednesday, June 13, 2018  
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Sponsored by National Gypsum Company  
Speakers: Kelly Guinsler and Thad Goodman  
Credit: 1.0 AIA HSW/LU credit

Gypsum often occupies 60-75% of the space inside a building. When done correctly, it is often invisible with other products covering it. This presentation will provide basic information to achieve the best possible outcome in application. National Gypsum will share information based on common questions from the architectural community. Industry documents to help all concerned support correct job site conditions and installation procedures.

**Learning Objectives:**

1. Attendees will receive an overview of common application questions received from architects related to gypsum products.
2. Presentation will share how to investigate jobsites with correct information and industry tools.
3. Presentation will share how governing bodies like ASTM, the Gypsum Association and Drywall Finishing Council support good practices in application.
4. Presentation will review best practices for gypsum installation and product/jobsite situations to be avoided.

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WebReach: The AWS and Quality Assurance in Architectural Woodwork

Wednesday, June 27, 2018
2:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. ET

Sponsored by Architectural Woodwork Institute
Speaker: Margaret S. Fisher

Credit: 1.0 AIA HSW/LU credit

Architectural Woodwork Standards - In this webinar, you'll learn to visually identify compliant vs. noncompliant products, and how to identify the differences between premium, custom, and economy-grade woodwork. Discuss the proper construction of drawers, countertops, cabinets, veneer, and wall panels.

Learning Objectives:
1. Learn how to utilize the AWS to ensure quality architectural woodwork projects.
2. Explore the differences between the AWS and its predecessor, the AWI Quality Standards Illustrated.
3. Learn how to visually identify compliant vs. noncompliant architectural woodwork products.
4. Identify differences among premium, custom, and economy grade woodwork.

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CSI EDUCATION

Specifying Exterior Insulation and Finish Systems

Thursday, June 7, 2018
3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. ET

EIFS offers a form of continuous insulation combined with a weather-resistant finish, but currently there are a bewildering array of choices instead of what used to be a small number of system types. Innovations in finishes provide many appearance options, and changes in the components and their arrangement in assemblies provide performance options. Join David Stutzman and Louis Medcalf as we explore considerations for specifying EIFS.

- Primary types
- Insulation alternatives
- Warranty considerations
- Reference standards
- EIFS vs DEFS/DAFS

CSI's Specifying Practice Community focuses on issues facing anyone reading or writing construction specifications. The group is led by David Stutzman, CSI, CCS, AIA, SCIP, LEED AP and Louis Medcalf, FCSI, CCS. Click here to view the recordings of past sessions from the Specifying Practice Community.
The only requirement to attend is that each participant has an active account at CSIresources.org.

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