

THE WINNER'S CIRCLE



"Architecture is the art of how to waste space." DEEP THOUGHTS

- Philip Johnson

Welcome to the new and improved CSI Indy newsletter!

As we embark on our adventure of providing YOU with the most up-to-date (and relevant) information in the construction industry, we encourage you to provide us with any and all feedback. Good, bad, and even the ugly is welcome. What type of articles would you like to read? What type of events are you interested in? Anything you think the chapter should be aware of is welcome.

Your Humble Narrator,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Mike Halstead".

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THE INSIDER

OK - 57 degrees and sunny on Christmas Day? That was weird. At least all the snow hadn't melted yet. I got some great presents - how about you all? I learned I have to stay out of the kitchen - this past holiday season The Boss asked me to help cook and I'm still recovering from the wounds. I almost cut my thumb off and little did I know a cheese grater wasn't intended to grate my skin - just the cheese. I accidentally made blood pudding.

But its 2020 now - time to look ahead - and I'm looking forward to another great year of CSI Indy! We start off with a bang with Ivette Bruns presenting specification issues with interior finishes at our January program. Those pesky specs - always getting in the way of a good design - cant contractors just mind meld with me to know my design intent? Everything you ever needed to know in life starts with Star Trek (no - not kindergarten).

And we have this crazy axe throwing thing on May 1st. Sounds like a great way to relieve some stress. The real question is who will be my target? Any volunteers? I'm really good at throwing axes - better than Abraham Lincoln.

Gerhardt Wolfgang Gaiser had a granddaughter on January 2nd - her name is Scout Joelle Van Reese, the daughter of Juliana and Brandt Van Reese, and her fighting weight was 5.17 pounds. Rumor has it she is already punching above her weight class. Congratulations to Gary & Sara! Grandchildren are a game changer. BTW - take a look at Gary's thoughts for our Chapter in this newsletter - even though he lives on another planet in his own Field of Dreams he has some great ideas for getting more young architects involved in Indy based on some previous success in lowatucky.

I didn't make any New Year resolutions - did you? If so send them to me and I will include them all in the next newsletter - you will remain anonymous of course. I promise.

- Your Humble Narrator

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UPCOMING EVENTS



CSI Indianapolis Chapter Meeting

Venue: Willows on Westfield: 6729 Westfield Blvd

Date: Thursday, January 16th

Time: 5:30-8:30 PM

Course Description and Learning Objectives

This session will explore several different types of interior finishes and information that is required from interior designers and product representatives in order to provide a complete and correct specification section. Several interior specifications - Ceramic Tiling, Acoustical Panel Ceilings, Tile Carpeting and Wood Panels - will be covered as examples of interior specifications that

require more than just selecting the material color/pattern/texture. The session will also focus on the differences between product data sheets, sometimes mis-labeled as "specs", information on product websites and true CSI specification sections. Installation and industry standards that should be referenced as well as coordination with other specification sections will be discussed. Finally, items frequently forgotten in the specifications, such as transition strips, underlayment,

surface preparation, mockups and protection will be identified.

Upon completion of this session, participants will be able to:

1. Identify the elements of a typical interior finish specification section
2. Determine how to find the necessary information on manufacturers' websites
3. Assess what questions to ask in order to provide a complete specification section
4. Discuss common examples of what can go wrong in interior finish specifications

Speaker

Ivette Ramirez Bruns, CSI, CCS, is currently Senior Associate|Specifications at Ratio Architects, Inc. She has been an active member of the Indianapolis Chapter of CSI since 1995. She has held several positions with the Indianapolis Chapter including Board Member, Secretary, Education Committee Chair, and Membership Chair and is currently President-Elect. She has also been involved with the CSI Great Lakes Region including Great Lakes Region President, Education Committee Chair, Awards Committee Chair and Presenter at several GLR Conferences. She helped update the most recent GLR Strategic Plan and is working to update the CSI Indianapolis Chapter Strategic Plan. She has been on the committee to organize several GLR Conferences and was on the Host Committee for CONSTRUCT in Indianapolis in 2009. Her primary focus in her career is to educate those that work with her and inspire those coming into the industry to continue learning more about the technical information and specifications behind the design.

Please contact Dorothy Neff at DNeff@NaturalStoneTileGallery.com to register.

AXE THROWING COMPETITION



CSI, Indianapolis Chapter

AXE THROWING COMPETITION

Indianapolis, Indiana

May 1st, 2020

Stay Tuned for more details

VIEW FROM THE TOWER

View from the Tower

January 2020 –

Happy New Year and a belated merry Christmas to you all. I hope that you all had the chance to enjoy some time off and were able to invest that in your family and loved ones. I trust you are all ready to hit the ground running in this new decade! My year ended a little rough, but we still have basketball season...

I wanted to bring you all up to speed with the work that is being done behind the scenes by the Certification Committee. They have been doing so many things to get our Spring CDT candidates set up for success, that it would take the rest of my letter to try to bring you up to speed. Just please do me a favor and thank Tony Julian, Ivette Bruns, Jack Morgan and their band of merry committee members as they push forward.

Please remember that on January 16th our very own Ivette Bruns will be speaking to us on "Interior Specifications, more than just color and pattern". This was presented at our national convention, Construct, last fall and was very well received. I would encourage anyone in our industry to come and glean some wisdom from her experience and expertise. If you want to learn the RIGHT WAY to get your product specified, you need to be here!

Finally, I want to take a second to thank our chapter. There are very few places that one can go in our industry where you will find people who care not only about the individual's advancement through education, their success, but for them on a personal level. While some of us are competitors in the industry, I am always encouraged by the professionalism and positive regard I see throughout our chapter. Thank you!

I appreciate you all and look forward to seeing you on January 16th.

Many Blessings in the new year!



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CSI DISCUSSION

As we discussed there are a few AIA Iowa Chapter activities that are successfully attracting young architects and old. I think they would be worthy of discussion for adoption/adaptation by the Indianapolis Chapter of CSI. Please note...and excuse my lack of PC in this matter; but, in the past the proportion of "industry" members has always been equal to that of the "professional" members in CSI. If that is still true, I assume the industry members would agree with me when I suggest that the Chapters primary objective should be to recruit architects. As they say in Iowa "If you build it, they will come", meaning every architect we recruit should result in the addition of an industry member. For the mathematically challenged that is the proverbial two for one. Our more senior members may recall that I coincidentally wrote an article entitled "If you build it, they will

come" for the G.L.Region newsletter regarding recruitment of young people for Chapters in the 90's. Anyway, here are two activities the AIA Iowa Chapter is doing that appear to be working so successfully:

1. AIA Social: This is an event that is held quarterly at a drinking establishment, sporting event/venue, new architects office, game center, anything that is new or might attract young members. The event is sponsored by Industry members (a collective group), drinks and appetizers are free, and they give away \$100 cash door prizes. These events are always packed with young people; but, also include older members. The proportion of each really depends on the activity. Not surprising the young people tend to hang around longer than those that are older. They also allow or even encourage that attendees bring family members or guests.

1. AIA Fall and Spring Conference: This is an all-day event that is set up much like a convention and is based on a common theme. They have opening and closing keynote speakers, AIA business meeting luncheon with awards at mid-day, and continuing education classes in between. The keynote speakers typically are teaching some of the classes. This is an affordable way to get a significant number of LU's in one day sessions and listen to popular national figures who are trending in the AIA. There are no trade booths; however, there is always a display of student work, as the event is held on the Iowa State campus which is home to the states architecture program.

Here is a link to the first AIA Iowa Social of the year which just posted. Take a look and you can see how this event is publicized:

<https://www.aiaiowa.org/events/EventDetails.aspx?id=1295417>

Will this kind of thing work for the Indianapolis Chapter? I am so much older and far away from it now that I do not know; but, it is something that may be worth consideration.

Thank you,

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TABLETOPS

The Indianapolis Chapter of CSI is accepting reservations for Table Tops for upcoming Chapter meetings. The list of programs for upcoming Chapter meetings and seminars is published in this newsletter, the web site, or contact Program chairman Jack Morgan - morwalsoplad1@gmail.com , if you would like to target a particular meeting, be sure to make your reservation early. We do have a limit of four spaces available for Table Tops in a standard meeting room and 10 if we have a double room.

Table Tops are an opportunity to promote your company, products, or services to all attendees of our regular chapter meeting during the social hour. There is a maximum of 20 minutes for Table Top presentation at a regular Chapter meeting. You have the floor for maximum of five minutes after dinner before the speaker to communicate to the entire group if there are four presenters. If there is a greater demand, the 20 minutes will be divided by the number of presenters and rounded down to the nearest 30 seconds.

The Table Top presentations are FREE, one time, to new members, and cost current Indianapolis Chapter members only \$75. Non-members get the same opportunity for \$125. A 30 by 60 table with a cover and skirt will be included. All proceeds go to support the Chapter. Payment is due at the time of setup.

Another opportunity for a Table Top is during an Education Seminar. If you combine it with the Chapter meeting and Education Seminar the cost would be \$100 for current members and \$150 for non-members.

If you would like to schedule a Table Top for a future meeting contact:

Be sure to put 'Table Top Request' in the subject line

CERTIFICATION QUIZ

Jack P. Morgan
Indianapolis Chapter Quizmaster

1. Substitution requirements and procedures during bidding:
 - a. Are not allowed under most public bidding statutes.
 - b. Are modified by the Supplementary Conditions.
 - c. Are governed by the Instructions for Bidders.
 - d. Provide for requests by telephone.

2. Which two parties are responsible for submittal of a set of construction documents to the AHJ for permit review?
 - a. Owner and Architect.
 - b. Architect and Contractor.
 - c. Contractor and subcontractor.
 - d. Subcontractor and Engineer.

3. The date of Substantial Completion is established by the:
 - a. Owner.
 - b. A/E.
 - c. Contractor.
 - d. Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ).

4. A Punch List is generated by which of the following:
 - a. A/E just prior to Substantial Completion.
 - b. The subcontractor after Substantial Completion.
 - c. The Owner prior to Substantial Completion.
 - d. The Contractor prior to Substantial Completion.

5. Which of the following will the courts use to interpret Specifications in the same manner as they interpret Contracts.
 - a. Autonomy to contract.
 - b. General takes precedence over specific.
 - c. Professional negligence.
 - d. Construction for the drafter.

5. Who is the "Father of American Civil Engineering"?

CHAPTER PHOTOS



North Central High School Kong's Court Singers provides entertainment for the CSI Holiday Party



Scout Joelle Van Reese



The Riddler Body Slams The Dude!

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HAPPY HOLIDAYS!!!!



QUIZ ANSWERS

1. - c [PDPG 13.4.2.7*]
2. - a [PDPG 14.5*]
3. - b [AIA A201,8.1.3 *]
4. - d [PDPG 16.8.1 *]
5. - a [PDPG 13.4.2.7*]
6. Benjamin Wright - Directed Erie Canal, he had 9 Children and 5 became Civil Engineers

The Indianapolis Chapter, CSI was founded in 1961 and continues serving the local construction community. The Chapter is currently the largest chapter in the Great Lakes Region. Our membership is made up of architects, engineers, interior designers, facilities managers, contractors, product manufactures and representatives, and others involved in the construction industry.



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