"My architecture is easy to understand and enjoy, I hope it also is hard to forget"

- Oscar Niemeyer

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.

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Our Chapter’s 60th Anniversary is coming up soon - Thursday, April 15, 2021. Amazing! The Board of Directors is forming a committee to celebrate this milestone - more details to come. If you are interested in participating then let President Ivette know - or anyone else on the Board - so we can get you hooked up. Don’t hate - participate!

After great consternation the Board has also decided to remain virtual for our chapter meetings until January. Tough choice but it’s for the good of the whole. Also, we will be starting the meeting at 5:30 pm to allow for some Chapter business and member discussion followed by the presentation at 6 pm. Make sure you check our website, communications and newsletter for updates. That means no Christmas party - bummer.

Next Thursday, our October program will address various legal aspects of the design professional's construction phase services, including construction contract administration, site visits, review of pay applications, submittals and shop drawings, and other related services. The seminar will address Indiana law related to a design professional's legal duties-and potential liabilities-to the project participants and third-parties related to performance of these services. Our speaker, William E. Kelley, Jr., LEED AP, is a Partner with Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP in the Indianapolis and Carmel, Indiana offices, and he focuses his legal practice in the areas of construction, real estate, and professional liability. DSV has been a big part of our Indy Chapter for many years - newsletter contributor, program presenter, sponsor, pro bono legal advice - so reward their patronage with your attendance.

It looks like we are getting together in January with the Building Enclosure Council (BEC) for a unique presentation, demonstration panel on various types of air vapor barriers. We hope we can get a joint meeting with AIA Indianapolis in the Spring as well - what a great way to get back to actual meetings.
Bill "Lil Joe" McGuire provided an article this month on designing the modern home. I'm hoping to get a lot of feedback from you all. Speaking of Lil things - Amy Fehribach did you have that baby yet? I was expecting pictures? Michael's a great name.

Ok - I hear there isn't going to be a Halloween this year. Come on man! So in lieu of an actual Halloween below are my top ten things I love about Halloween -

10. The next holiday is Thanksgiving
9. Walking neighborhoods at night
8. The celebration of evil characters
7. Dracula wax teeth
6. Costumes
5. Saying "trick or treat - smell my feet - give me something good to eat"
4. It's not an official holiday - slackers and bureaucrats still have to go to work
3. Free candy
2. Robert Carter (AKA Sammy Terry)
1. And the number one reason I love Halloween - corning

- Your Humble Narrator
CSI Indianapolis Chapter Meeting

October 15, 2020
5:30 PM to 7:00 PM

Virtual Meeting - see below for details:

Click Here for Link to the Meeting

**Design Professions Liability for Construction Administration: Jobsite Safety, Shop Drawing Review, Construction Observation, and Contract Strategies**

This seminar will address various legal aspects of the design professional's construction phase services, including construction contract administration, site visits, review of pay applications, submittals and shop drawings, and other related services. The seminar will address Indiana law related to a design professional's legal duties-and potential liabilities-to the project participants and third-parties related to performance of these services. Discussion will include potential contracting strategies to protect design professionals, and potential legal pitfalls for design professionals arising from services performed outside the contract terms and scope.

**About the Speaker:**

William E. Kelley, Jr., LEED AP, is Partner with Drewry Simmons Vornehm, LLP in the Indianapolis and Carmel, Indiana offices, and he focuses his legal practice in the areas of construction, real estate, and professional liability. On the transaction side, Mr. Kelley assists a wide range of clients with drafting and negotiating construction and design contracts, mechanic's liens, real estate purchase and development agreements, and lease agreements. On the litigation side, Mr. Kelley represents design professionals, contractors, owners, developers and insurers with construction, architect/engineer professional liability, and real estate matters, ranging from pre-litigation claims, loss prevention assistance, insurance coverage issues, mediation, arbitration, and litigated matters in state and federal court. He graduated from Hanover College and the Robert H. McKinney School of Law: Indiana University. Mr. Kelley has served as a liaison to
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 website, 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:

Kent A. Hughes RA CDT - American Structurepoint
khughes@structurepoint.com - 317.690.5820

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

I find fall weather especially beautiful and enjoy breathing in the cool air while going on walks. I also used to look forward to our CSI Indianapolis Trade Show and CSI National Convention/CONSTRUCT. However, due to Covid concerns, the Trade Show has been postponed until the Spring (more information to follow) and CONSTRUCT is being provided virtually. Hope you have had a chance to attend some of the free education sessions.

We need out of the box ideas for our Chapter to deal with social distancing and Covid concerns. I hope that you will reach out to me or any of the Board members with ideas or concerns. I'm always willing to listen. One of my primary concerns is making sure CSI Indianapolis Chapter provides you, its members, the value we have always provided and you have come to expect. We are continuing to hold Virtual Chapter meetings. I encourage you to have dinner with us. Education is the primary reason I joined CSI; but, I have come to look forward to meeting with fellow design industry colleagues at our monthly meetings - so I am missing that the most. Next Thursday, sign in at 5:30 pm when we will discuss Chapter news and listen to anyone that wants to share any industry news. We had a successful Virtual Certification Class this Spring and working to make it even better this coming Spring. We are also looking to hold a charity event/food drive this December. Be looking for more information on that.

Next Spring we will be celebrating 60 years as the CSI Indianapolis Chapter. We hope to celebrate in person. If you are interested in being on the planning committee for this event, please reach out to me. We could use your help. It is a big milestone and I pray we can celebrate it in person.

I am often asked if the role of Specifier is relevant in today's Design/Build world. CONSTRUCT has two seminars on that very topic this week. I believe the consensus is YES! The Project Manual is the written document that compliments the graphic documents and are part of the Contract. So much is covered in specifications that can't be indicated on Drawings. Specifications assist the Architect in realizing the design as they have envisioned, assist the Contractor in procuring and installing the materials/products/systems, and assist the Owner in purchasing lasting value in their building/structure/facility. It is our job to not only strive for a high performing building and be a technical resource for the project team, but also to pass down that knowledge to the next generation. I hope that we all work together as a design community to improve and expand technical excellence in our city and state.

Stay Healthy,

Ivette Ramirez Bruno CSI CDT CCS
October 8, 2020

Ms. Ivyette Ramirez Bruns
CSI Indianapolis Chapter
Via Email: jrbruns63@gmail.com

Dear Ivyette:

It is my distinct pleasure to inform you that your chapter has been selected to receive the Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award.

Award winners will be honored at the CSI’s Honors & Awards Ceremony. The date of the 2020 Virtual Ceremony has not been determined at this time. You will be informed of the place and time of the Ceremony.

The Honors & Awards Ceremony is dedicated to recognizing those members, chapters, and groups who have contributed to the advancement of CSI’s mission.

Please keep this good news to yourself until all the Award Winners have been announced by CSI in an upcoming press release.

I would like to add my personal congratulations on this achievement and thank you and your chapter for making a notable contribution to CSI. I look forward to seeing your chapter rewarded for advancing CSI.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jack P. Morgan, PCISI, CCS, CCCA
Chair, CSI Awards Committee
The Most Modern Home Today

How do I begin a discussion about the art and craft of residential living spaces in an organization where most of the membership is about larger buildings? I went through a lot of my father’s (Joseph J. McGuire) papers. I sorted much, saved some, distributed more and junked a measure - like fastener samples since 1982. I remember reading a mimeographed copy of minutes from an Indiana chapter, American Institute of Architects (AIA), meeting in the 70’s. An experienced architect complained he saw the future! Architects not designing residential homes anymore, he lamented. “Those builders are taking over with cookie cutter designs cutting out the architects!”

That happened. I claim without data that few architects design home spaces in the course of their career. So, this is a combination academic, philosophy and building-art question that I think any professional “builder” can chew on: What is the most modern home you can build today (2020)?

I think this a hard question. Academically, because you have to bring in what historical “modern living” means in a modern home. What about the “philosophy” of living today? For example, I was apartment hunting in downtown Indy, and one layout had bedroom ➔ bathroom ➔ walk-in closet. Where is the dressing room now? And if someone says, “I like the Bungalow.” Why? Is it as simple as using “oldies-but-goodies” designs using modern materials? Should it be bullet proof in today’s world of stray bullets?

Advances in building materials and techniques are constantly being introduced to save money, time and effort. Technical advances in glass, ceramics, insulation, HVAC, coverings, fasteners, plastics in just the last 20 years justify a view that maybe materials should define/design “the most modern home you can build today.”

For those thinking “it depends!” I respond back, don’t get too hooked up on geography-sun-moon-stars-bugs and such. We live in boxes that lead to other boxes – when our nature is water (70%) and yet we surround ourselves in sharp edges. I challenge EVERY architect (and experienced builder) to give feedback. Nothing big – just 10 sentences with about 10 words in each – clear, concise, complete and correct. (HA) If we get a decent discussion and consensus, I’ll write a magazine article!

Sincerely,

Bill McGuire, CDT

CERTIFICATION QUIZ

Jack P. Morgan
Indianapolis Chapter Quizmaster

1. There are occasions when it will be necessary for the Architect/Engineer to consider special procedures for certain variables in a Project, including:
1. Indeterminate items, unknowns, and contingencies.
   b. Postponement of decisions until the design is complete.
   c. Identification and control of design costs.
   d. Flexibility and adjustment for AHJ's requirements.

2. What technology is rapidly shifting the emphasis from 2-dimension CAD to 3-dimension thinking?
   a. NCS (National CAD Standard).
   b. BIM (Building Information Modeling).
   c. UDS (Uniform Drawing System).
   d. LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design).

3. Instructions For Procurement:
   a. Are used only on private projects.
   b. Frequently are standard industry forms.
   c. May include the Geotechnical Report as an attachment.
   d. Are binding upon the contractor.

4. When outside consultants are responsible for the production of major portions of the Project Specifications.
   a. One design team member should be responsible for the overall specification coordination.
   b. Different document formats should be used to identify the work of the separate consultants.
   c. The lead design professional should avoid the liability inherent in reviewing consultants work.
   d. Information should be collected, and the project architect/engineer assume responsibility for preparing each section.

5. In the Specifications, the stated requirements address:
   a. The Owner's responsibilities.
   b. The Contractor's responsibilities.
   c. The subcontractor's responsibilities.
   d. The Architect's responsibilities.

6. How many bricks are in the Empire State Building?
Robert Carter (AKA Sammy Terry)
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**MINUTES**

Minutes of the Indianapolis Chapter CSI Board of Directors can be read [HERE](#). Please contact the president with any comments or questions.

**HAPPY LABOR DAY!**
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.