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SAN DIEGO CHAPTER CSI HOLIDAY SOCIAL AND WINE TASTING



Date: Thursday, December 6, 2007

Time: Socializing starts at 6:00 pm, hors d'oeuvres at 6:30 pm

Location: Wine Steals (Point Loma)
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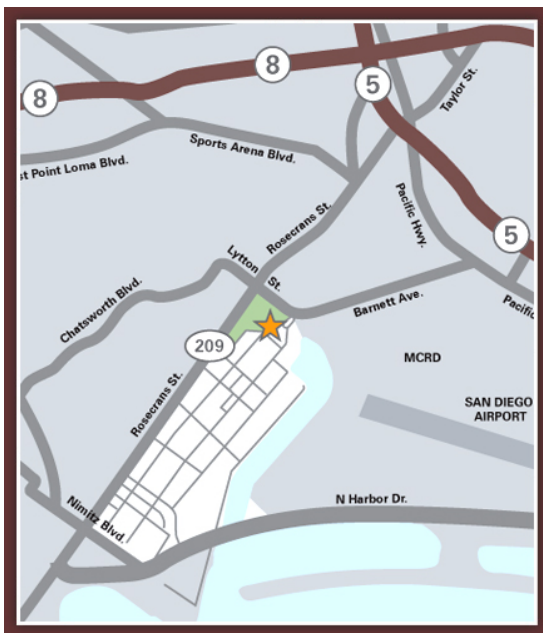
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Calendar of Events



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Regularly scheduled Chapter membership meetings are usually held at the Holiday Inn Mission Valley/Stadium, located off I-15 at Aero Dr & Murphy Canyon Rd

◆ **NOVEMBER 2007**

Bye month

◆ **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2007**
Holiday Social and Wine Tasting

Complete details on pg 1.

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◆ **THURSDAY, JANUARY 24, 2008**

Meeting begins with networking at 5:30 PM
Program to be announced

◆ **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 2008**

Meeting begins with networking at 5:30 PM
"UL 101" with Paul Dominguez

◆ **THURSDAY, MARCH 27, 2008**

Meeting begins with networking at 5:30 PM
Program to be announced

◆ **THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008**

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Program to be announced

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IT'S A BOY!

Brad and Liz Benson are the proud parents of a son ... **Brock David Benson** was born at 3:15 PM on Sunday, October 28, 2007. He weighed in at 10 lbs, 3 oz.



We wish Brad and Liz the very best during this very special time in their lives.



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Matthew Boomhower
2007-08 SDCSI President

President's Message

In this President's Message, I want to talk about our Chapter Board of Directors and to tell you about some behind the scenes activities that the Board has undertaken on behalf of the Chapter.

For most of our Chapter members, the function of the Board of Directors is somewhat nebulous. We know we have a Board and we understand they are responsible for running the Chapter, but exactly what that means is unclear. So let's talk about what the Board does.

The Board meets monthly for the purpose of reviewing what has taken place and what is planned by the various Chapter committees. We handle any Chapter business (including having delegates for Region and Institute events, nominations for Chapter leadership, contracts, and all the other details that make the Chapter run), and we review the financial situation of the Chapter to make sure we are operating within our budget and wisely using the resources we have available to us. We are also responsible for making decisions that affect the future of the Chapter by strengthening our programs, growing our membership, grooming future Chapter leaders, and making CSI in San Diego stronger and more relevant to the larger construction industry.




One of the biggest initiatives that that this Board has taken over from the 2006 Board is the development of a Chapter Operations Guide. One of the great things about the San Diego CSI Chapter today is that we have a lot of new faces in leadership positions in the Chapter. What this has helped us to realize is that the Chapter has always relied upon having long-serving, experienced leaders who were able to make sure that the Chapter continued to operate efficiently. As those experienced leaders have given way to the current leaders of the Chapter, the Board has seen the need to develop tools to help current and future leaders understand the workings of the Chapter. In addition, it provides the Chapter with a tool that can and will be used to help train new leaders so that members who might be willing to help out in a leadership position don't feel like they are being tossed into the deep end of the pool without any guidance.

If any of this sounds interesting to you, or you just want to learn more about how **your** CSI chapter operates, just talk to any of the Board members.

Additionally, there are many Committees in the Chapter that keep the organization running smoothly. Our Programs Committee is responsible for putting on the monthly meetings and making sure we have informative and interesting speakers. Our Events Committee puts on mixers, product exhibits, and social events. Our Awards Committee is responsible for coordinating local, regional, and Institute awards submissions; the only way a volunteer organization can "pay" our members is by recognizing their efforts. The Membership Committee recruits new members, reminds current members to renew their membership, and answers questions from outside groups and individuals about CSI. These are just some of the Committees within the Chapter in which you can get involved. [On page 9 of this newsletter is a list of committee chairs.](#) Please call or email one of them and thank them for their efforts. You might even find a new way to get even greater value out of CSI by joining a committee and making new connections.

Matthew C. Boomhower, RA, CSI, CCCA
Southern Cross Property Consultants

The West Region Conference was recently held close by at the Westin in Historic Old Town Pasadena. In an effort to increase the attendance at this event, we established a **RAFFLE DRAWING** at the Chapter meetings, with the proceeds going to help defray the cost of first-time attendees to either the West Region Conference or to Construct 2008 (the CSI National Convention) in Las Vegas. If you would like to donate prizes for the raffles, please [contact either Dennis Hall or Matthew Boomhower.](#)



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CSI's GreenFormat—A Web-Based Tool for Evaluating Sustainable Criteria for Products, Materials and Systems

Panelists: **Peggy White, CSI, CCS, CCCA, LEED AP – HDR Architecture**
Nadav Malin – Vice President, BuildingGreen, Inc.
Roger Grant – Tech Director of CSI
Matt Crawford, CSI, CCPR – Kelly Moore Paints

A delegate report from The CSI Show 2007
Baltimore, Maryland—June 21, 2007

As reported by Gina Adams, CSI, CDT—RCP Block & Brick

My product is green because...this question is being asked more and more in the construction industry as architects are doing more “green friendly” projects. Many companies are struggling to figure out how their products fit in the sustainability conversation.

LEED is creating a green transformation in the building industry by providing a common definition of a *green building*. But there is no such common definition existing in the realm of products and materials. And before rating products, we have to have a common set of parameters to look at, a common language.

Two years in the making, **GreenFormat**, created by CSI's Sustainable Facilities Task Team, will give us language and parameters that address the real needs of both designers and manufacturers. GreenFormat will have a consistent sustainable criteria reporting format that can be accessed electronically. Design professionals will have reliable, substantiated information on sustainable attributes of a variety of construction products. This is going to be very efficient and will avoid having to wade through a green wash of misleading information. Manufacturers will have a consistent platform for defining the sustainable attributes of their products that will use requirements based upon established, credible sustainable standards and certifications.

What led CSI to develop GreenFormat? There was a lack of consistency in product sustainable attribute reporting. By involving the whole construction team—owners, general contractors, design and industry professionals, and product manufacturers—CSI was able to implement their organizational mantra of the four C's ... “clear, concise, correct, and complete” ... into developing an acceptable reporting system. There were factors that had to be considered. Environmental data questionnaires do not always request substantiation. A process was needed that could tie sustainable claims and information to standards and certifications, and recognized valuation procedures. Information on the varying requirements of sustainable performance and rating systems, such as LEED® and the Green Guide for Health Care, had to be addressed. CSI had to create a report that does not require interpretative analysis.

After evaluation of these factors, a simple structured electronic format was developed to gather product information. Questions are answered with populated pull-downs and Yes/No fields, giving manufacturers clarity on intent of questions. Questions and answers are tied to sustainable or green standards (ISO, Energy Star, SCAQMD), certifications, or measurements. Format flexibility allows addition or deletion of topics and questions in appropriate categories as sustainability issues evolve and change. Product reports reflect data for each product. Most questions which don't relate to a particular product type will be faded—but could be answered if relevant. Questions not answered will not show on the final product information report. The program is designed to allow specifiers and professional designers to conduct product searches based upon a variety of parameters, e.g., third-party certified products.

What is the value of GreenFormat.com to the Specification Writer, Architect, or Owner? Soon they will be able to do “one stop shopping” for green products. By either a Declaration or Certification, they will be able to better determine the value of Dark Green vs. Light Green products. At this point, <http://www.GreenFormat.com> is not yet up and running, but as a product manufacturer, you can sign up your product on a Beta Test to get your product listed.

At our workshop, we were the first to receive the latest news that CSI GreenFormat has signed on with <http://www.buildinggreen.com>, an internationally recognized sustainable website. This is an excellent place for CSI to launch GreenFormat. The specifier will have green technology and product information all in one spot. It's going to be a dynamic step for sustainable design and CSI. ■



Letting CAD and BIM Write the Specifications

Presented by Susan McClendon, CSI, CCS
Executive Vice President, Building Systems Design, Inc.

A delegate report from The CSI Show 2007
Baltimore, Maryland—June 20-22, 2007

As reported by Michael A. Lugo, CSI, CCS, AIA—NTD Architecture

This was a very technical and excellent presentation. I am going to present only some of the thoughts and information presented.

What is BIM? BIMs in general refers to the concept of **B**uilding **I**nformation **M**odels as repositories for shared project information. Also the actual repository of shared project information for a particular project. Also the process of developing building information for a particular project (when "modeling" is used as a verb).

Key BIM concepts include:

- Digital representation of physical and functional characteristics.
- Shared knowledge resource.
- Life cycle consideration.
- Open standards.
- Interoperability concept. This simply means electronic information retrieval from several locations. Currently BIM resides in multiple locations accessed by multiple software applications for geometric models (drawings), product info, cost info, submittals data, specifications, scheduling info, project record data, O&M data, occupancy data, etc. The data locations are accessible to all who need the data. The software applications can interchange without human intervention (future goal, necessary for effective use).

Is a project BIM the same thing as the project 3D geometric model (Revit, et al)? No. But within the BIM, all data storage mechanisms should be able to interoperate.

Will use of BIM eliminate specs as we know them? No. There is not enough data in the 3D model and there never will be. Contract documents will still be required.

Should the specs reside in the BIM? Yes. By definition, specs should be part of the BIM because they need to be shared. They do not need to reside in the 3D geometric model.

Do we want the 3D model to drive the generation of specs? Not really. We need coordination more than correction. We cannot assume the 3D model is more correct than the specs.

What can a specifier do with a 3D model? Retrieve information that helps identify what to specify.

Is the increasing use of BIMs and 3D models likely to change specification practice? Undoubtedly. Specifiers will need to know how to get information from 3D models. Eventually, electronic interoperability will do the retrieval automatically.

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West Region Corner

by Janet Piccola, CSI – West Region Director, Industry
Duane Johnson, CSI, CDT – West Region Director, Professional



Janet Piccola, CSI

Last evening brought our first rain in a very long time. Waking up on a Saturday morning to cool, fresh air, falling leaves and rain on the roof made my Saturday perfect. I relaxed this morning and it was a special treat. There has not been much time to relax lately.

Fall is an especially busy time. It brings the West Region Conference, a Board of Director's Webex and our Winter Board meeting in Chicago. Thanksgiving and then the holidays round out our year. West Region activities have been especially hectic. Julie Brown, Duane and I have been preparing for the West Region Conference, our Annual Meeting and the Board of Directors' Meeting. We are right on schedule thanks to Julie's organizational skills and her gentle reminders of scheduled deadlines. Well, Julie has hit Duane and me over the head a couple of times, and she certainly got our attention. It is great to be on-schedule!

The New Governance Plan has been introduced and I believe it is a fair and equitable compromise to those specific points that seemed the most contentious when the first Governance Plan was introduced. The Governance Committee has given considerable thought to the areas of greatest concern to our members. Be sure to go on-line at <http://www.csinet.org>. A new forum led by Gary Betts is active at this time. Gary, Ed Buch and I all welcome your questions; feel free to ask.

Negotiations with the Orange County Chapter are on going. Duane and I have spent much time on this. Our primary focus is making our Region whole again. Our Region has many volunteers; special people who are working together doing wonderful things to help our Region and its members grow and prosper. The Orange County Chapter has quite a few talented people whose skills we could use. Working with others in a team spirit is fun and rewarding. It will be a great new beginning when we are all working together again.

Recently, I have been reminded of the importance of open communications and respect for others. Differences of opinion are good and healthy for any organization and are especially important when our members serve on their Chapter or Region Boards. As with any organization, CSI is rich in its diversity. We who serve on our Chapter and West Region Boards are pledged to serve the interests of all of our members. It is my hope that all of our active Chapter officers and directors are open and respectful of each other. If any member experiences a hostile environment, and are made to believe that their opinion is not wanted or respected, they will withdraw, and likely not only leave their Chapter, but CSI itself.

I have, for quite a few years been disturbed by a few very negative articles published in newsletters in our Region. Our Region newsletters are vehicles for sharing Chapter, Region and Institute news. They are a place to share great CSI programs and events, certification and membership news. Newsletters are also major vehicles for encouraging prospective members to join CSI. Members are the lifeblood of CSI. Negative articles that speak in a derogatory way about other members and CSI do a disservice to all of us and are unworthy of a place in our Region newsletters. Personal platforms do not belong unless they are written in a respectful way. We should allow our members to form their own opinions by publishing two sides to an issue if a controversial article is to be published. We must remember that our newsletters are paid for by membership dollars. I encourage all of you to hold your newsletters to a high standard. We want to be proud of our Region and we want to make sure that any prospective member who picks up one of our newsletters is immediately made aware that this is an organization they will want to join. ■

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- **How the Courts Interpret Specifications - 12/18/2007**
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To register for a webinar, [click here](#) or visit <http://www.csinet.org> and click "Event Registration."

Questions? Email education@csinet.org or call CSI at 800-689-2900. ■

SpecGuy Announces CSI Certification Webinars

Specification and education consultants **SpecGuy** announced they are launching a series of webinars to assist candidates preparing for Construction Specifications Institute certifications. These live web-based classes are intended for candidates who are not able to attend local CSI chapter review classes.

The **live weekly** webinar series:

A Walk Through the AIA A201 - Starting 11/27/07

CDT One Week at a Time! - Starting 1/7/08

CCCA One Week at a Time! - Starting 1/15/08

These webinars are in preparation for the national exams held at the end of March. Continuing education credit is available.

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Technical Tour: Drywall & Steel Stud Tours

A delegate report from The CSI Show 2007
 Baltimore, Maryland—June 20-22, 2007

As reported by Gregory I. Mowat, FCSI, CDT—Forensic Tile Consultants

United States Gypsum Company (1902-2007) plant tour included observations of the drywall during manufacturing and pride of using 100% recycled paper since 1967. 1,000,000 board square feet produced in 2 lines in one day. Calcium carbonate rolls come from Canada and Nova Scotia and are imported by boat. The paper comes from Clark in rolls. The lines include paper, solution with sugar and starch applied to both top and bottom paper for bond adhesion with the gypsum solution. Any bad drywall is recycled into stucco. All drywall products are dated and allow the company to identify each batch of materials. The company is into energy conservation. We observed 2-inch shaft drywall in production and 48-inch drywall in 10-foot sheets. The drywall sheets are typically 60% dry before entering the kiln.

U.S. Gypsum introduced the first fire-rated gypsum panel and created the first steel-framed drywall assembly to meet commercial building codes. U.S. Gypsum manufactures gypsum plaster and developed advanced system technologies providing solutions for high-security applications, high-abuse environments, and high-end designer upgrades. U. S. Gypsum has recently introduced family of gypsum fiber panels in redefining the parameters for exterior sheathings, floor underlayments, and abuse-resistant walls.

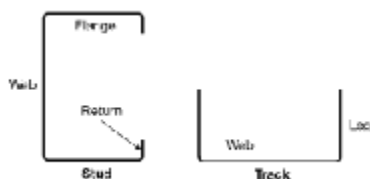
U.S. Gypsum Company has a history of developing and introducing new products to the industry. As related to the tile industry, in 1963 introduced Water-Resistant SHEETROCK Brand Gypsum Panels practical for use in high-humidity areas, and in 1983 DUROCK Brand Cement Board ideal for kitchens and baths. Greenboard as a product is being phased out in wet area construction in lieu of Durock Brand Cement Board panels.

Note: The 2006 International Residential Code no longer permits ceramic tile to be directly bonded to water resistant gypsum board (also called greenboard) in wet areas such as showers, steam rooms and saunas.

Dietrich Metal Framing plant tour included observations of steel studs during manufacturing with 12 lines set up for operation. Each time metal is bent, the metal becomes stronger.

Dietrich Metal Framing is the nation's largest manufacturer of metal framing and finishing products, including metal studs, lath and plaster, furring channel, and resilient channel. Dietrich Ultra Steel is patterned steel for higher strength, better acoustics, and higher fire resistance.

Steel Framing Terms



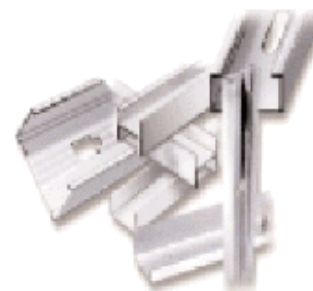
In the case of steel studs and track, the forming process results in parts that we describe as a steel stud has a web, steel studs have flanges and returns. Metal track also has the web dimension, but what is called flanges for studs is called legs for track. Studs are manufactured in lengths ranging from 8' to 24' lengths; however most building centers only stock 8', 10' and 12' lengths. Track is available only in 10' lengths. Large orders may be produced cut to size.

Metal Framing (also referred to as metal or steel studs) has been used for over 40 years. Metal studs are used primarily in noncombustible commercial construction. Metal framing can be used throughout the entire structure, including non-load-bearing interior walls, load-bearing exterior walls, floor joists, curtain walls and roof trusses.

Metal framing is corrosion resistant and protected with a galvanized coating. The galvanized coating protects the steel from rusting. Unlike conventional wood studs, where 2 x 4's are used as top and bottom plates, metal framing requires runners or track on the top and bottom.

Exterior or curtain wall framing include structural framing members used to construct exterior and load-bearing walls for residential or commercial buildings, or in curtain wall assemblies (the outer skin of commercial buildings). These members are used for floor joists and ceiling joists. Structural framing members are used in combination to produce roof trusses, and a variety of sophisticated assemblies.

Both United States Gypsum Company and Dietrich Metal Framing have programs available for local chapters of CSI. ■





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