

THE ADDENDUM

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Meeting Information

2010

March 10, 2010

3D/4D Tools for Construction Planning

Annie Moore's Restaurant
50 East 43rd St
New York, NY

Starting at 6:00 PM

Wednesday

April 14, 2010

New York City Code Changes; Greening the Code

Annie Moore's Restaurant
50 East 43rd Street
New York, NY

Using Innovative 3D/4D Tools for Construction Planning at the World Trade Center

The World Trade Center site reconstruction offers unprecedented challenges for construction planning and logistics. With several large structures in a confined urban area the project includes multiple designers and contractors all working on an accelerated schedule. An integrated 3D/4D model of the entire site is being used by the CM team to coordinate and validate the many design and construction plan submittals in a visually rich and accurate 3D environment. This program will show how the CM team uses 3D/4D technologies to test and validate complicated construction sequences, to identify conflicts between different design submittals and schedules, and to help all project stakeholders work collaboratively and better understand the complex relationships among the multiple projects on the site.

PRESENTER: Kevin J. Gilson, Director of Visualization for Parsons Brinkerhoff, Inc., (PB), an international transportation planning, design and construction management firm. Kevin manages visualization production for large infrastructure projects all over the world, and has experience with a broad range of computer applications used in the design and communication of proposed projects. He has managed and produced visualizations for several bridge projects including the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge in California and the Columbia River Crossing between Washington and Oregon. Kevin has over 20 years of experience in design visualization, computer modeling and animation, visual analysis, and simulation.

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President's Message

Winter. It can be pretty and it can be pretty ugly. It can also be unpredictable, and that's what happened to our last meeting. It became apparent that asking people to come out into the February snowstorm would be too dangerous, so the Board wisely decided to cancel. We were sorry not to hear our program on "How to Make a Presentation" from Toastmasters International, but that will be rescheduled for a future meeting.



This month's program is on Using Innovative 3D/4D Tools for Construction Planning at the World Trade Center, a thought-provoking presentation on the extensive planning that has gone into the rebuilding of the World Trade Center site. Using three dimensional graphic tools along with intricate sequencing of construction and non-construction events (the fourth dimension), the planners have been able to keep major transportation operations going while millions of square feet of office and retail space, as well as the memorial plaza and the infrastructure to support the entire site, are constructed above. Our speaker is Kevin Gilson. Director of Visualization for Parson Brinkerhoff, Inc.

Last month we hosted a pizza and info party for the students at Pratt Institute's Construction Management Department. We'll be reporting more on this event at this month's meeting, but you'll be glad to hear that we were successful in telling the students about CSI and the resources we have that they may want to take advantage of. Come and hear about our planned collaboration between Metro New York CSI and Pratt.

Though we are in the midst of winter, it is not too early to be planning for those brighter days ahead. Put the CSI National Convention and Construct 2010 on your calendar for May 11 through 14 in Philadelphia (a short train ride away!). While you've got your calendar out, mark June 9 for our annual Awards Night and Officer Installation extravaganza, and July 13 for the annual Chapter Golf Outing. You won't want to miss either one!

Linton D. Stables, III, CSI, CCS, LEED® AP Chapter President

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Time to Think Golf

THE DATE: Tuesday, July 13, 2010

THE TIME: NOON

THE PLACE: South Shore Country Club, Staten Island, NY

Once again the time has come to think about spring, good weather and of course, GOLF. Each year the Golf Outing has been our major funding source for the Fryburgh Scholarship Fund and each year we have contributed more to the fund. Not only does the day provide lots of good fun for everyone, it provides the dollars for the Chapter to award the scholarship each year!

Last year we hit the perfect day for golf, no rain or thunderstorms like in the previous couple of years. But that's golf. We are again looking to fill up the course again so let us know if you are coming out for the golf outing this year. The committee has found a new venue on Staten Island in an attempt to keep with a more centralized location for our membership. Van Cortland Park was good for but its time to move on. This year the outing will be held at South Shore Country Club on Staten Island. The cost will be the same as last year.

Golf & Sponsorship Opportunities

Individual Golfer	\$175
Foursome	\$650 (\$50 discount)
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Closest to pin (2)	\$200 plus donated prize (\$100 minimum value)
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Closest to Line (2)	\$200 plus donated prize (\$100 minimum value)
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Trivia Sponsor (18)	\$100
Four Prize Sponsors	
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2 nd	\$300
3 rd	\$250
Surprise	\$250
Giveaway Sponsors	golf balls, tees, towels, etc. (the more the merrier)

Contact Anthony Drummond at 516-480-8085 or adrummond@koroseal.com

March 10, 2010 Chapter Dinner and Meeting

Date: Wednesday, March 10, 2010

Time: 5:30 Reception, 6:30 Dinner and Program

Place: Annie Moore's Restaurant, 50 East 43rd Street, New York

Make a Reservation:

Innovative 3D/4D Tools for Construction Planning

Everyone is welcome to attend. Please register for the program by clicking on the icon below. Register even if you are going to be paying for your dinner on January 13 with check or cash (sorry, no credit cards at the dinner):

www.brownpapertickets.com/event/82006



**Metropolitan New York Chapter of
the Construction Specifications Institute
2010 Official Election Ballot [FY 2011]**

The following members, in good standing, have been nominated by the Nominating Committee for the offices shown. Place an "X" in the appropriate box to cast your vote. Ballots should be returned to Russ Carpenter, CSI by: fax to 516-293-4511 or email to Massblldr@aol.com,

No later than April 18, 2010.

New officers will serve effective July 1, 2010 with

Immediate Past President Scott Tobias, CSI, CCPR

Directors Anthony Drummond, CSI and Bert Korteling, CSI, CCPR.

VOTE FOR SLATE

OFFICE OF PRESIDENT

- Linton Stalbes, CSI, CCS
- write- in vote

OFFICE OF VICE- PRESIDENT

- Susan Kaplan, CSI
- write- in vote

OFFICE OF VICE- PRESIDENT

- Arnold Kravitz, CSI
- write- in vote

OFFICE OF SECRETARY

- William Dubois, CSI, CCS
- write- in vote

OFFICE OF TREASURER

- Russell Carpenter, CSI, CDT
- write- in vote

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR (Chapter)

(Term Expires end of FY 10) (Vote for two)

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- write- in vote

Your Signature: _____



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Convention Registration Now Open!

Registration for CONSTRUCT2010 & The CSI Annual Convention is now open. CSI members who register before the April 8 early registration deadline receive FREE access to the exhibit hall for all three days. Coming for the education programs? Registration options include the full education package, a daily package, or individual sessions. There are special savings for CSI members, government employees, students, and those who sign up before the April 8 early registration deadline. If you are a CSI member, this could add as much as \$210 in savings! This year's convention, May 12-14 in Philadelphia, is developing into the best in years. The [education program](#) features four days of classes, most of which earn continuing education credits. Topics covered include:

- **Building & design**
- **Business**
- **Leadership**
- **Process**
- **Standards**
- **Stewardship**

We'll also hold your favorite networking events, including:

- **Opening general session featuring a keynote by • [Bjarke Ingels](#)**
- **Welcome reception**
- **Region caucuses**
- **CSI Honors & Awards Gala**

We'll also hold special activities for CSI leaders, fellows, students, emerging professional, and

practice group members. The Philadelphia Chapter will also host an outing to the [Fairmount Water Works](#) and a [student design competition](#) (registration deadline March 26) focusing on LEED for "Nesting" Construction. See the [schedule-at-glance](#) for all of the activities and events. Convention [housing](#) is also open. There are a variety of accommodations and rates available. All of the host properties are within walking distance of the Pennsylvania Convention Center where convention events will take place.

Events taking place include:

- **Fairmount Water Works - Philadelphia Host Chapter Event**
The CSI Philadelphia Chapter invites you to enjoy cocktails and traditional Philadelphia fare at one of the most architecturally notable sites in the city – The Fairmount Water Works. In addition to a rousing team game of Quizzo, you'll have time to stroll along the Schuylkill River and surrounding Water Works and Art Museum grounds. A National Historic Landmark, the Water Works features the best views of the city, the Philadelphia Art Museum, and Boathouse Row. The event will take place Thursday, May 13, 7pm-10pm. Pre-registration is required and tickets are only \$25. • [Learn more or register.](#)
- **Student Design Competition at CONSTRUCT2010 & The CSI Annual Convention**
This year's design competition will be for the birds – literally. The • [LEED for Nesting Construction](#) project will indeed be a bird house, designed for a species local to the area of each team's university. The Philadelphia Host Chapter chose this unique project in part because it focuses on knowing the client, sustainability and the location. The chapter aims to promote critical research and evaluation skills that are necessary for any successful sustainable building project. Interested in participating? • [Read](#) the program guides and • [register](#) before March 26! Register today at www.constructshow.com and we'll see you in Philly!

Certification Education Seminars

If you have signed up to take the Construction Documents Technologist exam this Spring, the Metropolitan New York Chapter is dedicated to assisting you in passing the exam. Due to recent personnel changes in our Chapter committees we are not able to offer a series of live classes leading up to the exam period. We suggest that you sign up with the Construction Specifications Institute [on-line learning series](#) specifically geared to those who are taking the exam. The series is conducted by those who know the exam best, and is self-paced so that you can take each section at a time most suitable to your learning habits. The series is reasonably priced and includes a series of live webinars for those who want to ask questions and get responses from the series instructors.

The Metro New York Chapter will also offer two live sessions during the study period. There will be several experienced members of our chapter present who will answer your questions about the material covered in the on-line class, and about the exams. The dates and times for these sessions are:

Tuesday, February 23, from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 20, from 9:30 a.m. to noon.

These sessions will be held at Perkins Eastman Architects, 115 Fifth Avenue (at 19th Street), Third Floor. Reservations are not necessary for these two sessions, and you are welcome to come to either one or both of them.

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[Learn more, or register now!](#) Not registered for the CDT?

Registration is now open for the spring CDT and advanced certification exams (CCS, CCCA, CCPR) March 29-April 3, 2010. The early registration deadline is January 29, 2010 and the final registration deadline is February 26, 2010.

[Learn more, or register now.](#)

Like it is—Was

By S. Steve Blumenthal, FCSI
Former Institute President

In the eighties and nineties time similar to today the Chapter Presidents and their Board presented programs similar to today. Most important was they had to be informative and available to members and guests. Aside from the membership recognition from other associations was most important. These were men and women who insisted there be an understanding with other groups of Professionals from the local chapter of AIA, the General Contractor Association, NSPE in addition to various trade and subcontractor Associations. For the most part the local groups didn't know very much about CSI and the Metropolitan Chapter CSI in particular. CSI to many non members both professional and Industry member was a weekly television program

In the late eighties and mid nineties the economy of our industry as today slowed down and MNY became a convener of people and other Associations. There were no dinner meetings and costs were held to a minimum. There was coffee and doughnuts administered by Will Turner and Peter Paterson. The membership was encouraged to bring a guest our door was open to all. I would hope this has continued or at least consider this a suggestion. Nothing will happen unless our colleagues know their welcome. A concerted effort to invite members of other Associations to our meetings should be considered. Years ago teams were formed to network with other associations inviting their members to our meetings, product shows, the golf outing.

By presenting programs for all and inviting

members of other organization dialoged is created beyond the office. Perhaps they can make a presentation to our membership or invite us to attend one of their programs. It was very important in the eighties and nineties and just as important now. Perhaps with the slow down it is time to once again bring in the "team". CSI is not a step child but rather a partner and should re-enforce this attitude now when it is needed.

Now perhaps is a good time to change the subject. As in the past I wrote about members who were also legislators, teachers, animal keepers, all state athletes, members of other Boards, arbitrators, and entertainers to name a few. But what about yachtsmen or at least someone with a boat. I don't know if Raymond Searby AIA, CSI is still a member but he has to be recognized. Ray served as President in the seventies after being the President of the Long Island Chapter. He also was a member of the Institutes "International Committee" for which he received the Presidents Plaque. Working for I. M. Pei gave him the insight of off shore Architecture and Specifications which he brought to the Institute. Now as an independent consultant he travels from Long Island to the City with regularity. Oh yes the boat, Ray entered many regattas won several awards and was an officer in his club. Ray is the perfect example of networking as I understand he joined and served CSI because someone brought him to a Long Island Chapter meeting and the rest is history. Hopefully the message is understood, as Vince Lombardi said "give it the second effort" in short network the Chapter which in turn networks you. That's like it is any comment asecsi@aol.com

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April 14, 2010 - New York City Code Changes; Greening the Code - Annie Moore's Restaurant
May 19, 2010 - Skanska NY Headquarters site Visit, LEED Platinum site
June 9, 2010 - Awards Dinner - Annie Moore's Restaurant
July 13, 2010 - Chapter Golf Outing - South Shore Country Club, Staten Island. NY
September 15, 2010 - Trade Show & Education Seminars
October 13, 2010 - Information Technologies in Modern Buildings

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