



The Summer Addendum

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Dennis Italia receiving his award from Chapter President Linton Stables III for his service during the past year

THE METRO NY CSI TRADE SHOW AND EDUCATION DAY ADAPTING BUSINESS TO SUCCEED

On September 15, 2010 the Chapter will be holding its annual trade show and education day. The following is a listing of the planned speakers for this year.

Aleksander Zeljic, Gensler
IMPACT OF GLOBALIZATION ON BUSINESS. See the details of the presentation on Page 4

Nicholas DAlessandro, Donnelly Sustainable Energy Services
ENERGY INCENTIVES AVAILABLE IN NEW YORK CITY AND NEW YORK STATE . See details on the speaker on page 3

Matthew Blesso, Blesso Properties
RUNNING AN INNOVATIVE AND SOCIALLY CONSCIOUS DEVELOPMENT COMPANY.

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Last Chance to sign up for the Annual Golf Outing

Fortunately with the early posting of the Summer Addendum we can provide another notice that the Chapter Golf outing is just around the corner, on July 13, 2010, just about a week and a half from now. There are still a few openings left and we would like to see them filled.

This year the outing is being held at the South Shore Country Club on Staten Island, an easy commute for all and it for a good cause, the Fryburgh Scholarship Fund. The venue is a bit nicer than the last couple of years and we can finish in a nice air -conditioned room when the golf is done.

So if you have not signed up yet now is the time to do it by contacting Anthony Drummond at 516-480-8085 or by e-mail at adrummond@koroseal.com.



Upcoming Chapter Events

July 13, 2010

Annual Golf Outing

South Shore Country Club, Staten Island NY

September 15, 2010

Metro New York CSI Trade Show, Educational Day and Architectural Mixer coming to the Center of Architecture, 536 LaGuardia Place, New York. No entry or seminar fees.

President's Message

We knew going into 2009-2010 that it would be "interesting," meaning we had no idea what to expect, but whatever the year held for us would keep us on our toes. The economy, first in our field of vision, has not gotten remarkably better, but then neither has it gotten noticeably worse. The design and construction industry seems to be on a slow but not particularly steady course of improvement.

This could have been a time for retrenchment in running a local chapter of a professional organization like the Metro New York Chapter of CSI. Instead, we have chosen this year as a time to make significant inroads on some new initiatives. The Chapter leadership expects these initiatives to have a long-term impact on the Chapter as well as the Institute and our industry. In the coming year we plan to follow through and build on the work we have started.

We are making a major investment in the young people who are currently preparing themselves to enter the design and construction industry. The New York area is

one of the largest construction markets in the world, and it also is where a very large number of students come to learn their craft. CSI needs to have a presence in as many of the local schools of architecture and construction management as possible. We started with one school this past year, Pratt Institute, and hope to expand this year to at least one more. We continue to offer our scholarship to a deserving student each year, and this year we raised the amount from \$2,500 to \$3,500. Next year we will award a \$5,000 scholarship.

And that brings me to some fun stuff coming up in the life of the Chapter! Sign up now for the July 13 annual **Chapter Golf Outing** at the South Shore Country Club on Staten Island. This event is the way the Chapter funds the annual scholarship, so it is important that we all support the effort by coming out to play golf. Besides being a worthy cause, it is a great deal of fun. (This, coming from a total non-golfer, is indeed high praise!) You will enjoy yourself no matter what your skill level as a golfer.

Also, mark your calendar for September 15 to attend the annual **Trade Show and Education Day** at the Center for Architecture. A great line-up of speakers has been assembled, and our exhibitors will provide another source of construction-related information. Plan now to attend.

The Chapter's **Awards Night and Officer Installation** was on June 9. It was a time to celebrate the achievements of our Chapter and our members, to look toward next year as we installed our newly-elected and re-elected officers and Board members, and to socialize with each other.

Finally, let me recommend that you check out our new Chapter web site. Go to www.csimetronewyork.org and get the details on all the stuff I mentioned above. Have a great summer, but stay informed on upcoming CSI events through the web site.



Immediate Past President Scott Tobias, Vice President Arnie Kravitz and Chapter President Linton Stables

Congratulations to the New Officers for FY 2011

Linton Stables - President
Arnie Kravitz - Vice President
Susan Kaplan - Vice President
Bill DuBois - Secretary
Russell Carpenter - Treasurer
Dennis Italia - Director 2012
Ruma Som - Director 2012
Scott Tobias - Immediate Past President
Jeff Matles - Northeast Region Director

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

Chapter President



LIKE IT IS / WAS

By S. Steve Blumenthal, FCSI
Former Institute President

CHAPTER HELP WANTED AND NEEDED

Our President has asked many questions regarding the history and tradition of the Chapter some of which I was able to furnish. He is attempting to compile a list of Former Chapter Presidents and having difficulty getting their names prior to 1975 and would appreciate any information send it to him at Lstables@perkinseastman.com

There must be countless anecdotes and stories that can be shared and placed in the archives of the Chapter. **Pat Zampetti** during your years on the front desk as a greeter there must be a tale or two... **Herb Pendleton FCSI**, who were the former Presidents when you joined .and the high notes at the Chapter annual meetings...**Will Turner** the roving photographer and story teller, tell us a few. Let's not forget **Harold Rosen, FCSI and Don Van Court FCSI** for their Editorship of the Addendum who may recall a tale...A member from the fifties **Justin Henshell, FAIA** a former President who was elevated to Fellow in AIA has been a great resource for years. The Chapter recently recognized his 50th year as a member...The first female President **Miriam Eldar FCSI** might have a story or two about the Chapter... **Carl Grimm** the Chapters never say no guy and former President must have something he can recall... **Fred Sylvester** who has supported the Addendum over 25 years must have a story or two since he was at most meetings and supports the Chapter to this day. **Susan Kaplan**, still active has served with numerous administrations and likewise may have a tale or two. There is an Institute award given yearly named for an early member of the Chapter **Ben John Small** who may have been a Chapter President. These are a sampling, if you have any others, get them to Linton.

Having written Miriam Eldars name earlier it brought back fond memories. She is An Architect, a visionary and one of the most knowledgeable members of the Chapter at that time. She headed up a group that researched and developed electronic sweets. She along with members of her staff made presentations to CSI and AIA as well as other associations. The Chapter was fortunate having her as a member she used many members as sounding boards. Miriam was sort after by numerous groups for information and guidance. Harold Rosen and Alan Skolnick of SOM I believe had the first workable system in the City.

As for the Chapter, we benefited by having her there with us as a guiding light in the turmoil of the seventies. She conducted her Presidency with awareness, she had the

loyalty of her Board. She not only served the Chapter but the Region and Institute as well on several technical committees. From what I have been told she has moved out of the city to her home on the island where she no doubt is the same cordial hostess that welcomed my wife and I at her then retreat.

We have dynamic President compiling information give him some. **NOW TELL IT LIKE IT WAS.....**

NYC & NYS ENERGY INCENTIVES

Nick DAlessandro is an experienced professional with more than 20 years of accomplishment within the architectural, Engineering and Construction community.

Immediately prior to joining Donnelly Sustainable Energy Services, Nick was a member of the Construction Tax Planning practice at KPMG LLP in New York City. In that capacity, Nick worked with a broad spectrum of clients, design professionals and construction firms on the wide array of benefits available under the Energy Policy Act of 2005, PlaNYC, ASHRAE 90.1, LEED, demand side energy reduction strategies, Internal Revenue Code Sections 110, 168, 179D, 174, 199, 263 and repairs and maintenance regulations as applied to the built environment.

Throughout his career, Nick has had the opportunity to establish a strong network of contacts in large and small companies across a broad spectrum of industries. The scope of his experience has spanned many aspects of the built environment including information-technology infrastructure, design and construction, data center design, project budgeting, value engineering, lighting power density, tax-efficient energy strategies, energy incentives, and tax deductions and credits.

Nick has been a member of the Adjunct Faculty, New York University, School of Professional and Continuing Education; Building Owners and Managers Institute (BOMI) and a contributor to industry Journals.

Globalization- The Shanghai Adventure presentation by Gensler Associates

Michael Concannon, VDC Project Director for Gensler has over 20 years experience in the Architectural and Construction industry, the past 8 years specializing in BIM and VDC strategies and solutions. Gensler Firmwide VDC team goal is to provide support and guidance across its enterprise as it relates to VDC practices for all projects and offices

As a member of the Gensler Firmwide team and its Chicago office, Michael duties include development of tools and process, project planning, software integration, IPD practices (Integrated Project Delivery) and VDC implementation with a focus on global clients and large projects. Michael is also charged with providing strategies and solution for major global clients as well as working with Gensler in-sourcing offices.

These projects both, national and international span a wide scope of practice areas and delivery methods. Examples of these projects include retail rollouts, workplace, global client and recently the Shanghai Tower. Currently Michael is involved with Gensler General Motors global account. This is a national and international imaging program with GM.

Aleksandar Sasha Zeljic, AIA, NCARB, LEED BD+C, is Senior Designer, and Façade Design Leader at Gensler, with over 12 years of experience on projects in United States, Europe and Asia, including large scale mixed use developments, office buildings, retail centers, schools and hospitals. With strong emphasizes on research and implementation of sustainable design, Sasha is particularly interested in exterior envelopes and advanced concepts of high performance building facades. In the past several years Sasha has worked on number of projects Implementing these concepts, including Block 37 - 108 North State in Chicago, One Indiana Square High-Rise Overcald in Indianapolis, XE-Incheon Tower in Korea and recently Shanghai Stock Exchange. From May of 2008 through the end of 2009, Sasha has been working in Gensler Shanghai office where he lead team on design of Exterior Facade for 632 meter Shanghai Tower, to be second tallest building in the world when completed in 2014. Prior to joining Gensler in 2005, Sasha worked for Legat Architects Chicago office from early 2000, on variety of large scale educational and healthcare projects. His design for

Chicago ABC State Street Studio with Legat Architects received Chicago AIA Distinguished Building Award in 2007. Sasha received several international awards for his work in Europe including EU Program for Sustainability Award in 1997 and UN award for Social Integration in 1999.

Sasha holds Masters Degree, in Architectural Engineering from School of Architecture at University of Belgrade, Serbia and Masters Degree from School of Architecture at University of Illinois at Chicago.



Fall Advanced Certification (CCS, CCCA, CCPR) Exam Early Registration Deadline July 20

The early registration deadline is fast approaching for the fall certification exams taking place **September 20-25, 2010**. The early registration deadline is **July 20, 2010**, and the final registration deadline is **August 20, 2010**. Learn more, or register now.

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Walter Marlowe, Executive Director, CSI
WHAT CSI IS UP TO, AND HOW IT WILL IMPACT
YOUR BUSINESS

Between speakers the Trade Show floor is open and attendees are invited to visit the vendors' exhibits.

Bob Harvey, Executive Director, Lower Manhattan
Construction Command Center (LMCCC)
KEYNOTE SPEAKER
WHAT IS HAPPENING DOWN THERE?

3:30 – 4:20PM
Tri Tran, Preconstruction Director, SKANSKA USA
Building, Inc.
HOW TO DESIGN AND BUILD A LEED PLATINUM
INTERIOR OFFICE SPACE

5:30 PM – 7:00PM
Architectural Mixer, Door Prizes