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Technology Design Principles for Modern Buildings

The November Chapter Meeting will focus on technology issues challenging today's architects and engineers. While we may depend on specialists to actually design information technology, audio visual, and security systems, these systems have subsequent impact on the work of architects and engineers. Design professionals will benefit from the presenter's recommendations on space planning, lighting expectations, acoustical considerations, wall and ceiling finishes, equipment aesthetics, adjacency and interference issues, technology integration, heat and electrical loads, structural considerations, and new trends in technology.



PRESENTER: Gregory Roberts, Partner, AKF Group LLC, AKF Technologies. Greg has over 20 years of technology design and construction experience and has been involved in projects that include healthcare, corporate, commercial, and institutional facilities. He brings valuable perspectives from both

the design and construction arenas.

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President's Message

The Chapter has gotten off to a great start with our Trade Show and then last month's presentation on How to Make a Killer Presentation. We also presented our annual Frybergh Scholarship award to Raul Bussot, an architecture student at Pratt Institute. Next up, at our November 10 meeting: Technology Design Principles for Modern Buildings, presented by Gregory Roberts, Partner at AKF Group LLC, AKF Technologies. It promises to be a fascinating tour (figuratively speaking) through the digital world that lives inside many of our buildings.



Our Academic and Emerging Professionals Committee hosted the Construction Management students of Pratt Institute for CSI Pizza Night. In addition to providing pizza, CSI presented the students with several opportunities, including membership in our Chapter, an open invitation to come to our meetings, and a shot at our scholarship in the Spring. CSI Member Bob Crane made a presentation on Energy Efficient Building Envelopes, and continued the plug for CSI. Thirty-seven students took up the Chapter on its offer for membership!

At our October meeting the Board of Directors adopted a far-reaching set of Goals, Objectives, and Strategies for this year. Take some time to [read this document](#) on our web site. Perhaps something there will inspire you to get involved in making some of these ideas come to fruition.

The Board is beginning the plans to celebrate the Chapter's 60th Anniversary in June 2011. The Co-Chairs of the Anniversary Planning Committee are Anthony Drummond and Arnie Kravitz. If you have an interest in working on this, let one of them—or any

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Board member—know. It may seem a long way off, but it will be upon us before we know it!

CSI is a jumping place these days. You really don't want to miss out on the fun and excitement!



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

Chapter President

Chapter Objectives

Grow our Chapter by reaching out to our industry and those who are training to be part of our industry, involving our membership in sharing our knowledge and passion for the built environment.

Chapter Objectives and Strategies

Make a bold move to attract a new group of people to our meetings and keep our current membership involved.

- Make all the dinner meetings free to attend.
- Start a new series of meetings on a different schedule and in different venues to attract new people to CSI. Programs would be practically-oriented to help those who are just starting out in their careers, or specialists such as interior designers or engineers.
- Start a winter event much like the Golf Outing, but geared to a younger group; bowling party.
- Improve our monthly meetings by planning them better, offering a time for organized networking, and controlling the environment to make the experience more pleasant.
- Build on the programs offered by getting excellent speakers on topics of interest to a broad range of attendees.
- Add a personal touch to meetings with a member testimonial at each program.

Celebrate who we are by putting the word out in a methodical and sustained way to the many design and construction constituencies in the New York area.

- Continue to improve our electronic communications, and branch into additional areas such as social networking, and an electronic newsletter.
- Produce a broadly-appealing celebration of the Chapter's 60th anniversary, inviting participation from across the industry.

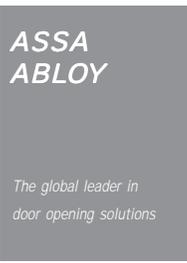
Build our future by encouraging student membership and student involvement in our programs.

- Continue our program with Pratt, addressing the incoming and outgoing classes, and offering free membership to all students. Offer free dinner to students who attend monthly programs.
- Start a CDT study session at Pratt.
- Offer additional resources to Pratt faculty.
- Find one more institution open to our message and start a similar program to that we are operating at Pratt.
- Award our scholarship again this year with broader advertising of its availability.

Contribute to the industry in a direct way, and one which is consistent with the history and the purpose of CSI.

- Offer special classes and events for industry groups that have not previously enjoyed our attention, such as contractors, construction managers, and engineers.
- Become a sponsor at an event for one of these groups where CSI's presence would be noticed. Sponsor a table or buy an ad in the program to get exposure.

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Is Your Car Ready for Winter

Most men aren't mechanics, and some men could care less about their car as long as it looks good and drives well. But a responsible driver should always take five minutes every other week or so to check the essential parts of his car. If you pay proper attention to your car's maintenance needs, you will save a lot of time, money and aggravation by avoiding some expensive repairs. Here are some things that you can do yourself:

Check the battery

Many batteries are so advanced they no longer require much maintenance. To be on the safe side, however, you should know where your car battery is located and check it periodically to make sure it is not leaking acid and has adequate water. Most batteries have a condition indicator that displays different colors to indicate how it's functioning: blue means it's OK, red means add distilled water, and white means charging is necessary.

Check the motor oil

For an accurate reading, check the oil dipstick while the car is turned off and parked on a horizontal plane. If the oil on the dipstick is black or deep red, have the oil changed by a professional or change it yourself if you're feeling confident. To check the oil level, pull the dipstick out and wipe it clean with a rag, then plunge it back into place. Pull the dip stick out again and hold it horizontally for an accurate reading. Be sure the oil on the stick is just under or right at the correct oil-level line or indicator hole; it should never be over. Putting excess strain on your hard-working car by not changing its oil will lead to trouble. An engine repair will have you dipping into your savings and leave you without car for as long as it takes for the proper repairs to be made.

Refill the antifreeze

Antifreeze keeps engine temperatures stable in all climate extremes and driving conditions. Always be sure you have the right level of antifreeze because fooling around with the cooling of your car's complex mechanical parts is an unnecessary risk. Invest a few dollars in a bottle and keep it handy in

your trunk. Antifreeze should be added when the engine is cool. Use a funnel as you would when adding motor oil to avoid splashing this greenish, toxic chemical on other parts of the car.

Align the tires

To receive an accurate assessment of your tire alignment, bring your car to a professional and have it put on a computerized tester. Having this test done every few weeks, however, is not cost-efficient in the least. Instead, test the alignment yourself on a flat street. Drive the speed limit and leave a hand on the wheel for safety, but don't actually steer the car for a few seconds. If the car veers in one direction and you need to manually keep your car driving straight, make an alignment appointment with a mechanic.

Check for optimized tire pressure as well. Thirty-two psi to 36 psi on a gauge is about average for a mid-sized sedan, but check your owners manual.

Slightly deflated or unbalanced tires will not only cause shakiness when you drive at highway speeds, but will eventually warp the tires and reduce your gas mileage.

Always buy new tires in pairs so you can put the new ones on the front and move the old front ones to the back; this lets you get more use out of them and avoid blowing a bundle on four new tires — unless a professional tells you it's absolutely necessary, of course.

Replace the air filter

The air filter is on the engine air intake and prevents dust and dirt from entering the engine. So, take care of your engine by replacing your air filter when necessary.

Checking the air filter only takes a few minutes. It is usually hidden under a plastic casing under the hood of your car and you have to unsnap the case to switch out the filter. Refer to your operating manual for precise instructions to avoid injury to yourself or harm to your vehicle. As a rule of thumb, make sure your car engine is off before lifting the hood to replace the air filter.

Car care

When it comes time to sell your car or make repairs, having maintained some of these basic areas will really pay off. Negligence is the most common and costly way to see your money go down the drain on repairs that could have easily been avoided.

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CSI Metro New York Golf Outing 2010

This year's golf outing seems like it went on all summer. We were rained out on July 13th when we got hit by a torrential downpour. It wasn't a total loss, we all had a nice lunch and got to chat for a while. Jerry Mills managed to get the putting contest in (he kept paying till he won it!) between outbursts of rain.

Then came September 23rd, a beautiful fall day with not a cloud in the sky, we couldn't have asked for a better day. Jerry Mills had another putting contest with 2 prizes donated by ASSA ABLOY being awarded. Thanks to Jerry for helping raise over \$130.

After the rules were read we all out on the course for a great day of golf. South Shore Golf Course is a great course with some picturesque holes. The greens were a bit of a challenge, but I understand that's what happens with fall golf!

Dinner after was very nice. The food was great and so was the atmosphere. A little better than being outside in a tent! After dinner it was down to business. This year's champion was Team Draper with a score of 65. Our closest to the pin winner was Dick Alderton and the longest drive winner was John McPartland. This year's 50/50 raffle netted the club an additional \$225 and many other prizes were raffled off. I would also like to thank Mike Gutierrez from South Shore for donating a nice Nike prize package that was also raffled off.

I would like to thank all the companies that sponsored holes this year. I know how hard it is becoming to get financing for these events when everyone's budgets are being cut back. For those that were able, I thank you. For those that

weren't able to this year, please start now working on it. I would like to see next year's course have a sign on every green (Angela, I promise to spell your name right next year!). Please also think about sponsoring some of our prizes. This is a great way to get your company name out there.

I would also like to thank all of you who got to enjoy the beautiful day. Without you we would not have been able to raise over \$2000 for this year's Frybergh scholarship. I look forward to seeing you all again next year for a bigger and better outing.

Help is on the way

In an effort to help people in these distressed financial times the Chapter Board of Directors plans to provide dinner with the January and February 2011 monthly programs at no cost to those who are involved in the design and construction industry. This will be a trial period for a policy which may be extended if it is successful. The Chapter's objective to attract a new group of people and to keep its current members is the inspiration for this experiment.

Already the Chapter provides one "free" dinner with a program each year, a policy that was started three years ago when the Chapter dues were increased. The dinner and program for October have been provided without cost to members. This new program will apply to members and non-members of the industry, both as a recognition that some members may be staying away from the programs because of the cost, while others may be reluctant to try out CSI for the same reason.

The Board is highly cognizant of the fact that it is the quality of our monthly programs that attracts and keeps the attendance high, so the Program Committee's effort has resulted in a great line-up for the rest of this program year. In addition the Board's fiscal responsibility demands that the free dinner program be monitored closely to make sure that it is meeting the objectives of the Chapter.

Maintaining your Membership

Just a reminder to keep your membership active and contact information up to date. Running through our current list of members, there are many of you who have been long time members that have or are very close to having your membership expire.

If those of you could take a minute and let us know how we can help, or to express your concerns, it would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you, Bert Korteling CSI Director/Membership Chairman Metropolitan New York Chapter CSI -

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Holiday Italiano

The Metropolitan New York Chapter celebrates **Holiday Italiano!** Join us for music, food, and drink. We'll start with some great hors d'oeuvres, with drinks from the cash bar. We'll have a fabulous authentic Italian three-course dinner with wine included. This year we are keeping the price low (\$30 per person), so that members and friends will feel free to come and bring their spouses and significant others for a great time with your fellow CSI compatriots!

Date and Time: **Wednesday, December 8, starting at 6:00 p.m. with a social hour. The dinner will start at 7:00 p.m.**

Location: **Manducatis Restaurant**, 1327 Jackson Avenue, Long Island City, New York, telephone 718-729-4602. By subway: on the 7 line, Hunters Point station; on the G line, 21st Street Van Alst station. NOTE: This is a different location from our usual meeting place.

Cost: Dinner and wine is **\$30 per person. Register and pay in advance at **Brown Paper Tickets**. You may not pay at the door, since we have to provide a guaranteed attendance number in advance.**

Sign Up for this Meeting: **Register and pay for attending **Holiday Italiano!** You must register and pay in advance. To Register go to www.brownpaperticket.com/event/82006.**

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- Sponsor the “12 Things Every Architect Should Know” series again this year.
 - Build up our Trade Show so that it is one of the New York area construction industry’s major events each year.
 - Offer a CDT study session to members of the industry who want to take the exam.
- Build our leadership by encouraging participation and fostering openness in governance.
- Use electronic communications to foster an atmosphere of open-governance, encouraging participation in decision-making and the organization. Encourage the idea that leadership is open to all members, and that being involved is not difficult.
 - Require that every committee have at least three members.
 - Encourage some committee work to be done by conference call or on the Internet.
 - Provide more supervision and mentoring of committees by the officers of the Chapter.



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“You can’t get a job without experience; and you can’t get experience without a job!”

“We can’t hire people who aren’t ready to be fully productive”— most employers including architects, engineersand specifications consultants.

“We educate people in a well-rounded manner, we can’t just prepare them for a job”— most colleges and universities.

A true dilemma!

Let’s start with the reality that the design professions are complex, intricate, and so convoluted that it takes an extraordinary amount of time to really learn all of the work, at a functional level. In that, training and education is necessarily an on-going and concentrated body of work— but necessary to even entry level expertise! You have got to have and know the fundamentals and the knowledge behind all of them so you can contribute to the actual work in the office! But the schools are so challenged in other aspects of their work, and the holistic education syndrome that having to make hard choices, professional education has been minimized in depth and extent— so much so that graduates really ARE NOT prepared for the work place/offices. Some very bad choices were made! So the architects [NCARB really] concocted the Intern Development Program [IDP] as the interim solution between graduate and one fully capable of addressing—and passing—the registration examination. From the start several parts of that program was rather ill-conceived, in that several requirements were just simply unrealistic and were not going to happen [in the vast majority of cases]. The reason is that the working offices were never approached [the state members of NCARB do as they please as regulators] embraced, updated and allowed to “buy in” about what their responsibility and part in the IDP would be— not that they would have agreed, but with only minimal knowledge, the “surprise” never got the program far off the ground.

But that’s history that you all know. At this juncture, the problem is that this format no longer suffices and is in dire need of coordinated attention— from the profession [i.e., the offices], schools and NCARB to revise, updated, modernize and make relevant the educational requirements and the part necessarily played by each entity. This fact is beyond thinking

about! This situation needs work— quickly, decisively and realistically— ASAP!

It’s difficult to think about or accept the current state of things. When the professional challenges are growing [stable fees, tighter budgets, vacillating clients, increased regulations, greater complexity in projects, marginal work force, etc.] it is rather mind boggling that nothing is being done or prepared to upgrade and sharpen the professional effort. And that is NOT a computer or software issue! We need some dedicated people to look pragmatically at education and practice and how the entire sequence is conceived and how it should best work. It is not an office standards/policy or competitive thing; it is how a profession creates credibility and increases appropriate quality service and expertise at grass roots— at the technical application of its expertise and results that provided intelligent solutions, well-constructed and serviceable to the community. After all, isn’t that the essence of the standing law, i.e., “protection of public health, safety and welfare”? There is more depth and meaning to that than we are taking. Relaxing requirements for registration, more mere convenience for applicants and such are foolhardy when simple fundamentals, information about the whole of the profession and application of professional expertise and demeanor are not even sniffed at [most times] within the education and training— maybe I missed the point that all those things are best gained through osmosis and absorption!

Oh, maybe it really doesn’t matter if you ever achieve them or not!!

Somebody else will gladly do it! Just not as well.



Metropolitan Chapter CSI Monthly Schedule for FY 2011

October 13, 2010 - How to Make a Killer Presentation
November 10, 2010 - Technology Design Principles in Modern Buildings
December 8, 2010 - Holiday Festivities
January 12, 2011 - Construction Jeopardy!
February 9, 2011 - The Future of Door Hardware Specifying
March 9, 2011 - Energy Usage, Savings and Changes in LEED-Certified Buildings
April 13, 2011 - Building Tour with a Specifier's Perspective
May 11, 2011 - Underground New York: Major Subsurface Projects
June 8, 2011 - 60th Anniversary Membership Meeting and Awards Dinner

About CSI

CSI is a national association dedicated to creating standards and formats to improve construction documents and project delivery. The organization is unique in the industry in that its members are a cross-section of specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors and building materials suppliers. The organization has 146 chapters and more than 14,000 members. Monthly Chapter meetings allow members the opportunity to communicate openly with their counterparts and exchange information for successful project management. CSI is renowned in the industry for its rigorous certification programs for professionals seeking to improve their knowledge of accurate and concise construction documents. CSI provides continuing education, professional conferences and product shows. For more information, visit www.csinet.org, or call (800) 689-2900.

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