Knowledge for Creating and Sustaining the Built Environment

METROPOLITAN NEW YORK CHAPTER
The Construction Specifications Institute

The Summer Addendum

Casino Night

Come join us on September 7, 2011 for an enjoyable evening and to celebrate the Chapter's 60th Anniversary. Everyone will enjoy learning to play casino games and competing for fantastic prizes! Come from work and bring all your friends for this entertaining evening with professional dealers and games of blackjack, roulette, poker and slots.

Each person will receive $1,000 "casino cash" to play. Prizes will be awarded at the end of the evening depending on how well you competed.

Snacks and finger foods, beer, soda and wine will be provided for the entry fee of only $10.00. The event will be held at the Hotel Beacon located at 2130 BRoadway, New York, NY and will run from 5:30 to 9:00 PM

REBUILDING NEW YORK
Metropolitan New York CSI 2011
Trade Show and Seminar Event

Wednesday, October 12, 2011, Mark it on your calender. CEUs, LUs, HSW Credits avaialble at no cost!

As architects, builders, and product manufacturers we are always subject to many forces and influences. Economic cycles, architectural design trends, environmental concerns, codes and regulations, technology advances, education of new professionals, and current events all shape our industry and the buildings that we make.

The economy has forced us to be more efficient in our design and construction. New emphases on

Upcoming Chapter Events

September 7, 2011
60th Anniversary and Casino Night
Beacon Hotel
2130 Broadway at 75th St
New York, NY
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October 12, 2011
Metro New York CSI Trade Show,
Educational Day and Architectural Mixer
Metropolitan Pavillion
125 West 18th Street
New York, NY

energy efficiency, new design and coordination tools in building information modeling, new construction products that reduce waste and improve the indoor environment – all of these and more come to our attention every day, and have the potential to make us better at what we do.

The 2011 Annual Metro New York CSI Chapter Trade Show and Education Day will explore the ways in which you can contribute to better building. Come and learn with us, share your knowledge with us, and interact with others who share your quest for doing a better job of designing and constructing buildings.

Wednesday, October 12, 2011
Seminars: 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Trade Show 9:00AM to 5:00PM
Architectural Mixer: 5:00PM to 7:00PM
Location: Metropolitan Pavilion, 125 West 18th Street, New York, NY
No Fees for Trade Show or Seminars, Includes Lunch
AIA/CES HSW and CSI CEN Learning Units
(Choose from 5 Seminars though out the day, or attend all five!)
Attendees register here, for free:
www.brownpaperticket.com/event/106651

Which do I use — UniFormat or MasterFormat?

Construction projects use many different kinds of delivery methods, products, and installation methods, but one thing is common to all – the need for effective teamwork by the many parties involved to ensure the correct and timely completion of work. The successful completion of projects requires effective communication amongst the people involved, and that in turn requires easy access to essential project information. Efficient information retrieval is only possible when the same standard organizational system is used by everyone. MasterFormat and UniFormat (as well as other standards CSI other maintains or helps to maintain – PPDFormat, SectionFormat/PageFormat, GreenFormat and OmniClass) help organize a project's information at every stage, from conception to completion, streamlining communication, and information analysis and retrieval.

UniFormat, a publication of CSI and CSC, is a method of arranging construction information based on functional elements, or parts of a facility characterized by their functions, without regard to the materials and methods used to accomplish them. These elements are often referred to as systems or assemblies.

UniFormat is often seen in performance specifications and preliminary project descriptions (PPDs). Its most notable use is as a format for estimators to present cost estimates during the schematic design phase. UniFormat breaks a facility into systems and assemblies that perform a predominating function, such as substructure, shell, interiors, and services, without defining the technical solutions to provide these functions. This allows the facility to be priced at the elemental level, allowing design alternatives to be better evaluated, and allows facility performance to be established at the system level as the project design is being refined.

UniFormat's approach to organizing data is also important to the continued development of building information modeling (BIM) software, as its system organization allows objects to be placed before their properties have been further defined. The current version of UniFormat is used as the basis for Table 21 – Elements of OmniClass.
Order UniFormat in the CSI Store. Or, get a site license for 4-10 people, or more.

MasterFormat is also the basis of a table in OmniClass – Table 22 – but its purpose is different. A publication of CSI and CSC, MasterFormat is a master list of numbers and titles classified by work results. It is primarily used to organize project manuals, detailed cost information, and other information in later stages of design and construction than UniFormat.

MasterFormat is the master list of titles and numbers used to organize specifications and other project information for most commercial building design and construction projects in North America. It lists titles and section numbers for organizing data about construction requirements, products, and activities. By standardizing such information, MasterFormat facilitates communication among architects, specifiers, contractors and suppliers, which helps them meet building owners' requirements, timelines and budgets.
Learn more about MasterFormat at www.masterformat.com, or order at copy in the CSI Store.

Still confused about how and when to use UniFormat or MasterFormat?
Ask a question in CSI's Forums, find an expert in CSI's Speakers Directory or in CSI's Certificants Directory, or contact your local CSI chapter. CSI members love to answer questions about UniFormat and MasterFormat!

Leading the Chapter into the Future

The Metro New York Construction Specifications has elected Jeffrey Matles, Vice President National Sales, LumiVisions, LLC and Founder of Matles Enterprises, to serve as its president July 1, 2011 through June 30, 2012.

"I'm honored to continue my support of CSI and the future of the specification industry in this new role" Matles says. "Encouraging and supporting CSI has been a longtime priority for me, and I am looking forward to taking a more active role in this important organization."

He has served as Treasurer, Director, Northeast Regional Director, Co-Chairman for the Metro New York CSI Education and Trade Show Event.

Chapter President Jeff Matles

Also, elected as officers 2011/2012: Arnold Kravitz, VP, Anthony F. Drummond, VP, Angela Centanni, Secretary, Russell W. Carpenter, Treasurer, Bert Korteling, Northeast Regional Director, Ruma Som, Director, Dennis C. Italila, Director, Robert Crane, Director, and Thomas Lanzelotti, Director. Immediate Past President: Linton D. Stables III

Jeffrey Matles currently works as VP of National Sales, LumiVisions, LLC., (lumivisions.net) a unique glass and resin manufacturer and is the founder of Matles Enterprises, a unique resource company, focused on "sustainable design" and providing surface materials and finishes to architects and designers.

Born and raised in New York, the son of an entrepreneur, Matles early on developed not only an affinity for material finishes, but also for service. Upon graduation from the University of Maryland,
he has worked as an accountant, a controller, a sales manager, a business developer, business owner and has experienced all phases of an organization from its inception through its various stages of growth.

Matles has attended and participated in many business and industry seminars, trade shows, has taken and active role with Metro NY CSI, as Treasurer, USGBC, and is an AIA New York Chapter affiliate.

Congratulations
to the New Officers for FY 2011

Jeff Matles- President
Arnie Kravitz - Vice President
Anthony Drummond - Vice President
Angela Centanni - Secretary
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Robert Krane- Director 2012
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