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Meeting Information

2011

Wednesday
September 7, 2011

Casino Night
5:30 PM - 9:00 PM
Beacon Hotel
2130 Broadway
New York, New York

Wednesday
October 12, 2011
CSI Education and
and Tradeshow
9:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Metropolitan Pavilion
125 West 18th Street
New York, NY

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Are You a Survivor?

EARTHQUAKE
HURRICANE
CASINO NIGHT



Well, if you are reading this we know you survive the first two. Come down to the Beacon Hotel on September to see if you can survive to the end at the CSI Casino Night.

This fun evening event will check your skills at Blackjack, Roulette, Texas Hold'Em and 3 Card Poker. The winner at the end of the evening will win an iPad II. Second, Third, Fourth and Fifth places will also win a prize...that's only if you survive.

For only \$10.00 you will be given a stake of Casino dollar along with selection of Hors D'oeuvres, Beer, wine and sodas to snack on while you play. Play for as long as you can and if you do not survive you can eat and watch the action continue.

So if you dare, see you at the Beacon Hotel at 2130 Broadway at 75th Street, NY, NY at 5:30 PM. Play continues til 9:00PM when the winner will be identified.

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Metropolitan New York CSI 2011 Trade Show and Seminar Event

REBUILDING NEW YORK

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 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. Adaptation is the keyword that links us to the future.

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

AIA/CES HSW and CSI CEN Learning Units (Choose from 5 Seminars though out the day, or attend all five!)

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

Attendees register here, for free: www.brownpaperticket.com/event/106651



**The keynote speaker for
REBUILDING NEW YORK is
Deputy Commissioner David Resnick,
AIA, for Public Buildings, New York
City Department of Design and
Construction.**

The Structures Division manages the design and construction of buildings for more than 20 client agencies. The Division designs, renovates and builds libraries, museums, police precincts, firehouses, emergency medical stations, transportation facilities, health centers, day care centers, senior centers, courts, correctional facilities, juvenile detention centers and other facilities that City agencies use to serve the public.

**The esteemed list of speakers for this year
include;**

Michael Dorin, Senior Vice President of Preconstruction for Skanska USA Buildings' Metro New York Region office.

With more than 40 years of experience in the industry, Mr. Dorin offers unparalleled level of preconstruction expertise and is acknowledged within the Metro New York Region as a leader in providing project planning and preconstruction services. His experience includes managing and coordinating multi-discipline estimating and pricing activities, developing client, architect and subcontractor relationships and overseeing conceptual and competitive bid proposals.

Mr. Dorin's knowledge of LEED, life-cycle cost analysis and ability to value engineer solutions has saved clients money. He has provided preconstruction services for a wide array of clients including the Port Authority of New York, Continuum Health Partners, Mount Sinai Medical Center, City University of New York and currently overseeing the preconstruction on a \$1.2 billion renovation of a capital master plan in New York City.

A LEED® Accredited Professional (AP), Mr. Dorin received his Bachelors of Science Degree in Economics from the University of Cincinnati.

Richard Dattner FAIA, Principal

Richard Dattner FAIA founded Dattner Architects in New York City in 1964, after attending the Architectural Association in London, receiving his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and serving in the US Army Corps of Engineers. Under his leadership and creative direction, the firm has grown to an organization of nine partners with a staff of 70 - designing a wide variety of project types: education; recreation; residential; public buildings;

industrial; transportation; healthcare; urban design; sustainable architecture; interiors.

Richard Dattner is the recipient of the 1994 Thomas Jefferson Award for Public Architecture from the American Institute of Architects and the 1992 Medal of Honor from the AIA New York Chapter—awards given for distinguished architecture and public service. He was honored in 1999 by the Cultural Landscape Foundation as a Pioneer of New York City's Modern Landscape Movement, and received the Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000 from the New York Society of Architects. Dattner Architects is recipient of the inaugural 2006 Architecture Firm Award from the AIA New York State.

Known for design excellence in urban design and civic architecture, the work of Dattner Architects has received over 100 design awards and has been extensively published and exhibited in the United States and abroad.

Richard Dattner is a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He is a Peer Reviewer for the New York City Mayor's Office on City Construction and the General Services Administration Design Excellence Program. He has taught or served as design critic at Columbia University, MIT, Princeton University, University of Wisconsin, City College of New York, The Cooper Union, The City University of New York, and Cornell University.

Richard Dattner is the author of *Civil Architecture*, *The New Public Infrastructure*, New York, McGraw-Hill, 1994; and *Design for Play*, New York, Van Nostrand/Reinhold, 1969. The firm's work is reviewed in the monograph *Richard Dattner: Selected and Current Works*, Images Press, 2000, and the monograph *Dattner Architects*, Images Press, 2009.

Jarrett Huddleston is a Principal Associate for Consulting Associates of New York, Inc. He has over : Over twenty five years of field and design experience in the design, investigation and inspection of roofing and waterproofing systems, facades, fenestration and related building envelope components and enclosure systems. Jarrett has also had extensive involvement in repair/rehabilitation/restoration of existing buildings ranging from leakage resolution to structural repair and envelope replacement (re-cladding). He also has wide experience in diverse methods and materials for new construction from the design/development phase through controlled inspection. Jarrett is New York City Suspended and Supported Scaffold Certified and is rope Access SPRAT-certified.

Presentations will provide AIA/CES HSW and CSI CEN Learning Units

Presentation schedule is on Page 7.



Photo—Bill Turner

Like It Is - Was

By S. Steve Blumenthal, FCSI
Former Institute President

The Construction Specifications Institute was incorporated in March 1948 by a group of Architects who wanted to put specifications in some sort of order. The Metropolitan New York Chapter is celebrating its 60th anniversary. The Chapter was chartered on June 1, 1951. It is the first Chapter chartered by the Institute. We were unique until April 1953 when the Metropolitan Washington DC Chapter was chartered, followed by the Los Angeles Chapter in August 1953. The next Chapter in our Region was Boston, chartered in 1956. Today there are 142 chapters throughout the nation and Puerto Rico. Our colleagues in Canada founded Construction Specifications Canada in 1954 and a true partnership was established and continues.

Members of our Chapter met several times with those from the DC Chapter to develop a standard format for specifications. Before MasterFormat a specification was broken down by titled sections such as “3-Concrete”, “7-Waterproofing”, and “9-Paint”. The specifications read like book chapters, the front end being number 1 and on into the 50’s or 60s. I’ve been told it was a chore looking for specific items in a specification. An Institute Technical Committee was formed to tackle this problem and developed the MasterFormat system. There were “Green sheets” and “Monograms” which later became “Spec Data”. Metro New York and three other chapters were selected to review the first draft of MasterFormat. Since then our Chapter has contributed time and effort



photos by Will Turner
We are all smiling. Kansas City here we come. Won't you come with us?
Bob Schwartz, Ray Gunder, Steve Blumenthal, Don Toy, Becky Manjers,
Carl Grimm, Miriam Elder, Tom Warcicki & Phil Ostrow 6/85

to numerous other committees contributing to CSI’s growth and recognition.

“East side, west side, all around the town!” The Chapter had many domiciles through its years. During the 1950s and ’60s the Chapter met in the basement of the Architectural League. From there meetings

moved to the Shelbourne Hotel on Lexington Avenue. The mid ’60s saw a move to the East side, to the Design Center, followed three years later with a cross-town move to the McGraw-Hill Building. Meetings were sometimes held at other associations and clubs in Midtown. The most unique meeting space was in the nightclub of the Roosevelt Hotel on Lexington Avenue. The room was “dark” one night a week, coinciding with the Chapter’s meeting night, and the price was right. The current location at Annie Moore’s Restaurant next to Grand Central Terminal has been the meeting place since about 2001.

Being the only Chapter in the Metropolitan area there were—as continues today—members from many surrounding counties and municipalities. Those members commuted to Chapter meetings (as many were also doing to their jobs in Manhattan) until it became a chore and there developed a solid number of professionals in suburban areas surrounding New York City. New chapters were formed with Metro New York assisting in their development. The New Jersey Chapter started in 1966, Housatonic Chapter in 1969, and Long Island Chapter in 1970. Many members kept dual membership in their new chapters and in Metro New York. Originally all these Chapters were in Region 2, while New England was Region 1. In 1976 the Institute created ten Regions, with Metropolitan New York being in the Northeast Region.

As best I can remember, the following current members (as of March 2011) had a hand in the formative years (1961 to 1979) of the Chapter: Bill Duer, Stephen Falk, Viben Eriksen, Miriam Eldar FCSI, Stephen Cohen, Stephen Falk, Michael Greenberg, Carl Grimm, Justin Henshell FAIA, FASTM, Edward Kuntz, Armand Lerner, Herbert Pendleton FCSI, Harold Rosen FCSI, George Rosamond, Robert Schwartz, Raymond Searby, Fred Sylvester, Will Turner, Don Van Court FCSI, Bernard Vernon, Gerald Wolkowitz, and me. If I missed any please let Russ Carpenter or me know and we will correct the list.

During the 1970s and 1980s there were business downturns much as we are experiencing today, but the Chapter continued its monthly programs. There was an annual picnic, pre-theater parties, annual golf outings, and an annual softball game between the Professional and Industry members. The annual holiday party was often held on Governors Island. Several of these events included families and there even was a children’s program.

Many members had interesting avocations, including a board member of a commuter bus company, several members of school and town planning boards, a Boy

Scouts Council Board member, someone who took in stray dogs and cats, college assistant professors and lecturers, night school teachers, and even a New York State legislator. In keeping with New York tradition the Chapter had a member who performed on stage in the metropolitan area and regaled the Chapter at our social gatherings.

- Some of the important dates in the Chapter's history include:
- 1966-69-70 – Metro New York assisted with chartering chapters in New Jersey (1966), Housatonic (1969), and Long Island (1970)
 - 1970 – on Van Court's motion in our Chapter, Industry members were permitted to use CSI after their names
 - 1971 – at Institute Convention, the Van Court motion was brought to discussion and passed on the national level
 - 1971 – Institute Convention, Metro New York Chapter had 29 delegates, a record for the Region
 - 1974 – Metro New York Chapter hosted the last conference for Region 2, which was then reborn as the Northeast Region
 - 1976 – Chapter awarded the first Student award to an architecture/engineering student
 - 1978 – With Producers Council (affiliated with AIA) presented a program at New York Institute of Technology
 - 1979 – Chapter offers a certification (CCS) course which then became a model curriculum
 - 1982 – Chapter presented the first products fair at the 69th Street Armory
 - 1983 – Chapter member was awarded the first "Robert

- B. Brousseau" award from the Institute
- 1984 – Chapter elects Miriam Eldar first female Chapter President in the nation
- 1985 – President Miriam Eldar established the Chapter's first college education award
- 1985 – Region awards the Metro New York Chapter the Don Colosano newsletter award, Bob Schwartz, editor
- 1986 – Tally Love elected first Industry Chapter President
- 1988 – Chapter Industry member S. Steven Blumenthal elected first Institute President Elect
- 1988 – Chapter hosted the first Region Conference in the city with record attendance
- 2007 – Metro New York Chapter President Scott Tobias elected NE Region Director, and then in 2010 was elected Institute Director at Large

In the nineteen seventies there was a ritual battle between the Boston Chapter and ours as to who was "king of the hill." No one ever won, but a strong alliance was formed between the two chapters. Also in the early seventies a competition evolved between Minneapolis Chapter and us for the most members in our respective chapters. Again, there was no winner but there were bragging rights at the annual Institute Convention.

That was then, and hopefully I have been able to preserve a little bit of our history. But what about today? Each generation has its own distinctive experiences and contributions to our legacy. There are 265 members in the Chapter. The President, Board, and Committees are supporting this cadre with outstanding programs. Literal cut-and-paste was so pre-seventies. No longer are scissors and glue found on the Specifier's desk, The Addendum newsletter would take a week to reach the members through the mail. Today with computers and the latest hand-held technology communication happens faster than it took to write this sentence. And since communication is what the spec writing business is all about, this seems appropriate.

Today there is a better understanding and collaboration with other industry associations, whereas thirty years ago in was difficult getting through to the right person on the phone. So, my colleagues, enjoy the party and we can all look forward to the next ten years as we explore new processes and specification techniques.

It might be your turn to help write the history of our Metropolitan New York Chapter. Yes you can "tell it like it is" at the 70th Anniversary Celebration in 2021. If you want to get started now, contact Michael Bean or Russ Carpenter or you can let me know.



A VIEW FROM THE OTHER SIDE

by Ralph Liebing, RA, CSI, CDT, Cincinnati, OH

The three binders lay side-by side on the plan desk. One is about ½" thick, the other 2 each about 2-2-1/2" thick. Combined they represent "a project". A project I am to build.

I am a General Contractor—not big in terms of employees or in types of projects done. I try to be affable, understanding, and in alignment with the owner to whom I am contracted, and to the design personnel the owner has "given" me. Also, of course, I value and solicit the best from my friends, the sub-contractors—those who do the real and final work.

I have my own crews, and I try to keep them employed and busy on a continuing basis—that's tough! I have tried to gather a cadre of skilled and talented people, with good experience, and yes, with a strain of the old school—dedication to their work and pride in what they do. Often finding such people is the toughest thing of all.

My brother is a manufacturer's rep who represents some very fine manufacturers of about 50 products. He runs a clean operation—good products, good service to all and good people with reliable, trustworthy and good information. We share perspectives on how we choose to work and run our businesses. And our view of the other parties in the projects we work.

To the project [in the binders].

They just arrived and I have not had time to really start to get into them, but I have impressions already. A clearly printed, direct text on the covers gives the name of the project, the owner, the design professionals, and other pertinent information. I immediately know, in general what this is all about and the people I will be working for and

with. [Not like some web sites where jazzy graphics obscure the "meat" of the message and surprises the needed information.

I know the design professional's office that produced this project. And that has real meaning to me. I have worked for them twice before, and we worked well. But many times I see documents and projects that are completely unknown to me. These are a flat out "crap-shoot", where I can make money perhaps [I am unashamed about trying to make a profit!] or where I might wind up in court or in other bad situations.

What I like about the design firm is that they are tough—not nasty or pushy, but simply strong and businesslike. They mean what they say—and the proverbial say what they mean. They enforce their documents, and they take the heat where they make an error, never trying to maneuver errors to make them look like I was responsible. We have disagreement, but are never disagreeable—things get talked out and worked out. But their projects appear daunting—three binders of specs!! Wow!, what are we getting into now? Why three binders? Are things so bad, complex, or messy on this project that 3 books are required to keep it straight or to get it right?

My brother has been a God-sent in helping me to understand this situation a little better. Not just this project, but really all projects. He and many of his staff are members of CSI, the Construction Specifications Institute. They all understand the work of CSI in creating a reasonable and consistent format for the display and transfer of information.

I have seethe disarray of projects where the CSI format was not used. I spent more time trying to understand the system and find information, only to find it in its own disarray, and far short of what I needed. That is money out of my pocket—just trying to understand the project! Hey, not all of that is my job!

Come on! The quicker I can find what I need, the quicker I can order it; or resolve it. I do not have to engage in a scavenger hunt every time I need to find something to explain to one of my subs.

But back to the three binders. The small one is titled, "Administrative". One large one is "Architectural"; the other is "Building Systems". Well, I think we can do business here! Each binder contains, I assume [hate to use that word] the information associated with those general categories. So whatever situation I am involved with, I can find the correct binder—NOW! !

But still I get the impression that this project may be at the edge of my range of work—it may stretch me, and my company to get it done. But on the other hand, I like what I see so far, and that is comforting in that I can foresee good relationships, good attitudes, amiable conditions, good understanding, and reasonableness throughout. Guess I'll take the chance

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9:00AM to 9:50AM

Suzanne Nienaber, Training Coordinator, Active Design Program, City of New York, "Active Design 101: An Introduction to New York City's Active Design Guidelines"

10:20AM to 11:10AM

Michael Dorin, Senior VP of Preconstruction, Skanska USA Building, "Project Planning and Preconstruction Services"

11:40AM to 12:30PM

Richard Dattner, FAIA, Principal, Dattner Architects "Essential Architecture- Infrastructure for the Future of New York"

12:30PM to 1:30PM

Jeffrey Matles, President, Metro New York CSI, VP National Sales LumiVisions Architectural Elements, Inc.

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William Menking, Executive Editor, Architects Newspaper

2:00PM to 2:50PM

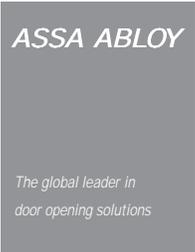
David Resnick, AIA, Deputy Commissioner, Public Buildings, NYC Department of Design and Construction, "Structures"

3:30PM to 4:20PM

Jarrett Huddleston, Principal Associate for Consulting Associates of New York, Inc. "Contemporary Building Envelope Systems: Making it All Work Together"

5:30PM to 7:00PM

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Metropolitan Chapter CSI Monthly Schedule for FY 2011

September 7, 2011 - Casino Night, Beacon Hotel, 2130 Broadway, NY, NY

September 13 - 16 - CONSTRUCT2011, Chicago, IL

October 12, 2011 - Education Day & Tradeshow, Metropolitan Pavillion, 125 West 18th St, NY, NY

November 9, 2011 - CSI and the Future of the Design/Construction Industry, 25 East 26th Street

December 14, 2011 - Holiday Party, Annie Moore's Restaurant, 50 East 43rd St, NY, NY

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