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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



Seminars and program schedule can be found on page 4

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CSI knows how to have a good time

Casino Night to celebrate the Chapter's 60th Anniversary

Nearly 100 people gathered for a night of fun and excitement as we celebrated being the nation's first CSI Chapter in September. There were tables of roulette, 3-card poker, and Texas Hold-'em, and lots of snacks and drinks to keep everyone happy.



We had a great time trying to win more "money" through our skills and (maybe) a little bit of luck. After a short while everyone was in on it.

No birthday party is complete without a cake, and we had one that was elaborately decorated to remind us of why we were celebrating. Sixty years is no small feat!



The big winners for the night were John Lesko, with 10,300 "dollars", which he traded in on an iPod Touch; Bert Korteling had 15,650 and got a Nikon CoolPix camera; and the grand prize went to Ed Thompson who racked up an impressive 18,400. Ed is shown here with his new iPad 2, and next to him is the organizer and producer of the whole event, Program Chair Bob Crane.

Ruma's View CSI Construct 2011

Personal Experience-Ruma Som, Assoc. AIA, AHC, CSI, CDT,
Academic Chair, CSI Metro NY

The CSI Construct in my opinion was a very successful event.

CSI is an organization whose members comprise of experts from different organizations whose mission is to share the body of knowledge, improve building standards and develop state of the art communication tools for the building Industry to create a more sustainable environment. This event which comprised of educational classes, leadership meetings and exhibits provided something worthwhile for all

CSI event is unique as it provides opportunity to meet a mixed crowd- industry leaders who want to come together to make a difference in the building Industry, Architects, Designers & Independent Specification Consultants who attend the Educational Presentations and walk the Exhibit floor to know more about new products and solutions and support services offered in the Building Industry, Design & Construction Team members of Facilities who create guide specs, leaders from other CSI Chapters with whom with we can share best practices , getting to know better my own co-mates at our ASSA ABLOY booth, using opportunity to have a little CSI MNY Education Day Committing meeting and ofcourse walking the exhibit floor with our Chapter President Jeff Matles to see what new can we bring to our Chapter.

I got a bit of all this during last week's event but what inspired me most and touched my heart was my interaction with Lee Kilbourn, FCSI, FAIA, Associate Partner of ZGF Architects, LLP.

I found myself speaking with this man who stopped at our ASSA ABLOY booth, not realizing what a recognized Industry Leader he is. Very soon I realized I was not only speaking to a rare talent but a great human being who can inspire and create future leaders.

The next morning, Lee stopped by to present a book "One Woman's Unique Architectural Journey -The Life and Times of Mary Alice Hutchins" with compliments of his deceased wife Joan Priscilla "Perky" Kilbourn written by his wife J.P Kilbourn and friends in CSI & AIA. This books celebrates the challenges and accomplishments of Mary Alice Hutchins who is the first Women to receive both the FCSI & FAIA award. This is a book that will inspire all, most certainly women or anyone aspiring to make a difference.

Some extracts from the book:

Specs through History

In May 1882 issue of the American Architect and Building News, an article entitles "Specifications" discusses doors:

A door of the right construction to resist fire should be made of good pine, and should be of two or more thickness of matched boards nailed across each other, either at right angles or at forty-five degrees.

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Ruma Som at CSI Construction 2011



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Seminar Program

Wednesday, October 12, 2011

Metropolitan Pavilion

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Changes are a-coming!

Board of Directors sets a bold path for the year.

In a continuing effort to appeal to a wider audience within the design and construction industry the Chapter's Board has taken some decisive actions to shake things up. Under the leadership of President Jeff Matles, and with the assistance of Program Committee Chair Bob Crane, an exciting line-up of programs is planned (see a list on the back page).

The big news, though, is that the **programs will be shorter**, presented in various showrooms and other construction-related **venues throughout Manhattan**, and they will all be **only \$10**.

This will appeal to many current members, too, as it will allow attendees to drop by after work, have a drink and some snack foods, hear a great program, and then be on their way by about 7:00 p.m.

The Board is hoping that the low cost and ease of attending will attract those who may have not have wanted a full dinner with their program, or who need to get home to their families or (yikes!) back to work. For those who like the dinners and their slower pace, don't worry! We'll be having our annual Holiday Party and the Annual Meeting and Awards Night at Annie Moore's Restaurant.

The two tours in the Spring will also be followed by dinners in the neighborhood of the buildings being toured.

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.

Scott Tobias, CSI, CDT, AHC, LEED AP, Director Architectural Development, ASSA ABLOY Door Security Solutions, CSI National, Director-at-large, Past President, Metro New York CSI, Past President, NER CSI

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

Architectural Mixer and Door Prizes



Award Winners for Construct 2011

Distinguished Membership is CSI's most prestigious honor. It is conferred on an individual who has performed distinguished services to the construction industry in fields of activity related to the purposes of the Institute.

Richard Eustis, PE, FCSI, Lifetime Member, CCCA, CSC

Fellowship

Fellows are nominated by their colleagues and selected by CSI's Jury of Fellows in recognition of their accomplishments in advancing construction technology, improving construction specifications, educating people in the construction industry or advancing the goals of CSI.

- J. Gerard Capell, CSI, CCS of CSI's Milwaukee Chapter
- Teri Hand, CSI, CDT of CSI's Phoenix Chapter
- Lynn Javoroski, CSI, CCS of CSI's Milwaukee Chapter
- J. Peter Jordan, CSI, CCS of CSI's Houston Chapter
- Stephen Nash, CSI, CCS, CCCA of CSI's Honolulu Chapter
- John Williams, CSI, CCS of CSI's Kansas City Chapter

Robert P. Brosseau Award for the Advancement of CSI

Doyle T. Phillips, CSI, CCCA

This award is presented to a CSI member who has rendered outstanding service to further the mission and programs of the Institute.

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Ruma's Report-Continued from page 3

Ruma's Personal view of CSI Construct 2011

"On that sample room!"

Hutchins considered the suppliers as great sources of

information for available and valuable products. She said,

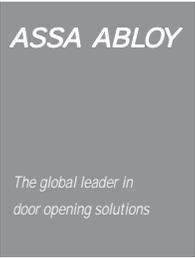
To me that was the exciting part of architecture: to make sure the materials were used properly and correctly, and detailed to last the life of the building.

Time Passes

Belluschi's practice where Hutchins worked was purchased by Skidmore Owings & Merrill when Belluschi was offered the deanship of MIT.

When the representative came from San Francisco office of SOM, Hutchins was fired, as they didn't employ women at that time. Years later, Hutchins had a chuckle as David Pugh, the former head of the Portland Office of SOM, was her "presenter" when she received AIA Fellows medal

We are always striving to learn and share our knowledge. This book offers a glimpse of what CSI is all about and an understanding of what some of our Leaders have accomplished through the years by getting together in Conventions and collectively working towards a common cause.

 <p>The global leader in door opening solutions</p>	<p>Scott J. Tobias, AHC, CDT, CSI, LEED AP Director of Architectural Development</p> <p>Tel: 845-427-0853 * Cell: 854-742-4827 * Email: stobias@assaabloydss.com Visit us at www.assaabloydss.com</p>			
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CONSTRUCT2011 &The CSI Annual Convention Success!

Thousands of architects, specifiers, engineers, contractors and manufacturers converged in Chicago last week for CONSTRUCT2011 &The CSI Annual Convention. The vibe in the classrooms and on the exhibit hall floor was energized!

See photos from CONSTRUCT in [CSI's Flickr Feed](#) or on [CSI's Facebook page](#).

The week began with Cameron Sinclair of [Architecture for Humanity](#) delivering an Opening General Session keynote address that kept attendees talking all week. "There are a million ideas to improve the world, but unless you get them built, they don't make a difference," Sinclair told the crowd. "You cannot do cookie-cutter design and build a community."

Sinclair's ideas and views left an impression with attendees. "It's not about development, it's about building back better," tweeted Eric Lussier, CSI, CDT — a comment repeated over and over by other attendees.

CONSTRUCT2011 also delivered unusual, engaging education, focused on CSI's mission of improving communication in the construction community. Several education sessions sold out before the event even began.

"Another awesome day at #CONSTRUCT," Kirby Davis, CSI, CDT, tweeted. "Too many continuing education sessions I want to go to at the same time!"

Several members tweeted the best advice and lessons they'd learned during education sessions:

- "An architect will specify over 10K products per project & is trained in design, not product knowledge."
- "Go out into the field more. It is there that you will gain your understanding of construction."
- "We need shorter specs using standards like ASTM."

- "IPD came from Australia, where there is 'no adversarial tradition' between architects, GCs & Owners."
- "As a specifier to a product rep: tell me what you do and how you can HELP me."

CSI will add speakers and sessions from CONSTRUCT2011 to [CSI's Speaker Directory](#) in the next few weeks. Watch for an announcement in CSI Weekly. You could invite your favorite speaker to present to your chapter!

Attendee registration was up 7% over last year, which was visible in the exhibit hall, much to the delight of exhibitors. CSI is the only organization that serves commercial-level designers, engineers and contractors and manufacturers, and that unique mix of construction professionals showed in the leads generated on the show floor.

Scott Tobias, CSI, CDT, quoted AMICO saying, "The show has a great flow and the leads are high quality."

Friday, CSI held its annual meeting. A number of [awards](#) were presented to CSI chapters and members during the meeting.

Also at the annual meeting, and for the first time in recent memory, members brought a request for other business to the floor, which led to a vote. The discussion focused on future member growth programs and gave the board input from grassroots-level members on the issue. More information about the annual meeting and the CSI Board meeting held Sunday will be available to all members in the next few weeks – watch for CSI Weekly for news.

CONSTRUCT finished with CSI's Annual Honors & Awards Gala Friday night. Six members were elevated to Fellow during the event, and Richard Eustis was elevated to Distinguished Member, CSI's highest honor. [See who was recognized](#).

"I was humbled by this honor, especially because it's for things I enjoy doing," Eustis said.

"Our industry doesn't change by silver bullets, it changes in increments," he continued. "One of the things CSI is good at is solving problems."

CSI President Paul Bertram finished the night with a rousing speech that challenged CSI members to think “What If CSI...”

“It is a great time to be CSI. It is a simple business premise – where there is confusion there is opportunity, and for CSI, there is lots of opportunity in this situation,” Bertram said. “Listen carefully – I’ve got a few ‘what if’ questions for you to consider as you think about CSI, starting with this one: What if we created programs that combined our members’ expertise with the efforts of others to achieve CSI’s next innovation – our next BIG IDEA?”

For many CSI members, The CSI Annual Convention is as much a reunion and a party as it is an education event.

“Hot dogs, barley pops and CSI friends by the lake at #CONSTRUCT,” J.W. Mollahan tweeted during the Welcome Reception. “Doesn’t get much better than this!”

Andrew J. Drozda Academic Programs Award

James Rose, CSI

This award is presented to a CSI member, chapter, region or group that has worked with an institution of higher education offering a construction-related curricula and has made significant contributions to enhance the image and recognition of CSI, within the educational institution(s), or has significantly contributed to preparing students in construction-related curricula to make a difference in the construction community.

Hans William Meier Award for Advancement of Certification Programs

Thomas L. Clarke, Jr., FCSI, CCS, CCPR, CCCA

This award is presented to a CSI member, Chapter, Region or Group for promoting or developing and implementing construction documents education.

Excellence in Construction Information Award (EICI)

American Decorative Concrete Supply Company and Ceilings Plus

The EICI Award Program is a joint effort of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and Specifications Consultants in Independent Practice (SCIP). The EICI Award was created to recognize excellence, originality or creativity in processes, tools, or documents used in development or construction of the built environment.

Environmental Stewardship Award

Green|Spaces

This award is presented to an individual, chapter, region, or group for demonstrating environmental stewardship by promoting environmental awareness in the construction industry, practicing sustainable design, or educating others in the advantages of designing for sustainability.

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Metropolitan Chapter CSI Monthly Schedule for FY 2012

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, Hafele Showroom,
25 East 26th Street, NY, NY

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

January 11, 2011 - Presentations Make a Difference, location TBA

February 8, 2011 - McKim, Mead and White Classical Ideal, Tandus Flooring Showroom,
71 Fifth Avenue, 2nd fl, NY, NY

March 14, 2011 - Social Media for Construction, Steelcase Showroom, 4 Columbus Circle, NY, NY

April 11, 2011 - Building Tour - Location to be announced

May 9, 2011 - Building Tour: High Line Park, Part 2

June 13, 2011 - Annual Meeting and Awards Night, Annie Moore's, 50 East 43rd St, NY, NY

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