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We’re growing

Our chapter meetings and events have been well attended and great for networking.
It’s a nice problem to have with running short on time visiting old connections and
making new ones before the chapter program begins!

The following is a snapshot of our chapter’s growth of 24 over the past year.

6 new members over the summer:
Casey Gross, Progressive AE
Thomas Koosterman, TPTA
David Laughter, Honor Construction
Zachary Lewis, Metal Tech (member-at-large)
Thomas Ralya, Double O, Inc.
Patrick Scott, Assa Abloy

First member in the CSI Great Lakes Region Chapter Challenge:
Jana Cooper, Third Coast Development

17 New members from last fall to the spring golf outing:
Sept. Adam Rottschafer, Monsma Marketing
Sept. Brian Kloak, Spec Guy Inc.
Oct. Dawn Cenoa, Sherwin Williams
Oct. Jessica Thibeaut, SME-USA
Oct. Nicholas Hixon, Tremco Inc.
Nov. Amanda Gray, Dow
Dec. Randall Meulenberg, Eisen Group
Jan. Phil Catalano, FBM Sales
Mar. Jason Potter, Progressive AE
Mar. John Fick, Progressive AE
Mar. Tom Dawson, Progressive AE
Mar. Mark Cahill, Progressive AE
Mar. Ben Buter, Verso Agency
Apr. Brandon Hartwick, Progressive AE
Apr. Samer Sinawi, Jaimes Industries
Apr. Nic Bitting, Pella by Horne
May Sarah Sutton, Progressive AE

Communications Update

Our incoming president, Justin DeMarco,
finalized and launched our LinkedIn:

https://www.linkedin.com/company/
construction-specifications-institute-
grand-rapids-chapter/

Our communications chair, Christopher
Alexander, has completed the maze of CSI
microsite hosted vs. independent sites
and we have launched our updated site:

https://www.csiresources.org/
ncisigrandrapids/home

Design & Construction EXPO
Spring 2019

Contact Charlie Appleby for more information or
to volunteer to help organize, set-up or sponsor!
applebycharlie@mwacrsc.com
616-291-3087
President’s Message

Welcome to 2018/2019

I would first like to welcome you all to the 2018-2019 CSI Grand Rapids season. I believe a brief introduction should be in order, as some of you know me, but many of you do not. I have been a CSI Grand Rapids Chapter member since 1997. Earning my CDT in the same year. I have worked for Progressive AE for 24+ years and am a Senior Architectural Job Captain. I have held a Directors position with the chapter a few times and have been one of the most recent Scholarship/Golf Outing chairs. Yes, that was me the past few years coordinating the Annual Jim Hojnacki Scholarship Golf Outing. After much peer pressure (from those whom will remain anonymous) I ran for President of the chapter this past year, and, well, here I am.

We, as a chapter have a lot going this year. We will be holding our Annual West Michigan Design Expo next spring, as well as being a part of the 2019 Region Conference, along with the Lansing Chapter, Detroit Chapter and the Toledo Chapter. The 2019 Region Conference will be held in Detroit on April 11, 12 and 13. This is a great opportunity to learn more about our Region Leadership, network with other CSI chapters, and learn more about leadership roles in your local chapter. Please try to make a point to get out to Detroit next spring. We have some great things planned. Look for the registration requests coming in the near future.

As for our West Michigan Design and Construction Expo, things are being worked out, as I type, regarding the venue and dates – So Stay Tuned.

Over the years we have offered a variety of classes relevant to the needs of all our design and construction partners – architects, engineers, contractors, and facility managers. For many it has been a source of continuing education credits necessary for maintaining licensing or certification.

So, we are putting out our annual call for presenters/speakers. If you have heard/seen or have a presentation, we would be interested. Again, we are targeting an audience of all of our design and construction partners. Each program should be about 45 minutes in length. AIA or USGBC credits are a bonus. If you are or know a speaker please contact Charlie Appleby at Applebycharlie@mwacrs.com or Gregg Jones at gregg.jones@c2ae.com.

A WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST BOARD MEMBERS

Other than myself, I would like to welcome 4 new members to our board. Elise Love, with Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates (WJE) is coordinating all the Programs for the coming year. Justin DeMarco, with BASF, is our President-Elect, Brendon Hartwick, with Progressive AE, is our Membership Chair, and last, but certainly not least, Kevin Bush, with ATAS International, Inc., is our Scholarship/Golf Outing Chair for this year. Please welcome them at the next Chapter Meeting, September 13th at the 84th Street Pub and Grille, 8282 Pfeiffer Farms Drive, Byron Center, MI.

Thank you!

Jeff Murphy, CSI, CDT, AAIA
Grand Rapids CSI Chapter President FY19

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  Advertising Chair

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Grand Rapids CSI Chapter President FY19
Practical, Code-Compliant Detailing for Mid-Rise Wood Structures  (Course #15LL11)

With an increase in mid-rise wood-frame buildings, more designers are seeking information on code-compliant and constructible detailing. Many are unsure of the code's requirements for details, especially at the intersection of rated assemblies and where structure and fire protection meet.

This presentation will focus on common detailing issues and areas of misunderstanding - including fire resistance rating continuity, allowable uses of wood framing in shaft and fire walls, and fire safety principles associated with the intersection of two rated assemblies.

Mid-rise wood-frame opportunities and code-specified building sizes will also be reviewed, followed by discussion of detailing code requirements, code compliance, and rationale for approval with an emphasis on constructability and practicality.

http://www.woodworks.org/education/event-presentations/

Speaker background:

Archie lives in Racine, Wisconsin and is the North Central Regional Director for "WoodWorks!", an initiative of the Wood Products Council.

Archie has been with "WoodWorks!" since 2008 and has been actively involved in wood education and converting and assisting with commercial wood projects. Some notable project assistance examples would be the T-3 building in Minneapolis and the Buffalo Sabres Arena in Buffalo, New York. Archie has assisted on over one hundred projects and provided hundreds of hours of education to architects and engineers.

Archie has been active in the wood and structural building component industry since 1970, and has extensive experience with structural lumber, engineered wood products, SIPS, and mass timber.

As relationships are critical to "WoodWorks!" mission, he is an active and participating member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), Association of Licensed Architects (ALA), Construction Specifications Institute (CSI), Forest Products Society (FPS), National Frame Building Association (NFBA), Structural Building Components Association (SBCA), Structural Engineers Association (SEA), Structural Insulated Panel Association (SIPA), and works closely with the Forest Products Lab in Madison, Wisconsin.
Recent Event Attendance

**May CSI meeting:**

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We had six show without RSVP and 5 no-shows, but attendance was higher than anticipated for guests. Reds Restaurant staff quickly set up for more tables and food with ease on short notice. 4 of those guests went on to become members over the summer, with one of those signing up another member this September.

**June Annual James Hojnacki Scholarship Golf Outing:**

by Jim Hojnacki, CCS (retired), Member Emeritus

Another great job by the Golf Committee. There were 19.75 foursomes who played some SUPER GOLF on a wonderful sunny day. Personally, I think that this will have to be my last golf outing as a player and I will have to stay on as a helper on one of the event holes. After the first hole, my shots were so bad that my team relegated me to the Ladies Tees, and I still could not manage more than 125 yards (if I actually hit the ball at all). Even with that extra advantage on Hole #8, I was still 50 yards behind the long drive winner. My poor performance is not the real reason that I will have to stop playing. I could not walk for 2 or 3 weeks afterwards because of severe Bilateral Hip Strain. I confiscated my wife’s walker just to move around for two weeks.

**We had a total of 79 golfers** at the Thornapple Pointe Golf Club for our “33rd” Annual Scholarship Golf Outing, and about $2000 was raised to benefit the Scholarship Fund.

**Individual prizes were awarded as follows:**

- **Longest Drive** - Hole #7 - Dian Selleck-Wilson who beat Mary Poma and Jim Collins.
- **Closest to Pin** - Hole #8 - Bill Robertson who beat Kevin Bush.
- **Closest to Pin** - Hole #12 - Larry Erhardt who beat Craig VanDoeselaar, Bob Eastley, and Wade Wilkey.
- **Longest Drive** - Hole # 13 - Craig VanDoeselaar who beat Austin Bender, Wade Wilkey, Dave Springvoed, and Curt Kerkstra.

**Company sponsors are the life blood** of our Scholarship Outing and they did another magnificent job of supporting this year’s event. Thank you for all who generously donated:

- **Jaimes Industries**, a new member to our organization, sponsored the Buffet Brunch
- There were no sponsors for the Putting and Chipping Contest
- **CSI** sponsored the 6-Pack Beverage Bags
- **Mull-It-Over Products** sponsored the beverage cart, that always seemed to have perfect timing
- **The Hole Sponsors**: (some sponsors volunteered to sponsor two holes)

  - BASF
  - Double-O Craftsmen
  - Foundation Bldg. Materials (new name for Home Acres Supply)
  - Georgia Pacific
  - Jaimes Industries
  - Jeld-Wen
  - Kemper Systems
  - Monsma Marketing
  - Progressive AE
  - Vapro Shield
  - Tubelite.

Several individuals also spent many hours helping to organize, set up, and physically man the various events throughout the day. These folks are Erin Jackson (Allegion), Gregg Jones (C2AE), Gary Beimers (GB Consulting and Past CSI Institute Secretary), and finally Mr. Ed “Guido” Avink, who made sure that deadlines were kept and that everybody was smiling when their pictures were taken. OOPS - Oh, yeah, and don’t forget Jeff Murphy who has been coordinating this whole event for a couple of years now.
Jun Charity Scholarship Golf Outing (cont’d.)

Monsma Marketing
Team 1: Harold Haftka
        Adam Rottschafer
        Gary Johnson

Builder’s Exchange
Team 2: Elizabeth Bovard
        Larry Erhardt Jr.
        Steve Carsten
        Glenn Rahn

Atas
Team 3: Kevin Bush
        Dan Hill
        Jeff Murphy
        Shawn Letlow

BASF
Team 4: Justin DeMarco
        Luis Espada
        Mary Poma
        Woody Gontina

Reed Architectural Solutions
Team 5: Jerry Reed
        Jim Hojnacki
        Steve Parker
        David Laughter

Verso Agency
Team 6: Ben Buter
        Keith Gibson
        Randy Baker
        Dave Shaffer

MWA
Team 7: Charlie Appleby
        Gregg Scott
        Molly Whisman
        Don Corrigan

Robertson Pool Design/Build
Team 8: Bill Robertson
        Paul Shay
        Mike Shay
        Travis Sage

Double O / Jeld-Wen
Team 9: Tom Ralya
        Mike Stoffel
        Matt Kubiak
        Craig Van Doeselaar

Vapro Shield
Team 10: Alan Wiechert
        Brian Welsh
        Phil Johnson
        Rick Lauffer

Selleck Architectural Sales
Team 11: Dian Selleck-Wilson
        Curt Kerkstra
        Dana Tran
        Doug Elzinga

Jaimes Industries
Team 12: Sam Sinawi
        Brian Edoff
        Kyle Kerkstra

Tubelite
Team 13: Dan Goodman
        Kim Hunt
        Jeff Vliek
        Wade Wilkey

Ferris State University
Team 14: Bob Eastley
        Lee Templin
        Belan Beicek
        Diane Nagelkirk

J2 Sales
Team 15: J (not Jay) Costen
        Jana Cooper
        Kevin
        Carl Chapman

Kemper System
Team 16: Braeden Kleven

Runlon Company
Team 17: Brandon Hatley
        Jason Haynes
        Andy Walenga
        Austin Bender

Allegion No. 1
Team 18: Jeremy Cassel
        Doug Skene
        Bill Bodinaku
        Mark Cahill

Allegion No. 2
Team 19: Chris Meuller
        Tim Kaye
        Wayne Bickel
        Buddy Huver

Kasco Inc.
Team 20: Tom Buchanan
        Jim Bartelbaugh
        Dave Arnold
        Michael Wychers
CSI pins are being offered to members at a low cost of $8.00. These pins have been a tradition in our chapter and we hope to continue this. Show your support for CSI by wearing these wonderful pins.

**OUR MISSION**

TO ADVANCE CONSTRUCTION DOCUMENTATION AND EDUCATE BUILDING TEAMS TO IMPROVE PROJECT PERFORMANCE IN WEST

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**Chapter Member Anniversaries (September)**

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**New CSI Members (May-September):**

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- Casey Gross  Progressive AE
- Thomas Kloosterman TPTA
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- Sarah Sutton  Progressive AE

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**MasterFormat Application Guide**

Gary Beimers FCSI, CDT, SCIP

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 SPEC THAT!
32 31 16—Welded Wire Fences
meet
32 33 43:13 – Site Seating

 SPEC THAT!
10 74 13 – Exterior Clocks
(Michigan by the Numbers!)

 SPEC THAT!
11 68 13 – Playground Equipment

 SAY WHAT ?????
10 14 00 Signage

 REMEMBER WHEN!
11 11 00 – Vehicle Service Equipment

 Safety First ?????
CSI program beverage sponsors:

Thank you to our current and future sponsors! We’re always looking for sponsors and ways to thank them.

Maybe you would like to pair up with a program that is similar to your company’s mission?

Contact Elise Love, J Costen or Charlie Appleby for information.

Upcoming programs:

October 2018:
“Universal Design” by Mike Perry of Progressive AE

Events pending, final dates TBD:
Christmas Fowling
Panel Discussion
Family Night Outing
CSI Jeopardy Night

June 2019:
Golf Outing
GET READY FOR THE DATE – SPRING 2019

We have made the decision to move the West Michigan Design and Construction Expo to spring of 2019 late March, date to be determined. We thank the folks at Builders Exchange for all their hard work in the past several years for partnering with CSI Grand Rapids.

CSI will be forging ahead on our own with the show in the future. Again, thanks to Elizabeth and the GRBX Team for their contribution to the success of this important event. Going forward we will need to recruit volunteers at many levels. I would like to ask any product representatives that have an interest in making this show a success to reach out to me or any board member. Join the Expo team for fun and networking.

EXHIBITOR BOOTH SALES ARE NOW AVAILABLE FOR THE 2019 WEST MICHIGAN DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION EXPO

Get registered early to get the discount rate and prime spots. This is the only design construction expo opportunity in West Michigan. We have been averaging about 500 attendees – architects, engineers, specifiers, contractors, facility managers, manufacturers, and product representatives from the West Michigan area.

If you are an architect, engineer, specifier, contractor, or facility manager encourage the manufacturers and product representatives who visit you to get a booth.

If you are a manufacturer or product representative encourage those architects, engineers, specifiers, contractors, and facility managers to be sure to visit you at your booth at the expo.

GET YOUR BOOTH TODAY!

WMDCE 2016

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Transitioning to Retirement
by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CSC

Sorry for the long absence, but life has been interesting the last few months. (If you don’t care what happened, skip to the bottom for the articles.) In December, I retired from BWBR, where I had worked for twenty-two years. You might think I would have been prepared, but my departure was a bit unexpected. I had talked with the powers-that-be about my exit strategy for several years, and the plan was that I would cut my hours to thirty per week but stay on for at least another year. For a number of reasons that wasn’t going to work, so instead of phasing out over a year or more, I went from 150 mph to zero in a couple of weeks.

You probably won’t be surprised, but the transition to retiree wasn’t all that difficult. I sleep more and better than I did just months ago, and I found that there are many benefits. As a homeowner, I’ll never run out of things to do, but now I don’t have to try to get something done over a weekend; I just keep plugging away until it’s done. I have discovered that many stores are pretty much empty during the day, and that restaurants have great lunch menus.

A couple of other things have proven extremely interesting, primarily Social Security and Medicare. After years of just buying medical coverage through the office, trying to navigate the Federal Labyrinth has been a bit of a challenge. Getting a new computer also proved to be fun. I had to transfer all the files and contacts from the office computer to the new one, after installing and updating the software I use.

One of the biggest problems was sending newsletter articles. I didn’t realize that gmail limits the number of emails that can be sent in a day, so my first attempts ended up with a few editors getting articles, but most getting nothing. That led me to Mail Chimp, which I hope will resolve that particular problem. So here I am, sending newsletter articles several months later than I should have. Enjoy!

Head to Head: Clancy v Wolfe
by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CSC

It’s been thirty-three years since I took my first job as a specifier. This glorious career came to an early end a few months ago when I left my last office, where I had worked for twenty-two years. Add to that the years I worked in “real” architecture after graduating from architecture school in 1975, and it’s been a long road.

My last firm regularly announced milestone anniversaries, and, beginning with the tenth anniversary, each honoree was given the opportunity to say a few words. At my tenth and fifteenth anniversaries, I took a project manual to the lectern, opened it, and intoned, “And now for an interpretive reading of a specification section.” The next time you speak, try it; it’s always good for a laugh.

For my twentieth anniversary, I couldn't help but think back on my career. I decided I should compare myself to another writer, and, for reasons I can't explain, I chose Tom Clancy. That might sound crazy, but we’re both prolific writers, and there is a resemblance...

Mr. Clancy’s statistics are easy to find. I found the number of books in print, number of video games sold, number of books rated number one on the New York Times best seller list, number of weeks the hardcover version of Hunt for Red October was on the best seller list, number of weeks the paperback version was on the list, number of words per book, and so on. Clancy began in 1984, and I wrote my first specifications in 1985. Unfortunately for him, Clancy died in 2013, so I had the benefit of a few more years. The time we had been writing could have been a factor, but in the end, it played no part.
Oddly, my own statistics were harder to find. I started with the number of project manuals I had issued, then estimated the number of specification sections, the number of words per page, and the number of pages to determine the total number of words. I discounted the mechanical and electrical volumes, and took partial credit for civil and structural specifications, mixed in a few other considerations, and decided I had published the equivalent of 400 books. With that as a start, I thought, I could at least be competitive.

Tom Clancy is credited with writing over 100 books. I didn’t include mechanical and electrical specs in my total, so I didn’t include the many books Clancy co-wrote. Also, because much of his celebrity is based on his fiction writing, I decided to not include his non-fiction work. In the end, I gave him credit for 25 books. So, coming out of the gate, I am far ahead, 400 books to 25.

Other than the number of books written, I wondered, how else could I compare our work?

Although I had written more than Clancy, none of my books made the New York Times Best Sellers list. Clancy scored 17. Producing best sellers obviously means an author’s books are being read; Clancy wins this category as well. Assuming all the books he sold were read, more than 100 million people read his books. It’s likely that many of those books were passed on to others, so the total could easily be twice that number.

No one bought any of my project manuals, but, at least in theory, each of my project manuals was read by at least the project architect, other staff architects working on the project, our consultants, several people on the owners’ staffs, and all the contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and installers working on my projects. Even though I could throw modesty aside and claim all those people had read my project manuals, we all know better. In reality, the number of my project manuals that were read is probably closer to three, and those only partially.

With all the best sellers he wrote, Clancy was an obvious candidate for Hollywood. Of the books he wrote alone, five were made into successful movies. Because of the number of project manuals I issued, I’m sure someone from Hollywood has tried to contact me, but they’re probably using an old email address.

And then there are the games. More than forty video games and a few board bear Clancy’s name. Although none of my project manuals have been made into games, there have been occasions when one contractor or another seemed to think they were games.

Finally, I compared our incomes. When I learned his net worth was estimated at more than $780 million, I didn’t bother to find out what Clancy made for each of his books. I’m still counting on the lottery to get me to millionaire status, but who knows, maybe I’ll win one of those billion-dollar Powerball payouts.

With money comes property, and here again I come up just a bit short. According to Wikipedia, Clancy had an 80-acre estate that was once a summer camp in Maryland, with a panoramic view of the Chesapeake Bay. His $2 million home had 24 rooms and a shooting range in the basement; in the yard was an M4 Sherman tank. He also had a condo in Baltimore’s Inner Harbor. My wife and I have a five-acre plot in rural Minnesota, with a pond in the back yard. We had a 1949 Ford F3 pickup in the yard, but that's gone.

With that sobering view of my career, you might think I am disappointed. Although it would be fun to publish a real book, and even more fun to have it be a best seller, I don’t think I’ve wasted my time. Working in construction offers a satisfaction unknown in most other occupations; I can point to many buildings that fulfill the owner’s needs - and will continue to be useful for decades - and say, ‘I had a hand in that!’

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