



NEWSNOTE

Austin Chapter, CSI

January 2018

The Construction Specifications Institute

BUILD EXPO!

CSI Austin Chapter is starting the 2018 with the Build Expo at the Austin Convention Center. Consider volunteering at our booth or simply attending the event. The Build Expo is free and offers plenty of CEU opportunities.

Our Lunch and Learn series will officially kick off in February. We have many great programs planned and can't wait to see you again!

HAPPY NEW YEAR



NATION'S PREMIERE BUILDING AND CONSTRUCTION SHOW

Austin

JANUARY 24 & 25, 2018

AUSTIN CONVENTION CENTER
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President's Message



Dearest Members,
Welcome to a new year! And with a new year comes resolutions and changes in CSI terms:

Resolutions are the result of claims for compensation that can be made by various stakeholders in a project: Owners, subcontractors, workers.

Trying to get a resolution before litigation with your contractor is key. Avoiding large expense when getting into this stage is dependent on how well your project documents are prepared and to a point how well you treat each other. Make your Project Documents as CLEAR, CONCISE, CORRECT and COMPLETE as possible and treat each other with respect and empathy, and things will go much smoother.

CLEAR, CONCISE, CORRECT and COMPLETE. The 4 C's are critical. Don't let a crunch in time or personnel lead you to issue a project that has not been properly vetted. You need to have a second set of eyes review those drawings and specifications. How? Use the resources you already have! Have your peers review the drawings before they go out. Have your Product Representatives review the project documents related to their product. In case you still need help, hire a competing firm to review your drawings (the more competitive, the better). Believe it or not, your investment in the 4 C's before your project goes out will pay you back tenfold in reduction of contract disputes, change orders, time delays, and cost overruns.

And how about those change orders?

Change orders are defined as a change in the scope of work that causes a time or monetary change. A change order begins when an Architectural Supplemental Instruction, ASI, is issued. When there is no effect on the time or cost of the project, it stays as a ASI. Once there is a time or cost change, it becomes a change order. Remember, the cost of the change order is not only the final number that is issued, but also the cost for administering it. Change orders are a natural part of the construction industry. But when you are receiving a change order every other day, you need to understand that a change order can cost several times as if it was done correctly the first time. Much more if it involves demolition and redesign.

This is the time to look at your preconstruction process. Here again the four C's will help you to limit the number of change orders that you receive. Looking at each specification and each drawing and answering the question: "Have you addressed the 4 C's?" yes, will help you to avoid costly change orders and litigation.

Take care of your project as if it was your first child, not your fifth.

Best Regards,
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“If you build it well, a satisfaction comes, an honor to say I built that with fidelity, purpose, value and integrity.”- Richard L. Ratliff



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NOVEMBER BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Marina Reynaga, Anthony Garcia (phone), William Massingill, Brad Bennett (phone), Scott Mokry (phone), Becky Winovitch, Jevon Johnson (proxy), Cameron McElhanev

Call to Order: Marina Reynaga called meeting to order at 12:09 pm

Meeting Minutes: Meeting Minutes for November were approved as noted.

Agenda: Approved

Committee Reports:

Membership (AG): No Report

Programs (MR):

1. Dec: Holiday party (date / location TBD), No Lunch Sponsor, suggest hotel Ella to Robbin
2. Jan 15: Roby Schaufele, Roof/ Wall Connection details, AIA and GBCI credit. Lunch Sponsor: LaForce, Inc- Architectural Services Consultant- Cancelled; reschedule.
3. Jan 24-25, 2018: Austin Build Expo @ Austin CC, Need volunteers, no lunch sponsor.
4. February 19: Dirk Kestner, Life Cycle Assessment of LEED v4 Walter P Moore, Director of Sustainability design (confirm in December)
5. March 19: TBD
6. April 16: Francisco Arredondo, Austin Container Bar Architect
7. May 21: Jody Boatman, Door Hardware
8. June 2018, Summer Party, Get together/ New Board Introduction, no lunch Sponsor
9. Program Suggestions:
 - a. Lean Construction and CSI
 - b. LEED v4 Materials 20 products that meet criteria (check with Austin Green Building Program)
 - c. Check with Austin Green Building Program
 - d. New Central Library Tour (Lake Flato)
 - e. Seaholm Power Plant Conversion

Publications (AA): Send in meeting minutes, presidents message and announcements

Awards (AA): Criteria for future CSI Austin Volunteer of the Year Award to be developed- Use CSI Central Region Criteria, Ask Robbin.

By-Laws (TA): The By Laws can be found on our website <http://austin.csinet.org/FunctionalMenu-Category/About/Chapter-Organizational-Documents/Austin-CSI-Chapter-By-Laws.pdf>

Publicity (MR): MR to contact AIA and Construction News for advertising. Look at TSPE Contractors general contractors

newsletters and additional newsletters

Certification: Vacant

Academic Programs: Table for spring 2018, whole program will change, coordinate with SCR, ask community who is planning to take the CDT

Finance (SM): \$40K +/- surplus. Scott to investigate investment options for budget surplus.

Communications/ Social media (RK): No Report.

House (MR): Looking for lunch sponsors. Ask Owens Corning, Hilti...suggestions accepted have asked several PR and they just need to confirm a date. Board voted: Lunch sponsor needed by the 7th or no lunch will be provided.

Archive Vacant: Put on Microsite

Old Business:

1. Brainstorming for getting UT architecture & engineering schools involved is ongoing (William is trying to schedule introductory meeting w/ new UTSoA Dean).
2. SCR Conference Oct 20-21, 2017, Attendees: Marina, Cameron anyone else?
3. Allowing additional people on conference call for board meetings. These meetings are open to all board members but only board members have voting rights.
4. Forward the links for meetings to social media.
5. AIA credentials ok for 2018, payment and cost.

Motion to adjourn was made and approved; meeting adjourned at approximately 1:15 pm.

Next Board Meeting scheduled to meet at the office of O'Connell Robertson between 12 and 1pm on Friday January 5, 2018.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



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In order to allow all users of the system to continue managing their credits, CSI offers the following options:

Option 1 (CSI Members Only): Login to the CSI website and view your CSU CEUs in the Electronic Transcription Service (ETS). Required CSI Member login.

Option 2 (CSI Members and & Non-Members): Click on the link below. Follow instructions to setup an AECDaily.com account.

<http://education.csinet.org/>

January 2018

1/1-18

Free Week
 Around Austin
do512.com/freeweekatx

1/15

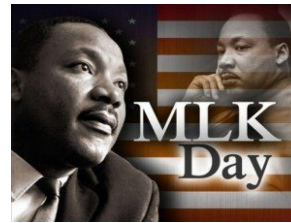
Martin Luther King March and Festival
 Huston-Tillotson University
mlkcelebration.com

1/15

CSI Austin Chapter Meeting
 AIA Offices- 11:30-1:00pm

1/19

Martin Luther King Day!



1/24 & 25

Build Expo Open 10am- 3pm
 Austin Convention Center Exhibit Floor Open

1/24

Citizen Jane: Battle for the City
 Paramount Theater
 713 Congress Ave 78701

February 2018

2/1. 28

Black History Month
 Various Venues

2/19

Presidents Day!



2/24

Austin Oyster Festival
 Seaholm Lawn
www.austinoysterfestival.com

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