



NEWSNOTE

Austin Chapter, CSI

September 2017

The Construction Specifications Institute

ADA MEETING ACCESSIBILITY STANDARDS FOR OPENINGS

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Please join us for our September Lunch Presentation by

Debra Powers-Wafford, Architectural Specification Consultant at Hager Companies.

Program Overview:

- ◆ Four priorities a building owner must consider to comply with ADA
- ◆ Physical Disabilities
- ◆ Title III 4.13 Doors
- ◆ Maneuvering clearances
- ◆ ADA checklist

Learning Objectives:

- ◆ Understanding door hardware requirements relating to ADA compliance
- ◆ Requirements for approach dimensions in building design
- ◆ Define accessible routes
- ◆ Title III compliance, maneuvering clearances



(Speaker's bio on page two)

Monday September 18, 2017

Networking 11:30 | Lunch and Program 11:45

Austin Center for Architecture, 801 W. 12th Street, Austin, TX. 78701

Click below to preregister for this event:

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Attendance Fee: \$5.00 per person

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Debra Powers-Wafford, DHI, CSI



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Architectural Specification Consultant

Debra Powers-Wafford is currently the President of the Forth Worth CSI Chapter. She also serves as education chair for the South Central Region and works at the Institute level on the Curriculum Practice Area Committee. Prior to coming to the construction industry, Debra taught chemistry and physics on the high school level. She has 16 years and counting in the industry and has spent 9 years in the field in project management for a large door distributor. Debra is enjoying 7 years with Hager Companies as a specification consultant. She has supplied specifications for several high profile projects like 88 Kushner (a twin to the Trump Tower) and The Alamo (a historical renovation with access control). She has projects across the country and is passionate about her company, industry and CSI.

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President's Message



Greetings!

This month, as the seasons change and kids are back in school, I am reminded of all the changes we go through in our lives. Everyone has a story to tell.

I will tell you a little bit of mine .

I was a rather sheltered child whose main goal was to be the first member of the family to go to college. With lots of hard work and dedication, I did it!

I began working as a Structural Engineer immediately after I graduated. Structural Engineering defined me. It was who I was and what I did. I worked under some of the most intelligent and ethical engineers in the business. I learned so much from my co-workers. I was your stereotypical engineer who buried her head in her cubicle and didn't social much. I was married and had my three beautiful children. Everything was as I had planned.

Then, the recession hit. I was laid off. The whole world crumbled underneath my feet. I felt lost. If I wasn't a structural engineer, then who was I?

It took a few years, lots of tears and counseling to help me come out of the hole I fell into. I eventually found work. My new job consisted of writing construction change orders. I worked long hours to get my work done. I loved it! However, the work environment was a toxic. On top of that, my marriage was failing. After 8 months, I quit. It felt exhilarating and empowering to leave. It gave me the courage to begin the process of divorce. It was difficult but necessary to promote a healthier environment both professionally and personally.

Work was easy to find or last very long. One company closed the week I started working.

It was then that I decided that I was going to be my own boss. I started Reynaga Consulting, PLLC. Most of people haven't heard of it because I was, shortly after, contracted to be an Architectural Representative. But now, I'm ready for the next phase in my life.

What's next? I really don't know. There have been so many life changing events. I took my kids on our first family vacation that didn't involve visiting relatives. It was fantastic! My oldest daughter is a freshman at UT Austin, my oldest son is a sophomore in high school, and my youngest son is starting his first year in middle school. I met my soul mate. I became the president of this amazing association that is filled with the most wonderful people. There are still some things that aren't quite perfect; however I have a house filled with my beautiful family and rescue pets. Each one of them has his/ her wonderfully unique personalities.

Remember that whatever you may be struggling with .Life is Beautiful.

Best Regards,

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My life: under construction, but beautiful+- A.D. Posey

JULY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Attendees: Marina Reynaga, Anthony Garcia, William Massingill, America Alva, Brad Bennett (Phone), William Massingill, Becky Winovitch,

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

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

Agenda: Approved

Committee Reports:

Membership (AG): Ongoing activities

Programs (All):

1. Aug 21: James Rickard/ TAS
2. Sept 18: Hager rep / access control (exact topic TBD)
3. Oct 16: Shirley Ellis / 2015 IECC
4. Nov 20: Jody Boatman / door hardware issues with respect to 2015 IECC.
5. Dec: Holiday party (date / location TBD)
6. Jan 24-25, 2018: Austin Build Expo @ Austin CC, Need volunteers
7. Suggestions:
 - a. Austin Container Bar owned by Bridgette Dunlap and featured on Texas Society of Architects website <https://texasarchitects.org/v/article-detail/A-Container-Bar/ji/> was designed by Francisco Arredondo of North Arrow Studio <http://www.northarrowstudio.com/>. (MR to investigate options for this as June mtg)
 - b. Residential specifications by Joe Artesky
 - c. Walter P Moore, Director of Sustainable design. Dirk Kestner (America to follow up)

Publications (AA): Correct CSI Newsnote as discussed in the meeting.

Awards (AA): Criteria for future CSI. Austin Volunteer of the Year Award to be developed. Use CSI South Central Region Criteria, Marina to research.

By-Laws (TA): Marina to notify Board as to where Austin Chapter by-laws can be accessed: 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](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.

Certification: Vacant

Academic Programs: Vacant. Robbin agreed to coordinate prep class (date, venue, speaker [lodging/ meals/ etc if speaker is not local], etc) for Fall CDT exam being held 9/25 thru 12/10. possible speakers are Alex Brenhard or Peter Jordan (note does this fall under academic programs or certification?)

Finance (SM): \$40K +/- surplus. Scott to investigate investment options for budget surplus and to verify if AIA has invoiced us.

Communications/ Social media (RK):

1. FaceBook page is being managed by Robbin
2. LinkedIn has been re-created and is being managed by Robbin.
3. Robbin and William are to look into updates for CSI micro site.
4. Per Brad, Twitter page (@CSI_Austin_TX) has been created and is being managed by Brad.
5. Meeting minutes are to be uploaded to DropBox archives annually (assigned to William)
6. CSI advertising in weekly AIA Austin e-publication is being managed by Marina

House (RB): Robbin agreed to coordinate lunch sponsors. Should House Committee Chair change to Robbin Kersey since she is taking over Lunch Sponsors?

Archive Vacant: On Mircrosite

Old Business:

1. AIA Summer Conference (August 3-4, 2017 Norris Conference Center. There was a miscommunication about set up. Next event needs an event chairperson.
2. Brainstorming for getting UT Architecture & Engineering schools involved
3. CSI allied membership: on hold until AIA Austin determines protocol.
4. Process needed for feeds to AIA Austin & other media. Marina is managing publicity
5. Each Board member needs to know duties of their position. discussed at length.

New Business:

1. Star Chapter. helps organizations promote memberships. Anthony will look up and talk to representative.
2. Minute-Marina will take over writing the minutes.
3. Marina is to notify Board as to where Austin Chapter by-laws can be accessed
4. By-Laws mention an Audit Committee, Scott to verify we need one.
5. Brainstorming for getting UT architecture & engineering schools involved is ongoing (Becky is trying to schedule introductory meeting w/ new UTSoA Dean)

Motion to adjourn was made and approved; meeting adjourned at approximately 1:02pm.

Next Board Meeting scheduled to meet at the office of O'Connell Robertson between 12 and 1pm on Friday September 1, 2017.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 2017

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

- 9/2-9/3 **Pirelli World Challenge**
 Circuit of The Americas
www.circuitoftheamericas.com
- 9/4 
- 9/4 **Free Day of Yoga** Various Locations
www.freedayofyoga.com
- 9/17 **Austin Museum Day**
 Museums Across Austin
www.austinmuseums.org
- 9/18 **CSI Austin Chapter meeting**
 AIA Offices - 11:30-12:45 pm
- 9/23-9/24 **Fall Pecan Street Festival**
 Sixth Street Austin
www.pecanstreetfestival.org
- 9/30/17 **AustOberfest**
 Scholz Garten
www.austoberfest.com

October 2017

- 10/6-10/8 **Austin City Limits Music Festival**
- 10/13-10/15 **Zilker Park**
- 10/13 **2017 Central Texas Stucco Symposium-**
 Beyond the Scratch Coat
 JJ Pickle Research Center
 10100 Burnet Road
- 10/16 **CSI Austin Chapter meeting**
 AIA Offices - 11:30-12:45 pm
- 10/20-22 **Formula 1 United States Grand Prix**
 Circuit of Americas
- 10/29 **Ironman 70.3 Austin**
 Various Locations
- 10/31 **Texas Fireworks Dia de los Muertos**
 Celebration Krieq Baseball Field
<http://planetktexasfireworks.com/>

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