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Construction Specifications Institute
May 2015



May 12th Meeting Level of Development Specification for BIM

Presentation by Ronald F. Dellaria,
Chief Compliance Officer for Astorino



Ron Dellaria is the inspiration behind a guide to help eliminate "BIM babble," is passionate about paperless deliverables. He predicts they will define a new standard of care in the buildings sector.

To that end, the volunteer LOD Working Group of the Associated General Contractors' BIM Forum released last summer the Dellaria-inspired guide, "Level of Development Specification."

The spec, offered free of charge, is like architectural graphic standards for building information modeling. It is intended to facilitate targeted model creation and management and provide confidence for BIM users.

Dellaria, who is a member of the LOD group, says the spec will enhance prescribed reliability, which he defines as the "minimum required level of accuracy necessary for a 3D intelligent object to achieve the purpose of its intended use."

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NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION

Scoglio Restaurant
661 Andersen Drive
Building 7, Foster Plaza
Green Tree, PA 15220
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5:00 Board Meeting
5:00 Social
5:45 Dinner
7:00 Program

Cost \$35
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Vice-President's Message

May 2015

by Richard Strayer, 1st Vice-President

Thank you for taking the time to read our CSI Specigram.

Since you have invested this much time, how about investing a little more time to understand what CSI is all about?

CSI is dedicated to "Building Knowledge, Improving Project Delivery".

Specifications are the back-bone of the quality and ultimately a project's success. CSI is a unique mix of architectural professionals and industry focused members

that are uniquely suited to help accomplish the goal of every industry person:

Quality Construction Projects delivered on-time and on-budget!

CSI is a voluntary organization of members dedicated to the efficacy of specifications in the construction industry. The mix of architectural members and product representatives with specific, in-depth knowledge of their products provides a perfect opportunity to meet the needs of Architects in the constantly evolving construction industry. Our business members benefit by keeping architects apprised of the best practices and newest technology to be the preferred product when possible. The Architect benefits by being knowledgeable of best products and practices to his/her customer.

In today's competitive just-in-time environment more construction projects are handled with less specialization. The Project Architect has many responsibilities. Successfully specifying products using the expertise of industry members gives you the best chance for success. So can you consider coming to the next meeting? We can always use more input from new professionals and industry representatives!



Highlights from the Board

May 2015

APRIL 14, 2015 CEFALO'S RESTAURANT, CARNEGIE, PA

HOSPITALITY:

Need to start planning Holiday Party now. Consider involvement of IIDA, MBA, YAF, etc.

PROGRAMS:

May - Ron Dellaria will speak on spec integration with BIM. June is Awards Banquet.

TECH/ED:

Josh Telenko will do May 20th estimating presentation at MBA at 8:30 a.m.

AWARDS:

Thornton will do same type of presentation as last year for Awards Banquet.

LONG RANGE PLANNING:

Waiting to hear from Arwen Davis RE Strategic Planning.

STUDENT OUTREACH:

Chatham University students participating tonight. We have giveaways for them.

GOLF OUTING:

Mark Womer finalized information including 9:00 a.m. start and steak dinner.

REGION CONFERENCE

2017 MARC in Pittsburgh - Nagie and Bailey will help, Prindible looking to do family events.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mike Moyta will be stepping down from the board due to other pressing obligations; a replacement will be considered for appointment by Vernon.

CHAPTER ELECTIONS:

Nominees are:

for President, 1-year term: Bill Vernon

For 1st Vice President, 1-year term: Richard Strayer

For 2nd Vice President, 1-year term: Lynn Fulton

For Treasurer, 2-year term: Gail Nagie

For Director, 3-year term: Mike Bosco

For Director, 3-year term: Courtney Watson

For Director to fulfill the remainder of Mike Moyta's term, individual to be appointed by President Vernon and approved by the board.

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Member Profile: Brad Bartley

May 2015

What is your company and what is your position?

AGC Glass Co. North America, I'm the Architectural Representative for the Mid-Atlantic Region.

Tell us about your job.

My primary responsibilities are promotion, education, and support of architectural firms within the territory with regard to specifying AGC glass products for their projects. My secondary responsibilities include aligning everyone involved in the supply chain of a project (GC / Developer, Glazing Contractor, Window Manufacturer, Glass Fabricator, etc.) to ensure the highest probability for success.

What part of your job do you most enjoy?

I'm a "people person" so I enjoy interacting with others within our industry. Whether I'm elaborating (and believe me, I CAN elaborate!!) on AGC coated glass products, hosting a Lunch & Learn to an architectural firm, or providing product training to colleagues, fabricators, or glazing contractors, I enjoy sharing my knowledge & experience with others who can benefit from it. In return, I appreciate their responses and feedback as well.

If you weren't in your current job, what would you be doing?

I'm sure some position within the fenestration industry. I've been in glass & commercial windows since 2000, and it's what I know & enjoy.

What is the funniest/oddest thing that has happened in your professional career?

I would have to say that the kick-off party for the reglazing of the windows at the Empire State Building, which was a roller skating party on the 5th floor of The ESB, complete with a disco ball & kegs of beer. This was arranged by the glass fabricator, without the knowledge of the ESB security staff, and went over like the proverbial lead balloon...

If you could change one thing about your profession, it would be:

Correct the disconnects that exist throughout our industry. They are numerous & deep.

What year did you join CSI?

February 2014

What position(s) do you presently hold with CSI?

Currently just a member, but I've expressed interest in becoming more involved either at the committee or board level.



Member Profile: Brad Bartley (cont'd)

April 2015

Why did you join CSI?

As an architectural representative it seemed like the most logical industry organization to become involved with. I attended a couple of meetings before joining and everyone was very friendly and helpful. Also, I earned my CDT back in 2003, so having the ability to include "CSI, CDT" on my business card was appealing to me as it affords you a connection with others in the organization.

What people influenced you most?

Marty Thornton was one of the instructors of our CDT class back in 2003, so I was able to reconnect with Marty early on. Also Bob Bailey, Mike Moyta, & Denny Buirge were very engaging and receptive to me, and helped me realize the value of belonging to an organization like CSI.

What do you see as the value of CSI membership?

Having the ability to network & interact with individuals from all facets & levels of the industry, to me, is invaluable.

What CSI certifications have you earned?

I earned my CDT (Construction Document Technologist) back in 2003 when I was at TRACO.

What would you want somebody considering CSI membership to know?

As I stated in question #11, the interaction with other members of the organization, from product & architectural reps, from interns to principals, is invaluable.

Tell us a memorable CSI experience:

I don't have many as I've only been a member for a little over one year, but I've really enjoyed the "Are you smarter than a specifier" game show.

Person you learned the most from:

I'd have to say my father. He dropped out of high school to fight in WWII, then came back home & worked a full time job in the mill while running a part-time construction business on the side. He left the mill in 1956 & started the construction business full time, retiring in 2001 after 45 years in business. He was very successful, and taught me the value of hard work, dedication, and passion for what you do at a very young age.

Tell us about your family.

I've been married to my wife Sandy for 33 years; we were actually "high school sweethearts" and have literally been together since our teenage years. She's my rock. We have two great children, a son & a daughter, who both live in the area. Our son is the Corporate Operations Supervisor for a large security firm in the Pittsburgh area, but prior to this position was a housing authority police officer. He's decided that being a policeman is his destiny, so he's currently testing with Allegheny County & the City of Pittsburgh hoping to join one of the two forces within the next year. Our daughter works in the healthcare industry, with a part time job in retail at Southside Works. She's also enrolled at CCAC working towards her degree in Early Childhood Development. My parents will have turned 88 years young by the time this printed, and still reside in Ellwood City.

Member Profile: Brad Bartley (cont'd)

April 2015

What's your favorite city?

Prior to joining AGC I spent 3 years traveling the country in a similar role to what I do now. I spent time in Chicago, New York, Boulder, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Orlando, Boston, Baltimore, and many more. While I enjoyed my time in Chicago & Boulder the most, I'd still have to say Pittsburgh is my favorite city. No need to explain, you all know why.

What's your passion?

Spending quality time with my family.

What's a true sign of success?

Family – Knowing that my children have grown up to be good, productive members of society. Work - When people seek you out repeatedly for advice or information regarding a specific topic.

Best advice anyone ever gave you:

John Wooden, legendary basketball coach, once said that "Success comes from knowing that you did your best to become the best that you are capable of becoming."

What would people be surprised to know about you?

Probably two things; first I ride a very large Harley Davidson touring motorcycle in my spare time, and secondly I was a competitive pistol shooter from the late 80's until 2001, and actually was ranked 4th in the state in 1994 - 1995.

Previous Member Profiles

May 2013	Lynn Fulton	May 2014	Deborah Merges
June 2013	Frank Hughes	June 2014	Bill Vernon
July-Aug 2013	RonnaLeah Prindible	July 2014	No newsletter
Sept 2013	Larry Justice memoriam	Aug 2014	George Merges
Oct 2013	Tracy Spencer	Sept 2014	Kristian Reed
Nov 2013	Mark Womer	Oct 2014	Joe Kostuch
Dec 2013	Kate Schuster	Nov 2014	Charles Brown
Jan 2014	("Progeny Profile" Liberty Prindible)	Dec 2014	Kelly Brown
Feb 2014	Mike Moyta	Jan 2015	Matt Lander
March 2014	Damian Carnegie	Feb 2015	Gregg Scharrer
April 2014	Jim Geist	March 2015	Dante Amato
		April 2015	Ken Nagie

Member News


May 2015

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

34th	Kenneth Brown	Tom Brown, Inc.
30th	Gerald Emili	Continental Building Products
3rd	Kurt Scheer	BDA Engineering, Inc.
2nd	John Walker	CENTRIA
2nd	Thomas Morgan	
2nd	Brad Bridges	RJ Bridges Corporation

NEW MEMBERS

12/17/2014	Shirley Stern	PPG Industries
2/9/2015	David Turner	
3/13/2015	Brett Wygal	The Garland Company
4/6/2015	Dante Amato	The Blue Book Network



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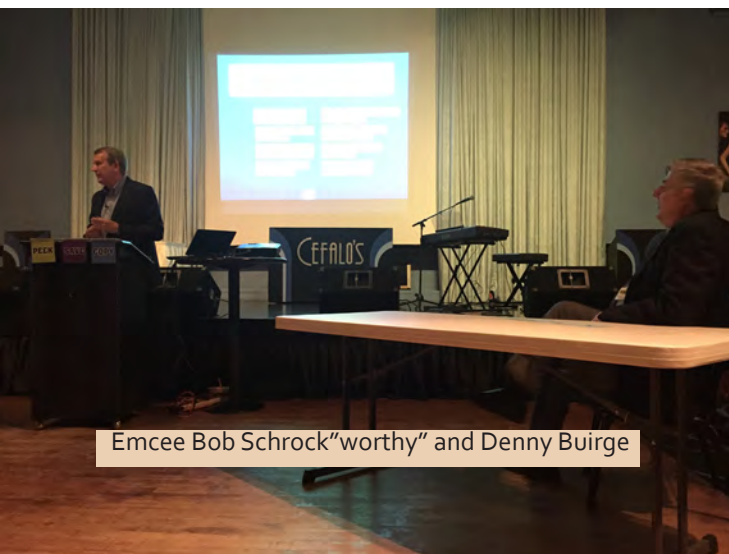
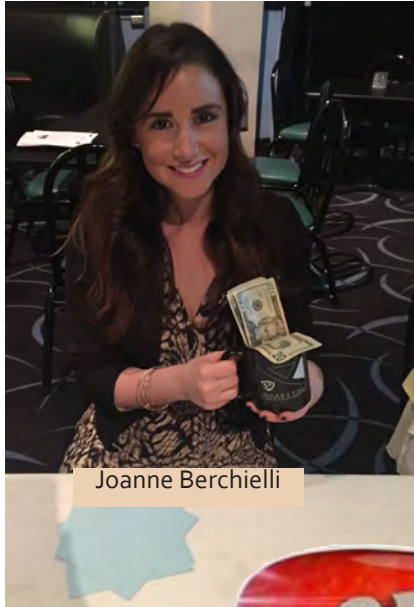
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Last Month's Meeting

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Last Month's Meeting

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Participants from Chatham University included (left to right) instructor Lori Claus, student Ariel Sherman, student (Karen) Zhiang Zhai, student Sumayah Alharbi, student Avery Pratt, instructor Donna Bigatel, student Maura McAllister, student Joanna Berchielli



Mark Zell, Karen Zhai, Josh Telenko



Mike Bosco



Bob Bailey



Last Month's Meeting

May 2015



Josh Younger, Sumayah Alharbi, Brett Younger



Marty Thornton



Bill Vernon



Estimating Seminar

May 2015

Introduction to Conceptual Budget Estimating

Wednesday, May 20, 2015

Presented by Josh Telenko; Baer & Associates, LLC

Mr. Telenko is the vice president of Baer & Associates, LLC, a construction consulting firm that specializes in cost estimating, cost consulting, value engineering, cost segregation and litigation support. His clients include architects, engineers, contractors, developers and government agencies for all phases of design and construction. His experience ranges from small residential renovations to large medical facilities and casinos. Mr. Telenko is a member of AIA and serves as Secretary for the Pittsburgh Chapter of CSI.

- Basic introduction to conceptual budget estimating geared towards architects, engineers, and owners. The program will help the construction community better manage the conceptual estimating process.
- What the design team needs to look for in a quality budget estimate.
- What estimators are looking for from the design team at each design submission.
- What the design team or owner should expect from estimators at each design submission.
- Who provides budget estimates (with the pros and cons of each).
- The importance of accurate budgeting.

Continental Breakfast at 8:00 AM

Presentation at 8:30 AM

Location: Master Builders Association of Western PA
631 Iron City Drive, Green Tree, PA

Presentation earns 1.0 AIA CEU's

Advanced registration and payment required by Friday, May 15, 2015

Send to:
Phil Dorenkott (412-600-5306)
4161 Timberlane drive, Allison Park, PA 15101

Cost: **MBA, GBA, AIA & CSI Members: \$20**
Non-members: \$25

Checks payable to CSI Pittsburgh.

SketchSpec Competition

May 2015



Do you know what this is?
Can you write a specification for it?

We invite you to enter CSI Pittsburgh's "SketchSpec" competition, whereby contestants will be asked to write a single specification section that best describes this object.

Entries will be evaluated on conformance to CSI format as well as content and creativity.

Entries will be judged by a panel of individuals from another chapter in our region.

The competition is open to all members.

Topic: It's a duck blind!

Submission forms are now available.

May 2015 meeting - All entries due.

June 2015 meeting - winner announced.

For information contact Courtney Watson

cwatson@wondoor.com

724-691-0934

SketchSpec Competition

May 2015

Specification Competition Entry Form **Title: Duck Blind**

SECTION A

Name(s) of Entrant(s): _____

Address of Entrant(s): _____

Firm Name of Entrant(s)
and Address: _____

Position/Title: _____

Entrant's Email: _____

Entrant's Signature: _____ Date: _____

SECTION B

Submit to:

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Preferred format and method of submission: PDF via email; Courtney will confirm receipt via email response

Spring Golf Outing

May 2015

Time to look for the special buys on new clubs!

May 14th, 2015

Strawberry Ridge Golf Course

135 McNulty Ln, Harmony, PA 16037
(724) 452-4022

\$85.00 per Person
\$320.00 for foursome
\$40.00 hole sponsor

Steak dinner
Hot dog and drink at turn

Shot Gun Start at 9:00am
Scramble format
Please arrive 1/2 hr. before start.

Door prize donations can be brought to golf outing,
but Mark needs to know what you are donating.

Send checks to:

Mark Womer
526 Stirrup Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601
mwomer@dsstristate.net
(724) 708-6106

You can also pay at the golf outing with check or credit card.



On The Lighter Side...

May 2015

Contracting with the lowest bidder



*Ever seen a light dimmer like this relic?
Thanks to David Miller for spotting this in an
older building.*



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May 2015

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