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President's Message

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Volunteering *by Bill Vernon, President*

Volunteering is generally considered an altruistic activity where an individual or group provides services for no financial gain. Volunteering is also renowned for skill development, and is often intended to promote goodness or to improve human quality of life. Volunteering may have positive benefits for the volunteer as well as for the person or community served. It is also intended to make contacts for possible employment.

What is a volunteer? The typical definition is "someone who gives of their time, ideals and resources to something they believe in." For me personally, I realized that the goal of a person doing business is not only to earn a living. The purpose is to be a contributing member of a community, to make our community stronger, and to help make other people's lives better.



When I first became involved in CSI I didn't do much. Every month, I came to the meeting, I ate dinner, I listened to a speaker and had my company pay my dues. It changed when I was asked to volunteer with the board. I looked at the mission of CSI and I believed that it is a strong value that needs to be pushed and upheld:

The Construction Specifications Institute, CSI, is the only organization that brings together all the players in the commercial construction industry to improve construction communication. CSI's membership includes architects, specifier, contractors, product representatives, owners, facility managers, and many others who are touched by construction documentation.

More than just supporting the mission of CSI, I found friends and relationships. I have learned how to work with strong personalities and most of all I have had a lot of FUN. Like anything, volunteering and being involved is what you make of it.

There are several types of volunteering that can help everyone become involved.

Virtual volunteering: Also called e-volunteering or online volunteering, virtual volunteering is a term that describes a volunteer who completes tasks, in whole or in part, offsite from the organization being assisted.

Micro-volunteering is an unpaid task that can be operated via an internet-connected device and completed in small increments of time.

Corporate volunteering or **Employee Volunteering Programs (EVPs)**, also called **Employer Supported Volunteering (ESV)**, are regarded as a part of the companies' sustainability efforts and their social responsibility activities.[]

Community volunteering refers globally to those who work to improve their local community.

What kind of volunteering can you do?

Membership News

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September Anniversaries

39th	George Merges	
38th	Charles Brown	Brenenborg Brown Group
27th	Kristin Kennedy	Florida Consulting LLC
18th	John Cleary	MacLachlan, Cornelius & Filoni, Inc.
8th	Peter Eritano	CMS
3rd	Joe Corson	The Blue Book Building & Construction Network
1st	Allen Brock	Brock Associates
1st	Megan Sinneway	AVT, Inc.

New Members

Jason Henze	Overhead Door Company
Jessica Dierker	Hilti

October Anniversaries

33rd	Timothy Fyock	Benchmark Engineering and Construction Company, Inc.
20th	Joel Cluskey	RSH Architects
15th	Barbara Smith	Barbara J Sales Associates, Inc.
9th	Toby Knight	Knight Athletics, Inc.
7th	Barbara Ruppel	Dodge Data & Analytics
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Region Report


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by Gail Nagie, CSI Middle Atlantic Region President

The Region wants to extend a challenge to prove to all its members the value of a CSI certification. Each certification you achieve proves to others in the construction industry your knowledge level. The fall testing began September 30 and will run through October 31. That gives you about six months til the spring testing period. If you begin soon to work on the study program you will be ready for the spring exam. Start with the CDT. It tells others you're just that much more knowledgeable than the average guy (or gal).

Contact Mike Bosco about study materials. If we get enough people interested the Chapter will run study classes or possibly a "boot camp" (one-day crash course). It would be great if Pittsburgh could lead the Region with the highest percentage of new credential holders. Remember, if I can pass it, you can too.

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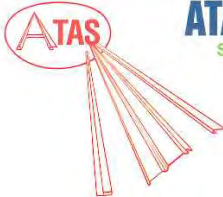
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Opportunities

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Help Wanted!!

Do you want to make a difference in this Chapter?

Volunteers are needed on our Chapter committees!

Are you interested in Education? Hospitality? Publicity? Membership? Certification?

We can find a spot for you! Contact President Bill Vernon to discuss the best fit for you.

The Awards Committee (Marty Thornton) is looking for at least one good person.

The Holiday party would like help recruiting attendees and corresponding with responding supporters.

The Student Outreach committee is looking for a chairman.

Program Meeting Sponsors wanted!!

Are you interested in getting your name and face and products in front of the group?

Take advantage of our program sponsor opportunities!
For only \$50 you will receive sponsorship credit for the meeting,
3 minutes to address the meeting audience at the podium,
and the opportunity to have a tabletop display if you so choose.
Contact Bob Bailey.

Upcoming CSI Events

Certification Exams – September 30 – October 31, 2015
Registration is open now!

Chapter Monthly Meeting at Cefalo's in Carnegie - November 10, 2015
Cross Laminated Timber (CLT) - Capabilities and Examples

Chapter Holiday Gala with IIDA
at The Chadwick - December 8, 2015

Middle Atlantic Region Conference – Baltimore – April 8 & 9, 2016

Golf Outing - Oct. 8, 2015

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The NFRC and the Clean Power Plan

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How Will the Clean Power Plan Affect Your Projects?

By Tom Herron, LEED Green Associate

Building professionals know there are few complications more frustrating than finding out that a project's fenestration fails to meet energy codes. As codes become stricter, the cost of compliance related to window, door, skylight and curtain wall failure will go up, threatening to put projects over budget and behind schedule.

A new challenge looming for building professionals is the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) forthcoming Clean Power Plan (CPP). The plan mandates a carbon emissions reduction of 32 percent nationwide by 2030, with individual targets set for each state. State targets are based on "building blocks," including the assumption that demand-side energy efficiency can improve by 1.5 percent per year for the next fifteen years. The EPA is encouraging states to tighten building energy codes in order to meet this aggressive goal.

Fortunately, the National Fenestration Rating Council (NFRC) rating and labeling program can help architects and builders avoid potential overruns and comply with code changes resulting from new policies like the CPP. For more than 25 years, NFRC has provided building professionals and consumers with fair, accurate and credible fenestration performance ratings that allow them to compare products and meet all applicable building energy codes.

NFRC's ratings procedures appear in model building energy codes like ASHRAE 90.1 and the International Energy Conservation Code. NFRC ratings also determine eligibility for the ENERGY STAR program for residential windows. Understanding NFRC's ratings will be key to meeting updated energy codes. NFRC's ratings include:

Solar heat gain coefficient, which measures a product's ability to block heat from the sun;

U-factor, which measures a product's ability to prevent heat loss; and

Visible Transmittance, which measures the amount of light that comes through a product.

As state lawmakers seek to comply with the Clean Power Plan by cutting energy usage across the board, building professionals will need to focus on efficient fenestration more than ever. Taking fenestration into account during the earliest stages of design and construction will help ensure that projects comply with building codes and contribute to the state's energy efficiency goals.

Tom Herron is director, communications and marketing, for the National Fenestration Rating Council. You can reach him at therron@nfr.org.

OTHER NEWS

October 2015

Joy Davis Joins AAPS as Director, Knowledge Management

ARLINGTON, VA. (September 14, 2015)—The American Association of Pharmaceutical Scientists (AAPS) is pleased to announce the arrival of Joy S. Davis, as its new Director, Knowledge Management. Prior to AAPS, Davis served in communications and programming at the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI).

“Joy brings a unique variety of association management experience and a burning passion for quality content development,” said Walter T. Marlowe, CAE. “We are very excited to have her join the team and work to support our members’ scientific knowledge sharing and learning efforts.”

Davis will lead, develop, implement and execute tactical plans consistent with AAPS’ strategic plan goal of advancing scientific discovery, exchange, and learning. She will also create a system for identifying knowledge within AAPS and leverage that information. Davis will develop a continuous learning program and structure supporting the mission, vision, and core values of AAPS, which guides the organization in identifying topics, developing programming, and delivering value to members.



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