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# ACADIANA CHAPTER

## Construction Specifications Institute

# *The Addendum*

The Acadiana Chapter normally meets the third Monday at Don's Downtown, 301 E. Vermillion St.-Lafayette. Fellowship Begins at 6:00pm with meeting starting at 6:45pm. Guests are welcome

### MARCH PROGRAM

Program: Eco-Block

Presenter: Don Hawkins

Date: Monday, March 19, 2007

Don Hawkins, the Regional Manager for Eco-Block in the Gulf Coast Region, attended the University of Florida and served in the United States Air Force. In 1961, Mr. Don Hawkins started his profession with Reed and Martin International in the Hawaiian Islands conducting units for the military. Mr. Hawkins, a superintendent, has a lengthy construction resume spanning throughout the continental United States. Some of his highlights include Walt Disney World, West Tunnel Interchange in Mobile, AL, the I-10 bridge, and The Perdido Bay Bridge (Hwy 98) just to name a few. In 2002, Mr. Hawkins joined Eco-Block, a state of the art insulating concrete method for reinforced commercial and residential walls.

Date: Monday February 19, 2007

Time: 6:00 PM. – Social  
6:45 P.M. – Meeting

Location: The Original Don's Seafood and Steakhouse

### 2006 - 2007 Chapter Meetings and Programs

Dates for Meetings for the upcoming CSI year:

- March 19, 2007 – Don Hawkins (Eco-Block)
- April 16, 2007 – Bruce Newburg (Apex)
- May 21, 2007 Annual Crawfish Boil – Girard Park Pavilion
- June 2007 (TBD) Annual Fishing Trip and Fish Fry
- July 16, 2007 – Kelly Ribalt (National Gypsum)
- August 20, 2007 – TBA
- September 17, 2007 – TBA
- October 15, 2007 – AIA meeting
- November 19, 2007 – Seminar
- December 17, 2007 – Christmas Party

### 2006-2007 Chapter Officers

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### Membership Update

This month we have 5 new members to report:

David Courville  
William Healey  
Derek Hebert  
Kyle Keeler  
Jewesimi Olajide

Professional – 30 members  
Industry -- 19 members  
Associate – 3 members  
Emeritus and Retired – 3 members  
Retired -- 1 member  
**52 total members**

#### Key Dates – Please Mark Your Calendars!

**March 21, 2007** – Early Registration Deadline for the June 19, 2007 CSI Show & Convention Exams in Baltimore

**March 31, 2007** – Nationwide Exams

**April 20, 2007** – Final Registration Deadline for the June 19, 2007 CSI Show & Convention Exams in Baltimore

**April 27-28, 2007** – Gulf States Region Annual Conference

**June 19, 2007** – CSI Show & Convention Exams in Baltimore

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Fellow CSI Members,

We have an exciting CSI meeting coming up March 19<sup>th</sup>. It's going to be a good one, with lots of educational information. This information is not only about construction, but about the future of our CSI Chapter as well.

One thing that we'll experience at our meeting is the new Members "Get to Know Members" Program.

This program was adopted at the Strategic Planning meeting at Teche Electric. It was Eddie Cazayoux's idea, and what a good one it was.

Since we do not know about all our members and what they do, it was decided to allow three different members to speak for three minutes as each meeting. They can explain to us exactly what they do or furnish to the construction industry. In the event we need such a service or product, we know where to go to find it; therefore, keeping the business within our CSI organization. It's also giving something back to our members. Also, to add to the interest, each of the three members will have a table top displayed of their work/product. It's a win/win situation.

The following members will give a 3 minute talk about their service and/or their product:

March: Ricky Wright, Jim Ziler, & Darrell Thomas

April: Carl Schexnayder, Hugh Stevens, & Mark Steilper

May: None... it's our crawfish boil

There'll be good Don's food, door prizes, but best of all cherished comradeship!

I look forward to seeing you there!

Lyn

## **REMINDER:**

### ❖ CSI pins and shirts can be ordered at the General Meeting

- Pins are free for new members – \$7.50 for old members
- Shirts are roughly \$38.00
  - Long/short sleeve available
  - Logos can be bought separately



## Members of the Month

*Ricky Wright, CCPR:* Ricky Wright graduated from Lafayette High then furthered his education to LSU where he obtained his BS-Finance. He married into the family of Acoustical Specialties & Supply, Inc., which is a Baton Rouge based company. Acoustical Specialties distributes ceilings, insulation, drywall, metal studs, brick, stucco, sealants, and flooring, among other residential building products. Mr. Wright opened the distribution company in 1975 after developing into a premier ceiling and flooring subcontractor. Today Acoustical Specialties & Supply, Inc. distributes material all over South Louisiana. The flooring distribution extends to Memphis and Atlanta, with the aide of their Pensacola Distribution Center. In addition, they have a new Millworks division, through which they have done many large commercial projects. They have 4 people on staff that has passed the CDT exam. CSI has been a tremendous bonding agent to the construction industry!

*Darrell Thomas, President of DA Distributing:* **Overview:** DA SU DISTRIBUTING can ship anywhere however; we are the warehousing distributor for Takagi tankless water heaters. Shipped world wide for over 60 years, this system has proved, time after time, to be the most reliable, efficient and versatile water heating system on the market. We offer 6 models TK-jr, TK1s, T-K2, T-KD20 T-M1 and T-M1 Multi, available in either natural gas or propane for residential, commercial or industrial applications, depending upon the flow rate required. There are many applications possible for a water heater of this compact size which is capable of producing large volumes of water, compared to the standard tank water heater or boiler system. These units are being used throughout North America for heating systems, both radiant and hydronic. This heater is capable of producing domestic hot water as well as closed system loop heating. If we can provide you with any other information or you are interested in purchasing a unit or becoming a dealer - distributor, please, contact us at your convenience.

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## Joke of the Month

Three professionals were in the bathroom standing at the urinals. The first, an architect, finished and walked over to the sink to wash his hands. He then proceeded to dry his hands very carefully. He used paper towel after paper towel and ensured that every single spot of water on his hands was dried. Turning to the other two, he said, "As Architects, we are trained to be extremely thorough." The second, an engineer, finished his task at the urinal and he proceeded to wash his hands. He used a single paper towel and made sure that he dried his hands using every available portion of the paper towel. He turned to the other two and said, "We, as engineers, are not only trained to be extremely thorough, but we are also trained to be extremely efficient." The third, a planner, finished and walked straight for the door, shouting over his shoulder, "In the planning department, we don't mess our hands."

*Happy St. Patrick's Day*

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**Membership Fee:**

\$195 Institute plus \$35 Chapter = \$230/yr.

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●●●● Acadiana-CSI: March 2007 ●●●●



On November 18th, CSI's officers and directors voted unanimously to propose to the membership a restructuring of the Institute Board of Directors. This recommendation is part an overall vision for CSI to -- once again -- be a strong, leading force that is relevant and responsive to our members and our industry. The following information is to help present the vision and benefits of the proposed recommendation.

#### **WHAT IS BEING PROPOSED?**

- . Reduce the size, and change the composition, of the Institute Board from 29 to 12 Members. The Board will comprise:
  - 5 officers including the president, president-elect, secretary/treasurer, and two vice presidents (one Professional and one Industry/Associate), will be elected by the entire membership. The vice presidents and secretary/treasurer will serve two-year terms, the president and president-elect will serve one-year terms.
  - 5 member directors elected by the entire membership, serving three-year terms.
  - 2 at-large directors appointed by the Board from the business community, serving two-year terms.
  - The Executive Director (CEO), a non-voting member of the Board.
- . There will be no executive committee. Officers and directors will meet and act as the single governing body of the Institute.
- . Board members will represent the entire membership, but will no longer be required to serve on both Institute and region Boards. Regions will continue to select their leaders, but their roles will be separate from those of the Institute board of directors, thereby eliminating the duality of roles that has overwhelmed Institute Board members for many years.
- . Establish 3 Committees of the Board.
  - Evaluation and Compensation Committee – comprising all Board members, to evaluate the Executive Director's and Board's performance, as well as the Executive Director's compensation.
  - Finance Committee – 5 members, at least 3 from the Board, to oversee/ review the financial plans and policies of CSI
  - Nominating Committee -5 members, at least 3 from the Board, to seek out future leaders.
- . Change delegate rules for Annual Meeting and establish an annual Visioning Summit.
  - The Annual Meeting, held each year at the Convention, will be open to all members, not just chapter delegates. This will facilitate communication between chapter, region, and Institute leadership and staff. A Visioning Summit will be held for all chapter and region presidents in conjunction with the annual Convention.

#### **WHY IS CHANGE NEEDED?**

- . The current size of the Board is cumbersome and costly, and inhibits efficiencies, responsiveness and flexibility
- . Time, money, and human resources are heavily stressed by the current governance structure.
- . CSI has been slow to respond to the continually changing and advancing processes in the construction industry.
  - As construction disciplines become more interdependent, through Building Information Modeling (BIM), Facility Lifecycle Management and other emerging technologies, the value and influence of CSI's initiatives, such as OmniClass, GreenFormat, Uniforamt, and MasterFormat, will be increasingly important.
- . CSI must be able to bring great ideas forward faster.
  - To take advantage of opportunities, CSI must become an entrepreneurial creator of ideas that will meet the ever changing challenges of an integrated construction industry. CSI must become a strategic organization focused on results rather than process.

#### **WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF THE CHANGE?**

- . A smaller, visionary board will be more efficient and responsive to the needs of members and the industry whose responsibilities will be refocused on the business of CSI and the timely delivery of programs and services.
- . A more open nomination process will allow strong, talented leaders to emerge.
- . Through the separation of the region and institute positions, board members will be able to concentrate on Institute business and region leaders will be able to focus on region business. This will reduce the burden on volunteer leaders.
- . The proposed changes will allow CSI to respond more quickly to constant change, and the challenges and transformations of the evolving construction industry.
- . Once the restructuring of the Board is approved, CSI will have the opportunity to reach its potential as a forum that integrates the construction disciplines for the pursuit of professional development, expression of interests and perspectives, and the creation of standards to optimize the overall performance of the construction industry.

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