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Kerin (Dane) Dodd-Hansen, AIA, CSI, CCS

WE ARE GROWING.....we now have well over 150 Members, which is more than a 20 percent growth in the last year and more than 50 percent since the year the millennium began.....and with the addition of Peter Kelly of Australia to our members from the north in Canada, we can now claim to be a truly international association. As stated in the previous edition of SCIPping Along, my focus is on increasing our visibility as a professional association and improving perception of Specifications Consultants as a valuable professional discipline not only among design professionals, but the construction industry as a whole. I would like to thank those of our members who have graciously committed their time and efforts to serve the ad-hoc committees that were formed during the Las Vegas Convention to help give a public identity to our association of unique professionals.

Last year for the very first time at the CSI Convention we had a booth on the floor and presented the "1st Annual Specifiers Forum" as an educational program, in addition to our Annual Meeting.....and for the first time WE BECAME VISAILE. This year we are repeating that presence at the CSI Show/Construct America, and then will have a presence at and hold our first ever meeting in conjunction with the American Institute of Architects (AIA) National Convention on May 10, 2003 in San Diego. We will also be presenting one of the few technical programs being given as part of CSI University in Philadelphia in June.

Additionally, we are considering participating in the Construction Management Association of America (CMAA) Convention in September, and the Society of American Registered Architects (SARA) Convention in November. Our intention is to hold a SCIP Meeting for our Members, and invite other interested full time specifiers to participate at each of these events this year, as well as establish some presence on the exhibit floor.....and then if all goes well, expand our presence to include a Booth and "Specifiers Forum" technical program as part of that presence the following year.

To assure that our members are readily identifiable, we have had lapel pins made in the shape of our logo for all of our members. It, and the new brochure developed by our Advertising

Committee, will be distributed to our members from our booth in Chicago.

Our schedule of events at the CSI Show this year is different from recent years, in part because of the revised format of the Convention, but mostly to afford our members the opportunity to attend the presentations of the MasterFormat Task team all three days of the convention. It's a very important issue! I also wanted to adjust our schedule to allow members to travel later in the week so as to not have to take time from their work schedule, especially now that CSI Chapters are reluctant to fund many of their (as a result our) members to attend this Convention. Hopefully, we will be able to get together individually at our booth or elsewhere, and discuss some of the issues as they emerge, before our Annual Meeting.

I would like to personally thank our sponsors for this year's activities at the CSI Show, including CENTRIA Architectural Systems; 4specs.com, Inc.; Hufcor, Inc.; Nystrom Building Products; Pacific Polymers International, Inc.; Best Access Systems, Inc.; Kelly Moore Paint Co.; and Firestop Contractors International Association; for their participation and help in elevating this years meeting to our normal high standard.

Should you wish talk with me or volunteer to assist with our efforts during this Show, please e-mail me a dane@dodd-hansenconsulting.com, or after April 7 leave me a message at the Best Western Inn of Chicago Phone: 312-787-3100.....or visit me at our booth.

SCIP AT THE CSI SHOW, CHICAGO: **McCormick Place, April 9th to 12th, 2003.**

SCIP Booth:

Wednesday April 9th thru Friday April 11th; 10:00 AM to 3:30 PM; Exhibit Hall, Booth 2033, McCormick Place.

Volunteers for staffing the booth for one hour increments throughout the exhibit period are needed to cover the 5-1/2 hours each day that the exhibit floor will be open.

Hufcor Reception for SCIP Members:

Thursday, April 10, 2003; 5:30 to 7:30 PM; Hufcor Regency Suite, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 2233 South Martin Luther King Drive.

All SCIP Members and invited guests are welcome.

Informal Board Meeting and Discussion:

Thursday, April 10, 2003; 7:30 to 9:00 PM; Hufcor Regency Suite, Hyatt Regency McCormick Place, 2233 South Martin Luther King Drive

SCIP 2nd Annual "Specifiers' Forum" at the CSI Show, Chicago:

Friday, April 11, 2003; 2:15 to 4:45 PM; Education Session F11, Room N228, McCormick Place.

The program will follow the outline published in the article appearing in the March edition of the *Construction Specifier* magazine.

Introduction: The State of the Specifying Profession; Kerin Dodd-Hansen, AIA, CSI, CCS.

- Interactive Panel Presentation/Discussion: facilitated by Michael Chambers, FAIA, FCSI, CCS.
- Green Architecture, Sustainable Design, & LEED Certification: Douglas Hartman, FAIA, FCSI, CCS.
- MasterFormat and Code Changes Impact on Specifiers: John Raeber, FAIA, FCSI, CCS.
- Training and Developing Specifiers: Tom Heineman, FCSI, CDT
- The Specification Consulting Business: Mark Kalin, FAIA, FCSI, CCS.

Each of the panelists will make a five minute presentation of their topic at the beginning of the program. The remainder of the program will be facilitated discussion of the introduced topics.

The session will be recorded.

Volunteers will be needed to staff the door and hand out program summaries.

SCIP Members Being Honored by CSI:

Honors and Awards Gala, April 11, 2003; Reception 6:30 to 7:00 PM; Dinner and Awards 7:15 to 9:00 PM

- Herman Hoyer, FCSI, CCS has been unanimously elected to the Construction Specifications Institute's highest honor.....that of Honorary Member, for his contributions to the art of specifying and lifelong involvement with the Institute.
- John McCaffrey, AIA, CSI, CCS will be elevated to Fellowship in CSI for his contributions to the development of the Uniform Drawing System (UDS) and the National CAD Standard.

All members are invited to attend the Reception to honor their achievements.

Annual Meeting:

Saturday, April 12, 2003; 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM; the Continental Room, Chicago Athletic Association, 12 South Michigan Avenue.

8:00 to 10:00 AM - Informal Discussion: Breakfast Bar hosted by 4specs.com.

10:00 to 10:15 AM - Break: Refreshments hosted by Nystrom Building Products.

10:15 to 12:00 AM - Membership Meeting. **See Agenda attached to this e-mail.**

12:00 to 1:30 PM – Luncheon hosted by CENTRIA Architectural Systems.

NOTE: Reservations for the Luncheon may be E-mailed to Dave Metzger at davem@hellerandmetzger.com or sign up at the SCIP Booth not later than 3:00 PM, Wednesday April 9, 2003.

Luncheon Program:

The Asbestos Crisis in America: Mr. Ferguson will brief us on the "Asbestos Crisis in America" and the role being played by his company and other members of The Asbestos Alliance to achieve legislative reform so that people who develop symptoms from exposure to asbestos will be fairly compensated in the future. He and, will be available to discuss with us the litigation currently being argued in US Bankruptcy Court, as well as other issues such as mold and mildew.

Presented By: Stanley L. Ferguson, who is Senior Vice President and General Counsel; Robert Bell, Director of Government Affairs, and Robert C. Grupe, Director of Architectural and Technical Solutions, USG Corporation.

1:30 to 3:00 PM – Open Discussion.

3:00 to 3:15 PM – Break: Refreshments by Nystrom Building Products.

3:15 to 5:00 PM – Open Discussion.

Annual Board Meeting:

Saturday, April 12, 2003; Main Dining Room, Chicago Athletic Association, 12 South Michigan Avenue.

5:30 to 7:30: Meeting and Dinner.

COMMITTEES:**Bylaws Committee:**

Chaired by Tom Heineman, FCSI, CDT; with Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, CCS; Margaret Chewning, CSI, CCS, CCA; Dean McCarty, CSI, CCS; and Sherry Harbaugh-Lape, AIA, CSI, CCS.

REPORT: Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, CCS and Tom Heineman, FCSI, CDT

The Bylaws Committee has engaged in continuing dialogue about the possible changes in the SCIP Bylaws that would be necessary to accomplish proposed changes to Membership categories. Based on a lengthy "Background" document detailing the history of SCIP and KnowHow, and the Membership Committee's initial report, a draft set of Bylaws revisions was developed. Resulting comments indicate that, as is to be expected in this group, opinions vary widely as to the direction to be taken. The one sure thing is that dialogue at the Roundtable in

Chicago will be lively (and all that jazz), as the larger group debates what sort of specifiers may constitute potential new categories of members for our organization, and how proposed change fits into an overall plan for the future.

Membership Committee:

Chaired by David Metzger, FAIA, CSI; with Hans Meier, AIA, FCSI, Hon.; and Robin Treston, CSI, CCS.

REPORT: David Metzger, FAIA, CSI

This committee was charged with reviewing membership categories, with particular attention to expansion of "Corresponding" membership expansion to include CCS's who are full time specifiers who are not self employed. The membership Committee has proposed the following: That membership in SCIP be limited to full-time specifiers, as defined in SCIP bylaws. Applicants who do not write specifications full-time, as defined in SCIP bylaws, are not eligible to join SCIP. Specifiers who are employed by manufacturers or who receive commissions for specifying a particular product are not eligible to join SCIP.

There would be three member categories:

- "Consultant Specifiers" (current SCIP "members"), who have the responsibility to prepare complete project manuals (not necessarily preparing each section or division but preparing the majority of material).
- "Staff Specifiers": Similar definition to Consultant except that they are employed by a firm rather than an independent consultant.
- "Specialty Specifiers", who prepare only selected individual sections, with no responsibility to prepare complete project manuals.

"Sponsors" would not be a membership category but a recognition of support of SCIP's educational objectives.

Advertising Committee:

Chaired by Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, CCS; with Mark Chavez, RA, CSI, CCS; and Linda Stansen, CSI, CCS; Bob Woodburn, RA, CSI, CCS, CCA.

Report: Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, CCS

The Advertising Committee has produced a tri-fold color flyer which will be available for distribution to SCIP members and visitors to the SCIP booth at ConstructAmerica. It has also developed postcards to be handed out in Chicago regarding SCIP and the 2nd Annual Specifiers' Forum.

Research has been undertaken regarding the costs of advertising in various newsletters. CSI and AIA chapters around the country have been contacted and their various rates tabulated for reporting at the April meeting.

Communications Committee:

Chaired by Melissa Aguiar, CSI, CDT; with David Lorenzini, FCSI, CCS; Mark Kalin, FAIA, FCSI, CCS; and Colin Gilboy, PE, CSI, CCPR.

REPORT: David Lorenzini, FCSI, CCS

Main activity has been maintenance of the web site and in particular the member directory, with over 25 new members since this time last year, and numerous relocations and address changes. The "new" tags are removed when a new member roster is printed so that the web site directory always supplements any changes in the printed version. A few articles on member news and information on the annual meeting round out the balance of work. As required, the web site domain is renewed every two years, and invoices from earthlink.net are forwarded to the treasurer for reimbursement about twice a year.

The web site can probably be categorized as a second-generation site. Most current web sites are probably fourth generation by comparison. Our goal is to produce a third generation site, since we do not need the flash and jazz of a fourth generation site. Our goals are not finalized or prioritized yet, but we can make a few observations about where we are headed. We have always maintained that the website was only as good as the participation of the members. We originally set up the pages to provide valuable content to the members. However,

hardly anyone has submitted any material to share with other members. One of the ideas that came out of our annual meeting last year was to share specialty spec sections in the member area. **Goal: Encourage members to participate in sharing ideas and information that will make the web site a valuable resource.**

The other area we have been hoping to implement was a database structure for the member directory so potential clients could sort by location or specialty when searching for a specifications consultant. We also wanted to provide the ability of each member to update his/her own membership information. This database could be common for use by both the treasurer and the webmaster, avoiding time consuming coordination. **Goal: Convert member directory into a common "web site/membership chair" database structure that can be updated by each member.**

The site itself is still second generation, since it was set up in 1996. Some minor changes were made to the appearance a few years ago, but it needs more than a face lift. We need a fresh design that imparts a professional image. **Goal: Design and implement new graphics and organizational structure to provide a more professional image.**

MasterFormat/OmniClass (OCCS)/Manual of Practice Review Committee:

Ongoing oversight chaired by John Raeber, FAIA, FCSI, CCS; with Wayne Watson FCSI, FCSC, CCS; Tom Heineman, FCSI, CDT; and Helga Brady, CSI, CCS.

REPORT: John Raeber, FAIA, FCSI, CCS

Dennis Hall and the MasterFormat Expansion Task Team have made a tremendous effort to bring together the comments made by various individuals and groups to put together the "Proposed MasterFormat" dated February 21, 2003.

Unfortunately, they have succumbed to the problem of not being able to see the forest for the trees. By putting together bits and pieces of the various systems in the last go around of hearings, they have come up with a document that is not an improvement over the existing MasterFormat, it is just another in a long series of changes.

They have finally broken the 16 Division paradigm only to replace it with a document that has only one real benefit, to add new expansion space. There are dozens of ways to add space without changing the whole system. Such a major change requires a good reason, a true benefit to the construction industry.

It is tempting to take the "Proposed MasterFormat" and begin arguing the pros and cons of the various listings, numberings, and sequencings. But, that would be joining the Task Team in the problem of not seeing the forest for the trees. The forest is the goal of improving MasterFormat. Continued arguing over numbers and locations of information is basically looking at each individual tree while failing to recognize the intent is to improve the whole forest.

SCIP would be best served if each member looks at what the Task Team has developed and decide for themselves if the proposed system improves MasterFormat. If they find the system does not improve MasterFormat, they should let CSI and anyone else who might listen know why they are against the proposed MasterFormat. It is a major change and not an improvement.

The Task Team needs to take a step back from what they've done and either provide a clear, concise explanation of how it improves MasterFormat (beyond adding space), or they need to realize they have failed in their charge and need to rethink what they're doing.

New Committees in Formation:

Planning, Events and Funding Committee:

Chaired by Kerin (Dane) Dodd-Hansen, AIA, CSI, CCS; Mark Kalin, FAIA, FCSI, CCS; Michael Chambers, FAIA, FCSI, CCS; **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED; contact Dane Dodd-Hansen.**

This committee will be charged with creating the following:

- Development of a cohesive plan for SCIP's evolution in the future.
- Investigating, selecting, and planning the events at conventions conferences and other professional gatherings in which SCIP will present an educational program, have a booth or hold a membership meeting.
- Establishing requirements for sponsorship and funding of SCIP educational programs, booth/tabletop presentation or membership meetings.

Education Committee:

Chaired by Michael Chambers, FAIA, FCSI, CCS; **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**; contact **Dane Dodd-Hansen or Mike Chambers**.

SCIP's Education Mission is to develop and deploy excellent educational programs to accomplish the following objectives:

- Maintain SCIP members' specification and technical skills to meet or exceed the "Reasonable Standard of Care".
- Present specification training for practicing design professionals through the AIA/CES program.
- Encourage, support and train SCIP members to train and/or mentor new specifiers.
- Partner with Industry Experts, Trade Associations, and Manufacturers to maintain SCIP members as the key industry knowledge managers.

The Education Committee is committed to identifying key industry resources, developing excellent continuing education programs, providing support for mentoring programs, and partnering with top industry leaders to ensure that SCIP education programs support and reflect the quality and utility of professional services that SCIP members provide to the design and construction industry.

Honors and Awards Committee:

Chaired by Jo Drummond, FCSI, CCS; **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**; contact **Dane Dodd-Hansen or Jo Drummond**.

This committee will be charged with acknowledging service to our association and the outstanding professional efforts of our members.

Green (LEED) Committee:

Chaired by Douglas Hartman, FAIA, FCSI, CCS; **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**; contact **Dane Dodd-Hansen or Doug Hartman**.

REPORT: Douglas Hartman, FAIA, FCSI, CCS

SCIP members are the most logical team member to lead (no pun intended) the LEED certification effort which would keep us involved in the projects well beyond substantial completion. Our overall understanding of emerging construction material technologies and related costs make us a valuable team member and I encourage all of our members to consider membership in the USGBC and if budget allows, to attend the convention scheduled for fall of 2003 in Pittsburgh.

While the population of the USA is only 3% of the planet, we consume 40% of the earth's energy resources and of this 40%, 40% (ie 16% of the entire planet's energy resources) is used to build and operate our built environment. When you consider this fact alone, it becomes quite evident that we, as contributors to the building process, have a responsibility as good stewards of our planet to try to minimize this consumption.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

SCIP Presence at National Events:

CSI University, Philadelphia: June 28th and 29th, 2003.

 Educational Program: "Specifications For the Future".

American Institute of Architects (AIA) National Convention, San Diego: May 8th to 10th, 2003.

Meeting: May 10th, at the Marriott Hotel.

 Membership Discussion: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.

 Breakfast bar hosted by 4specs.com.

 Luncheon: 12:00 - 130 PM; Hosted by ARCOM Systems.

 Open Forum: 12:30 – 5:00 PM.

Booth Presence: Informally with ARCOM and 4specs.com.

Construction Management Association of America (CMAA), Washington DC: September 7th to 9th, 2003.

Meeting: September 9th, at a location to be determined.
 Membership Discussion: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.
 Breakfast bar hosted by 4specs.com.
 Luncheon: 12:00 - 130 PM; Host not yet selected.
 Open Forum: 12:30 - 5:00 PM

Booth Presence: Informally with 4specs.com.

Society of American Registered Architects (SARA), New York, NY: November 15th to 17th, 2003.

Meeting: November 17th, at a location to be determined.
 Membership Discussion: 8:30 AM - 12:00 PM.
 Breakfast bar hosted by 4specs.com.
 Luncheon: 12:00 - 130 PM; Host not yet selected.
 Open Forum: 12:30 – 5:00 PM

Booth Presence: Informally with 4specs.com.

SCIP Meetings at CSI Region Conferences:

West Region: Kona, HI; September 22-24, 2002.

Organized By: Dane Dodd-Hansen and John Regener.

Middle Atlantic Region:

Organized By: David Lorenzini and David Metzger.

Northeast Region:

Organized By: Mark Kalin.

Other Regions: We are looking for volunteers to organize and lead SCIP Meetings at other CSI Region. Please contact Dane Dodd-Hansen if you are interested

SCIP Tabletop Display at AIA and Other Region Conferences:

Building Virginia 2003: Virginia Society AIA: October

Organized By: David Lorenzini

Build Boston: Boston Society of Architects, Boston MA; November.

Organized By: Mark Kalin

Monterey Design Conference: AIA California Council, Pacific Grove, CA; September.

Organized By: Dane Dodd-Hansen.

Structural Engineers of California (SEAOC) Convention: Squaw Valley, CA; September.

Organized By: Dane Dodd-Hansen.

Other Regional Events:

At this time we are trying to identify other regional events at which a SCIP presence would benefit our members. Please contact Kerin (Dane) Dodd-Hansen or Mark Kalin with suggestions.

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