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HAPPY SPRING!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dennis J. Hall, FAIA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, LEED-AP, SCIP

It is hard to believe that my two years serving as your SCIP President are nearly over. The Board has accomplished much during this time and continues to make SCIP the voice of the specifier community. The Nominating Committee will be presenting a proposed list of new officers (see below) and anyone wanting to submit a nomination may do so until April 9.

This edition of SCIPping Along contains reports from Board members about some of the current activities of the organization. Please contact the Board if you have any questions or suggestions.

ITINERARY FOR 2008 SCIP ACTIVITIES AT THE CSI CONVENTION

SCIP Board Meeting

Tuesday, June 3, 8:30 AM – 12:00 Noon

Structured Information: XML & Construction Documentation

Tuesday, June 3, 2:00 PM – 5:30 PM

Arkema Dinner

Tuesday, June 3, 6:00 PM – 10:00 PM

Annual SCIP Business Meeting and Specifier's Forum

Saturday, June 7, 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

ECOBUILD

Ecobuild America and the National Specifier's Conference will be held on May 19-22 at the Anaheim Convention Center in California. Anyone interested in attending, please check out the Ecobuild America website for more information. Dane Dodd-Hansen and John Regener will be leading the SCIP delegation at the conference. For more information see <http://www.ecobuildamerica.com>.

AIA NATIONAL CONVENTION

The AIA National Convention is in Boston on May 14-17 and SCIP is hoping to have a booth at the Convention. We are #1 on the waiting list, but we will have a gathering of SCIP members and affiliate members attending the convention regardless of whether we get a booth or not. Former SCIP President Mark Kalin will be coordinating this event and anyone interested in attending should contact Mark at mkalin@kalinassociates.com. SCIP is also planning to be a participant in the 2009 AIA Convention in San Francisco.

buildingSMART Alliance

SCIP has received an invitation from the buildingSMART Alliance to join the organization. The collection of many professional, educational, and industry organizations, coordinated by the National Institute of Building Sciences is at the heart of the building information modeling and integrated practice movement. The SCIP Board will be taking this matter up at our April meeting.

SPONSORSHIPS

Dane Dodd-Hansen has led the effort to establish a National Partnership program. After review by our attorney, the Board approved the agreement document for presentation to potential SCIP partners. Dane has had a number of product manufacturers contacting him about this program.

SCIP BROCHURE

SCIP is getting ready to create a new brochure to educate, attract, and direct potential clients to SCIP members. We are in the process of collecting artwork representing members' work to include in the publication and on our web site. Please send photography or renderings in electronic format to dhall@hallarch.com with contact information, name of project, architect/engineer of record, and photographer permission.

IMMEDIATE PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT

John Regener, AIA, CSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP

NOMINATION COMMITTEE REPORT

In accordance with the Bylaws of Specifications Consultants in Independent Practice (SCIP), nominations of persons for election as officers shall be made either by the Nominating Committee or by petition of three (3) or more Members in a letter to the Secretary, postmarked not later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting of the membership in the year in which election of the officers is to be held (on or before April 8, 2008). Nominations of persons for election as Affiliate Member Director shall be made either by the Nominating Committee or by petition of three or more Affiliate Members in a letter to the Secretary, postmarked not later than sixty (60) days prior to the annual meeting of the membership in the year in which election of the Affiliate Member Director is to be held (on or before April 8, 2008).

The annual meeting of the membership of SCIP is scheduled for June 7, 2008 in Las Vegas, NV. Not later than forty (45) days prior to the annual meeting of the membership (on or before April 23, 2008), ballots will be mailed to Members and Affiliate Members by First Class Mail or by electronic mail. Valid ballots shall be returned to the Secretary and postmarked no fewer than fifteen (15) days prior to such meeting (no later than May 23, 2008). In an emergency, election of officers and directors may be held at the annual meeting of the membership. A plurality of valid votes cast by Members shall determine each elected Board Officer. A plurality of valid votes cast by Affiliate Members shall determine the Affiliate Member Director. The persons elected to the

Board of the association shall be announced at the annual meeting of the membership following the tabulation of all votes.

Below are the proposed candidates for office for the period of July 2008 through June 2010:

President (vote for one)

Mark Kalin, FAIA, FCSI, CCS, LEED™ AP

President-Elect (vote for one)

Nina Giglio. CSI, CCS

Vice President (vote for two)

Robert W. Johnson, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA
Margaret Chewning, FCSI, CCS, CCCA
David E. Lorenzini, FCSI, CCS

Secretary (vote for one)

John Carter, CSI, CDT, RA, NCARB

Treasurer (vote for one)

David Metzger, FAIA, FCSI, CDT, NCARB

Affiliate Member Director (vote for one)

William Pegues, FCSI, CCS
Donald A. Harris, AIA, CSI, CCS, CCCA

Immediate Past President (no vote required)

Dennis J. Hall, FAIA, FCSI, CCS

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Nina M. Giglio, CSI, CCS, Associate AIA, SCIP

MEETING AND CONVENTIONS COMMITTEE

Annual Meeting

The Meetings and Conventions Committee is working on plans for the SCIP Annual Meeting and Forum to be held on June 7th. The annual meeting will be starting at 9:00 on Saturday morning and will run for approximately two hours. We will have a pre-lunch presentation and then a sponsored luncheon. The forum will start after lunch. For scheduling purposes we plan to wrap up the forum by 3:30 on Saturday afternoon so that those of you interested in catching a flight that evening can do so. Location for the meeting is still being worked out so watch the website for more information and registration requirements.

As in past years, SCIP will have a booth on the show floor and we will need people to host the booth during exhibit hours.

We look forward to seeing you in Las Vegas.

Arkema Dinner

As they have each year since 2004, the makers of Kynar 500 will sponsor cocktails and dinner for SCIP members. The event will be held at the Marriott Las Vegas located on Convention Center Drive following the Tuesday education sessions. Please save the date: Tuesday evening, June 3, 2008.

If you are attending the Las Vegas sessions, you can't miss this event. As in the past, entertainment will be provided. Look for your invitation soon.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Linda Stansen, CSI, CCS, CCA, SCIP

SCIP MEMBERS WHO WILL BE HONORED BY CSI AT ANNUAL GALA IN JUNE

Paul Edlund, FCSI, CCS, AIA Distinguished Member

Paul Edlund has been a member of CSI for over 40 years. In that time he has served on numerous committees at local, regional and national levels of the Institute as well as in varying capacities in his local chapter. Education and mentoring are what he strongly believes in and gives a great deal of his time towards those two ideals. He has established and teaches a course on specifications writing for the Department of Architecture at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon, without compensation. He also teaches a 12-week seminar on contract documents for his chapter which is held yearly. His mentoring of fellow members of his Chapter has resulted in many of them serving at the highest levels of CSI leadership.

Paul has received numerous awards at all levels of CSI. The more notable ones include The Frank Stanton Memorial Award for Lifetime Achievement which is given by the Northwest Region and recognizes outstanding service and contributions above and beyond normal expectations. He has been awarded the Institute's Ben John Small Award for special proficiency and outstanding stature as a specifications writer. And he has received the Institute's J. Norman Hunter Award for outstanding work in establishing and conducting educational seminars. All of these awards are the highest of their kind, indicating the level of Paul's dedication to the ideals of CSI and proficiency in specifications writing.

Soon after SCIP was formed, Paul joined the organization. In those days there were only a few dozen specifications consultants nationwide. While not active with SCIP now, Paul helped to shape the form of our organization through his early involvement. The small size of SCIP early on led to the informality of the meetings which has been a cornerstone of our group for a long time and is still present in the roundtable shared discussion held each year. Paul feels that this format still works; 'there is no need to reinvent the wheel' by making the same mistakes someone else has had experience with. He keeps abreast of SCIP activities via the newsletter and minutes which are distributed monthly. He seems pleased to see members who are younger than he taking up the cause and furthering SCIP's purpose.

SCIP is honored to have Paul among its members and greatly appreciates his dedication to promoting the education of so many in specifications writing. We congratulate him on his many accomplishments in improving construction specifications writing, educating people in the construction industry, and his selfless dedication to our profession recognized by the Institute in conferring on him the status of Distinguished Member.

**Mary Schofield Nowee, CSI, CCS, RA
Fellowship**

Mary has been a member of CSI for nearly 20 years. In that time she has contributed huge amounts of her energy, knowledge, support, and enthusiasm to the East Bay-Oakland chapter, West Region and National CSI organizations. If she sees a need, she'll jump in with both feet to help fill it. Education and recognition of service are her two big things. Much of her service has been dedicated towards that end, serving on committees for seminars on such topics as Greening RFPs and RFQs; Selecting and Specifying Sustainable Wood Products; and Reducing and Recycling Job Site Waste. She helped update locally offered mock exams for the CDT, CCA, and CCS to align with the new Project Resource Manual. And she is always looking for ways to encourage others to follow her lead through merit recognition resulting in local, regional and national awards for members of her chapter.

Mary is an architect and specifier with Jacobs Carter Burgess in Oakland, California. Her official title is Architect & Specifier / Bay Area Transportation Programs. That means she gets to work on a variety of transportation projects for light and heavy rail, highways, and environmental programs; writing the specifications in many cases but assisting with production of standards for some of her clients as well. She started her career in a traditional architectural capacity, but found herself drawn to specifications along the way when she worked on the light rail transit mall in San Jose, California producing specifications, and coordinating cost estimates and bids. After that she found specifications production agreeable and working with engineers enjoyable as well. That has led her to work more closely with transportation engineers for the past 15 years or so.

Mary joined SCIP as an affiliate member in May of 2007. She appreciates the outreach SCIP has made to specifiers who are not working independently. She also says that SCIP is a great networking group where she has been able to make new contacts and learn more about the specification process from the independent specifier's perspective. SCIP applauds Mary on her many achievements and her willingness to help and recognize others, and congratulates her on the honor of being elevated by CSI to Fellowship.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT**Robert Johnson, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCA, SCIP****UNIFORMAT TASK TEAM UPDATE**

The CSI UniFormat Task Team has held the following meetings:

July, 2006: Focus meeting co hosted with ASTM to determine the desirable traits for UniFormat.

February, 2007: Workshop with representatives of ASTM, GSA, NAVFAC, NIBS BIM, commercial master specification providers, and RS Means to explore the harmonization issues among the current ASTM, GSA, and CSI versions and determine areas of UniFormat needing improvement.

October, 2007: Workshop with diverse group of engineering experts to formulate an improved organizational structure for Element D – Services.

February, 2008: Workshop with representatives of the same organizations as February 2007 workshop to formulate proposed revisions to UniFormat based on work of previous workshops.

The result of this activity will be the public release of a proposed revision to UniFormat by April 1st (no not an April Fool's Joke) which will be available for public review and comment for approximately two months. Look for an announcement and how to access the proposal on the CSI website. It is then planned to publish a new version of UniFormat later in the year after analysis of the review comments received. This version of UniFormat will be coordinated with MasterFormat 2004 but will still be restricted to "building construction." The task team will then

subsequently attack the expansion of UniFormat to cover all types of construction as the next step.

AFFILIATE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

William C. Pegues, FCSI, CCS, SCIP Affiliate

This will be a short note from your Affiliate Director since I am only recently elected. First, it's great to see the SCIP board with outside directors. Even in this time of downsizing boards as a trend, maintaining external input at board level is valuable. Even if we are specifiers, it is a different view point. Almost all major corporations have boards with people outside the company.

In this short time though, I have shepherded the search for a SCIP Affiliate to participate on the Task Team being established for the creation of a new writing award by CSI. We have several qualified volunteers to put before the board for consideration.

I am also the Moderator of 3 Discussion Areas on CSINet's Specifier's Forum for which SCIP is the official host:

- Specifications Discussion
- Products/Systems Discussion
- Construction Practices Discussion

Be sure to check those out and comment.

And for something really very different, I have been demonstrating the capabilities of the virtual reality world of "Second Life" to product manufacturer's and architects. Where else can you participate in a joint project with others from around the world in real time and have a client walk through it at any time? Some major owner groups, like the new hotel brand Aloft, have built complete prototypes in Second Life. Or, as I have done, passed a document back and forth for text markups – not an email, attachment or file, but in real time received a document from someone in Buenos Aires, marked it up for him as we chatted and handed it back. Whereupon he handed it to his printer in New York while we all 3 sat admiring a virtual sunset. Now think about how that could be used (and for free) by a small, scattered, but well organized community of specifiers.

Note from Editor: William posted the following on the CSI Specifications Forum website:

The CSI Awards committee has sent recommendation to the CSI Board for establishing a Task Team to develop an award for Innovation in Written Construction Documents.

SCIP has been invited to provide three members to the committee, one of whom will be a SCIP Affiliate Member.

Any SCIP Affiliate Member with an interest and the qualifications to participate should respond to me via email. WPegues@wdgarch.com

Details about the duties of the task team:

Task Team will hold meetings via conference call - travel is not anticipated. Task Team will be establishing award policies and procedures, including award criteria, award application process, quantity of awards to be given in a year, and eligibility for the award.

Note from Editor: If you are a SCIP member who is interested and qualified, contact an officer of SCIP.

TREASURER'S REPORT & MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

David Metzger, FAIA, FCSI, CDT, SCIP

SCIP's current membership is 217, consisting of 165 members and 52 affiliates. This is an increase of 2 members and 1 affiliate from that reported in the January 2008 SCIPping Along.

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