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## This Month



**Wednesday, October 15, 2008**  
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## Mid Atlantic Region Conference A HUGE Success!

### GOT BEAR!

The reviews are in, and the Allentown Chapter played the perfect host for the region during September 25-28! There was a successful turnout of over 100 members from 13 chapters in the Mid Atlantic Region, including the National Institute President, Gilman Hu from Hawaii! The title was "Get Bear" and everyone did just that! They Got Bear with education, local tours and excursions, Pres. Roosevelt, golfing in the Ron Nattress Memorial Tournament and so much more! See article inside for details.

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**NOV ~ 11/19/08 ~ CAD Documents, The Good, The Not-So-Good and The Bad. This is a tentative seminar topic. Log on to [www.csiallentown.org](http://www.csiallentown.org) for up to date information.**

**DEC ~ 12/03/08 ~ Holiday Gala at Clover Hill Winery, Breingsville, PA.**

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# President's Message

Brad Teeters, *President*  
Allentown Chapter

I am honored to be in office as president of your chapter, as of July 1, 2008. What an exciting term is has been so far! As you may have heard, we hosted the Mid Atlantic Region Conference last month. The MARC team worked extremely hard at creating a fun-filled and educational weekend for our local and regional guests. In participating in every aspect, I have to say, it was a huge success! Please be sure to check out the article on page 4 for more details on the events that took place, a list of our sponsors and a link to a website with many photos I took during the event.

These next two years are going to be progressive, exciting and educational for you as a member of the Allentown Chapter. Our focus will continue to be on providing you with outstanding monthly programs, and member benefits for networking and building your business, as well as maintaining those important contacts through CSI events. We have a relationship with Associated Builders and Contractors (ABC) and you can look forward to events with them throughout the year. We have an excellent website, which I encourage you to visit to find out more about our chapter and events coming up.

I invite you to check out CSI from a new perspective. It is never too late to get involved in CSI on a deeper level. You will find many rewards in what the chapter has to offer!

Again, thank you, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming monthly meetings.

Brad Teeters, CSI, CCPR

# Mark Your Calendar

It is never too soon to have the CSI Expo on your calendar. The next one will take place on Wednesday, April 15th, 2009. See page 6 for more information.

## ***Allentown Chapter CSI—Mission Statement***

The Allentown chapter of CSI strives to provide opportunities for education, and the exchange of knowledge and information for its members and the construction community by using the available resources through its diverse membership and relationships.

## **ADVERTISING**

If you are interested in advertising on our CSI website, either contact Brad Teeters at [csi.allentown@verizon.net](mailto:csi.allentown@verizon.net) or follow the link at the top right corner of our website's main page, [www.csiallentown.org](http://www.csiallentown.org).

# Chapter News

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## *2008-2009 Board Members Take Office*

ALLENTOWN, PA— **Brad Teeters, CDT** took position as the 31st president for the Allentown Chapter of CSI. Brad is an architectural sales representative for Modernfold of Reading. He has been with the company since January, 2003 and has been active with CSI for 5 years. In 2006 and 2007 he steered the Annual Product Show and Expo with successful results. Brad looks forward to a progressive two years, and getting to know the membership better.

**Dave Wrigley, CDT** has taken office as President-Elect. Dave is a specifications writer for Spillman Farmer, Architects in Bethlehem, PA. He has been with Spillman Farmer and CSI for 4 years. Dave has been Programs Chair for the past 3 years, and has provided the chapter with excellent, educational seminars every month.

**Tina Montone, CSI** has taken office as Vice-President. Tina is a properties manager for K. Matkem Co. in Allentown, PA. She has been with K. Matkem for 3 years and with CSI for 6 years.

**John Sweigart, CDT** has taken position of Past-President. We thank him for the guidance and dedication over the past two years during his presidency. John is now a director and awards chairman.

## *Allentown Chapter Receives National Award, Threes Year in a Row*

LAS VEGAS, NV – The 52nd Annual CSI Show and Convention took place at the end of April 2008. Many members of the Allentown, Pennsylvania chapter attended to participate in the seminars and events that took place, as well as to accept an award on behalf the entire chapter. The award received is the *Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award* for the fiscal year 2007/2008. The Chapter has received this award for the fourth year in a row. The title of the award itself, identifies the Allentown Chapter's commitment to providing its members with exemplary programs and information for their professional growth.

To receive the *Outstanding Chapter Commendation*, the Allentown Chapter had to achieve a certain level on a specific scoring system. The chapter earned points for their efforts in areas that included education, certification, technical programming, long-range planning, and fiscal responsibility in their local chapter. The award was presented to 37 chapters of CSI's 146 chapters.

The Allentown Chapter continues to strive for excellence for their members and hopes to achieve this accomplishment in the future. As a result the status of the chapter will receive high levels of recognition and prestige.

## *Chapter Includes 'Member Appreciation Night' During June Meeting*

FOGELSVILLE, PA—On Wednesday, June 18th, the monthly Allentown Chapter meeting was packed with awards, an educational seminar, and for the first time, official membership appreciation. During a long range planning meeting, it was discussed that our members dedication and involvement is a valuable part of our chapter. 'Member Appreciation' was incorporated into the June meeting in response to this discussion. Modernfold of Reading and Acoustical Spray Insulators sponsored cocktail hour to provide members with a gracious spirit. Thank you to these two company, and all other dedicated members to come to the meetings.

# Mid Atlantic Region Conference 2008

## GOT BEAR!

Over the past year we have been working very hard as a committee of 20 people, to create a fun, educational, interesting, well-rounded and UNIQUE conference for our local members and regional guests. The result: a smashing success! Members of the following chapters attended the event: Central PA, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, DC Metro, Baltimore, Tidewater, Central VA, Fort Worth, Richmond, Northern VA, Honolulu, Jacksonville, Erie, and Allentown. The chapter was very honored to have Gilman Hu, president of CSI National Institute, and his wife attend the conference from their home chapter in Hawaii.

We chose GET BEAR! as our theme for the conference for a number of reasons. First, it conveniently fit with the location of the conference at the beautiful Bear Creek Resort. Second, it went along with the “nature” of many of the events and excursions we provided. Finally, and most importantly, we wanted to make you smile. We pride ourselves on our educated and well-rounded membership, dedicated sponsors and our ability to have fun.

The weekend kicked off with the Ron Nattress Memorial Golf Tournament—a regional tournament that is named after an Allentown Chapter member, as well as clay sport shooting—for the non-golfers. Exams were available to be taken during the afternoon as well. A mini-product show was put on during the Welcome Reception and featured our outstanding, educational and dedicated sponsors, **Thank you to everyone for your support!** ATAS International, Inc.—the Conference Sponsor— provided a factory tour at their Fogelsville location to a total of 40+ attendees.

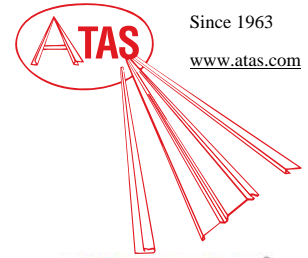
Friday was a fun-filled day of excursions to America On Wheels Museum, Hawk Mountain, Cabela’s and the DaVinci Center. After a busy day the evening was a relaxed, and laid back Country Bear Jamboree.

Saturday was an educational day of seminars, and a special luncheon featuring Teddy Roosevelt as the Keynote Speaker. The evening featured an elegant Awards Banquet Ceremony, with many accomplished CSI members from all over the region being recognized.

Log onto <http://picasaweb.google.com/CSI.Allentown> to see photos from the event.

### Additional Sponsors:

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# Technical Article

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## Going Green!

### **TRANSPIRED SOLAR COLLECTORS: USE SOLAR, SAVE GREEN**

As green building practices become more important not only for environmental reasons, but also for cost savings and tax credits, new products supporting this philosophy are popping up everywhere. This wealth of product information can be tedious to sort through for the building professional. Once a commitment is made to research the available products, one product rises above the rest, the transpired solar collector.

The concept is amazingly simple: perforated metal wall cladding is attached approximately 4” to 8” from a south-facing wall to a support grid of vertical and horizontal channels. The system may be applied vertically or horizontally over any non-combustible wall substrate, over or around existing wall openings. The grid system vertical channels are attached to the existing wall, the horizontal channels are attached to the vertical channels and the perforated metal sheets are through fastened to the horizontal channels. The transpired solar collector wall may be mounted to the wall several different ways, depending on the volume of air required. The sun heats the metal panel and the heated air is drawn through tiny holes into the cavity between the panel and the wall by fans mounted at the top of the wall. The fans then distribute the heated air into the building through flexible ducts mounted from the ceiling, or through standard ducts connected to the heating and ventilating system. In the winter, the heated air removes a substantial load from the building’s conventional heating system, thus saving considerable energy and money. In the summer, the panel is shading the inner wall, thus reducing the cooling demands of the building. When heating is not required, a controlled damper can be opened to allow air to bypass the solar collector, providing a continual supply of fresh air into the building.

The transpired solar collector wall is manufactured and sold by ATAS International, Inc. as InSpire<sup>®</sup> in the United States using .032” aluminum, in two wide ribbed configurations. Width of the panel is 41.25”, with actual coverage being 39.39”. The transpired solar collector wall is available in 16 colors with a PVDF finish warranted for thirty years. Darker colors with high solar absorption rates are recommended for maximum effectiveness. This system is virtually maintenance free, since there are no liquids or moving parts other than the fan system or optional filters.

In addition, this preheated fresh air system eliminates stratification of the air inside industrial buildings, where hot air rises to the ceiling and is lost through the roof or drawn out with exhaust fans. Since the air is constantly being replaced, the system is ideal for vehicle repair shops, machine shops, chemical storage plants and industrial applications where fumes are present.

Environmentally, the transpired solar collector wall is using natural energy that is clean, thus lowering the need for fossil fuel heat and reducing production of greenhouse gases. Payback of the system is relatively short, and state and federal grants, as well as tax credits, are given as incentives for solar energy use. The installation may qualify for LEED<sup>®</sup> (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) points and credits. The cost of conventional energy can vary greatly depending on the area and the season of the year. With soaring energy prices, the use of free solar heat will reduce the need for conventional energy sources.

The concept has received numerous honors and awards from the U.S. Department of Energy, ASHRAE (American Society of Heating, Refrigeration & Air Conditioning Engineers, Inc.), R&D Magazine and many others worldwide.

“Transpired collectors provide the most reliable, best performing, and lowest cost solar heating for commercial and industrial buildings available on the market today.” – U.S. Department of Energy (DOE/GO-10098-558, 1998)

# Industry News

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## Local Chapter Member elected to Institute Board of Directors

This past spring Mitch Miller, AIA, CCS, MAI was elected to the Institute Board of Directors for the Construction Specifications Institute. Mitch will represent the Middle Atlantic Region as Institute Director for a three year term through June 30, 2011. Mitch is an Associate with the firm of USA Architects as Director of Specifications.

Mitch's 'fun' attitude, outgoing personality, and 'get it done' approach will be a great asset to the Middle Atlantic Region. His goal is to be transparent to the membership serving as their voice to the institute, wishing to turn the tide from "Why should I belong to CSI" to "Why wouldn't I belong to CSI."

Over the next year, as Director Mitch will be serving on the MAR Governance Task Team (RE-GRITT), which is shaping the Region's administrative responsibilities as we move from two to one director by July 1, 2009. "It is important that the membership doesn't feel a disconnect with the Institute, while shaping the region governance" says Mitch. "As the single Director for the Middle Atlantic Region I will continue to keep all our members informed and as up to date as possible, and will be the membership's voice at the Institute."

A long time member in the Allentown chapter, Mitch has served in almost all capacities including Allentown Chapter President, and organized the Chapter Scholarship Fund and the Long Range Planning initiative. His commitment and passion to the organization is evidenced by his actions within the organization at the local, region and institute levels.

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## A Loss for The Construction Specifications Institute

### CSI Honors Gary Betts with Distinguished Member Award (article from CSI Weekly email)

The CSI Board of Directors has unanimously voted to honor former CSI President Gary Betts, FCSI, CCS, of Chicago, with Distinguished Membership. Distinguished Membership recognizes CSI members who have performed notable services to the design and construction industry in activities related to the purposes of the Institute. It is the highest honor CSI bestows. Fewer than 50 people have received this honor in CSI's 60-year history.

After joining CSI in 1984, Betts, a member of CSI's Chicago Chapter, continually advanced the mission of CSI by focusing his efforts on improving the proficiency of the specifier and bringing an increased value to the organization's diverse membership. In addition to serving as CSI President, he was a Chapter Officer; Committee Chair at both the national and regional level; Institute Director, Vice-President and Secretary; Vice-Chancellor of the College of Fellows; and Chairman of the CSI Foundation.

After completing his term as president of the Institute in 2005, Betts continued to guide CSI, most notably by chairing two successive governance task teams for which he was honored with CSI's Distinguished Service Award in June 2008. He greatly contributed to the development and implementation of changes that will help CSI meet future challenges.

During his 24 years of service with CSI, Betts demonstrated extraordinary commitment and integrity for the construction industry. Among his many contributions were:

- Forming the Specifiers' Roundtable in Chicago
- Providing consistency and clarity in the standards and formats CSI develops – such as MasterFormat –through his creative applications
- Contributing to the development of CSI's first strategic plan
- Developing a six-week preparatory course for the certification exam in his chapter
- Creating new membership benefits and programs (continue on page 6)

# Industry News continued

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## Gary Betts, Distinguished Member Award

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Betts, who passed away Sunday, August 17, 2008, will be honored posthumously at the CSI Honors & Awards Gala, Friday, June 19, 2009, during The CSI Annual Convention in Indianapolis, Indiana.

“We are deeply saddened that we have lost such a wonderful friend and dedicated member,” said CSI Executive Director and CEO Walter T. Marlowe, P.E., CSI, CAE. “Gary’s service to our organization over the course of his life was incredible and his legacy will certainly live on. We’re proud to include him on the elite list of Distinguished Members.”

## Expo Product Show News

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### Allentown CSI 2008 Product Show—Another Success!



### Allentown CSI 2009 Product Show Planning

**The 2009 Product Show and Seminars will be in April 15, 2009. The Expo chairman is Dave Wrigley of Spillman Farmer Architects. The kick off meeting will be on Thursday, October 23rd, 2008. We would love to have you on the Expo team, to make this next show successful for attendees and exhibitors! Please call Dave to RSVP for the meeting and receive more details about the meeting and its location: 610-865-2621.**

There are many benefits to participating in the CSI Expo, and there are many levels of getting involved. You can be on the Expo team, exhibit your products and/or services on the show floor, or simply attend seminars and the expo as a visitor. The rewards of being on the committee includes making new friends and business contacts, contributing to the success of the show with your professional ideas and input, learning more about the industry on a new level, and so much more. The benefits for exhibitors is endless as well: being in front of decision makers, educating visitors, making new contacts, solidifying existing contact, etc. Visitors receive up to date product information, educational seminars, food and beverages, industry socializing. This is the highlight of the CSI calendar year! We invite you to be apart of it on any level!

# You are Responsible

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*When you have a change in address, telephone number, or email address, you are the only person who can contact the Institute and change or correct the roster. The Chapter depends on the Institute data for sending emails, mailing postcard notices about meetings, and special events. If your information on the Institute roster is incorrect, you will be cut off from the flow of information about the Chapter, Region, and Institute events.*

*Act now! Make sure that you stay in contact with CSI!*

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