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## A Newsletter written by Fellows of CSI for Fellows of CSI

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### **Editorial:**

By: Richard Eustis, FCSI, CCCA – Editor

It has now been just over a year since the Institute Board adopted a “Recommendation” that resulted in the formal creation of a “College of Fellows” within CSI. Following this, elections were held and the College Officers began the organizational process and the implementing of some of the ideas that were the background for the College.

Based on the reports, approximately 25% of the living Fellows attended the “first” Annual Meeting of the College. This is an excellent representation and shows the dedication and commitment of the Fellows. However, if approximately 25% of the Fellows attended, it means that approximately 75% did not.

For those Fellows that did not attend the Convention, in this edition of the Fellows newsletter, we are publishing reports of the Convention written by two Fellows that have attended many past Conventions. This issue also includes several reports of the College of Fellows activities or activities that are related to the College or the Jury of Fellows.

Later in this newsletter, you will find recognition of what one Fellow has done over the past many years to help other understand basic specifications.

I do want to apologize to any of the Fellows that experienced difficulty in printing the last Fellows Newsletter. Apparently a small “bug” got into the file that made it impossible to print the entire newsletter if the file was first saved to disk and then printed. However, it could be printed directly from the mail application. This was not discovered until after it was distributed and the “bug” was in my file so that sending another copy would not correct the problem

### **CONDOLENCES**

We wish to extend our sympathy to Larry Brooks, FCSI as a result of the sudden, unexpected and

untimely death of his wife, Carolyn. She will be sadly missed by all that knew her.

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### **PREPARING A FELLOWSHIP NOMINATION: CSI-U PROGRAM TOPIC**

By: Grant Easterling, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA  
Chairman, Jury of Fellows FY04

The Jury of Fellows and College of Fellows will provide some “hands-on” practical tips in developing a nomination dossier and endorsement letters on behalf of nominators and their candidates for Fellowship in the Institute. This presentation will be part of the Honors and Awards Training Workshop held at CSI University in San Antonio on July 10, at 1:45 p.m. The presenters will be Jonnie Cox and Grant Easterling who will be rotating off the Jury this June 30<sup>th</sup> after serving three years as jurors.

They will share their personal observations about tried and true generic efforts to successfully nominate candidates for Fellowship. If participants have a particular candidate in mind, they will try to “brainstorm” about possibilities for preparation of that nomination. This will be their personal opinions and is not intended to dictate or imply the actions of next year’s Jury. The information presented will be suggestions based on Cox’s and Easterling’s most recent participation as members of the Jury.

The primary information resource that will be covered is the [Honors and Awards Guide](#) that provides the step-by-step requirements for making a nomination. Selected dossiers that have been exhibited at CSI’s Annual Convention will be available for review. Also, there will be a number of past newsletter articles available for discussion.

If you have a specific question, please e-mail it to [geasterling@ci.tulsa.ok.us](mailto:geasterling@ci.tulsa.ok.us) in order that it can be considered and researched so that we can provide timely information at this CSI-U presentation. Getting

starting on the correct foot is essential---this is our goal for future nominations.

**ALL** Fellows are encouraged to attend this CSI-U presentation so that you will be well versed and able to mentor your friends locally and regionally as opportunity presents itself. You can make a difference!

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**Honoring Students Members**

By: Don W. Fowler, FCSI

Fellow Fellows, I am pleased to write an article about an upcoming event in conjunction with the CSI-University in San Antonio.

In February of 2003, a questionnaire was sent to all active Fellows transmitted within the Fellows newsletter to determine interest in the proposed College of Fellows. It included an "open" question asking what we wanted to see the "College of Fellows" undertake in the future? One of the suggestions was with regard to the topic of students and our involvement with them.

Well, we are now, involved with student activities! As you all may know, CSI University will be held this year in San Antonio during the weekend of July 9th to the 12th. Those of you who attend as current and former leaders of CSI will be unofficial hosts to the students attending the 5th Annual Student Design-Build Competition & CSI National Student Affiliate Meet. During this annual event, we have planned a very special meeting that will take place on Friday the 9th, around the lunch hour. A special reception honoring the students, who have traveled from around the country, as well as Fellows from the San Antonio Chapter of the AIA, will be hosted by all attending CSI Fellows.

The registered students will be taking advantage of an opportunity to network with student peers and the movers and shakers of CSI (and with AIA) by coming to this event, held in association with CSI University Annual Conference. This year's student Design Build Contest will attract various schools from across the country to compare notes, network, and make new friends. This year a very historic competition will make this event a long-term remembrance for each that participate. If you have not heard, we are perusing a design build project on a much more grand scale than Logo's, Tinker Toys, or even Lincoln Logs. The venue this year will be to use real world products, set onto real world environment. But enough about the competition; I am writing to inform and to invite you all to come and take part in a special reception, to mingle with Fellows of San Antonio AIA, and to see the hard work and artistic abilities of these students.

The reception will take place during the student construction project, in the Fine Silver Building (home of the San Antonio AIA), just a little North of the Downtown area. You can obtain more information by connecting to the student web site at <http://www.csi-s.org> scroll to the design competition link on the left side of the main page. If you are interested in helping to fund this particular reception, or would like more information, please contact me at one of the numbers listed below.

Have a GREAT Summer.

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**CSI COLLEGE OF FELLOWS –  
THE FIRST YEAR**

By Ross G. Spiegel, FCSI, CCS, CCA, AIA, LEED AP™, Chancellor

At the end of June 2004 The College of Fellows (COF) will complete its first year of existence. It has been my please and great honor to represent all of the fellows this year as your chancellor. It has been a year of hard work on the part of the COF Executive Committee and other fellows. It has also been a time of great excitement and enthusiasm as we worked to bring the dream to reality. At the end of our first year I want to report that much has been accomplished toward establishing an ongoing organization but at the same time much remains to be done.

The first year of the COF was shortened because of the timing of elections for the Executive Committee. It was decided to hold regular bi-weekly teleconferences in order to get as many activities started as possible. We should all be proud of the efforts of Immediate Past-chancellor Don Fowler, Vice Chancellor Jerry Alciatore, Secretary Weldon Nash, Bursar Gregg Borchelt, and Jury of Fellows liaison Grant Easterling. With the help of these great folks the following activities took place this year:

- The first COF Annual Meeting took place in Chicago on April 21<sup>st</sup> during the CSI Convention. After declaring that a quorum was present for the meeting, Secretary Nash reported that there were 53 fellows present representing 8 regions. The meeting included reports by President Edith Washington and President-elect Gary Betts, reports on the activities of the College to date, and the report of the Nominating Committee presented by Chairman Grant Easterling. After due consideration the Nominating Committee recommended and the fellows present re-elected this year's Executive Committee members for a full term in office. The consensus of the fellows present was that due to the shortened first year in

office, it would be in the College's best interest if the current EXCOM members continued in office.

- Planning for the first Fellows Reception at CSI University was completed and fund raising was very successful. Led by fellows from the South Central Region the College collected funds to conduct this first time event in San Antonio in July of this year in conjunction with CSI University. The purpose of the event is to encourage fellowship and to interest others in becoming fellows. Outgoing Jury of Fellows members Grant Easterling and Jonnie Cox will be making a presentation during CSI University as well.
- Establishment of an account for funds collected on behalf of the College of Fellows. Bursar Gregg Borchelt, with the assistance of CSI's Shannon MacGregor, established our first bank account as a repository for funds collected. To date these funds are being used to fund the above-mentioned Fellows Reception at CSI University and to support the publication of the Fellows Newsletter.
- Establishment of The History of Fellows Committee. I was very pleased when Sheryl Dodd-Hansen agreed to chair this committee. With the assistance of Bob Molseed, Grant Easterling, Mel Cole, Linda Brown, and Gregg Borchelt this committee has begun the task of collecting information on the approximately 62 fellows who do not have pages in the current History of Fellows publication. As was learned during the COF meeting in Chicago the Institute has now exhausted its supply of binders and as part of the Committee's activities they will have to devise a means for funding the duplication and distribution of copies to those who have not received their copy of the History. Their efforts will also include insuring that each new class of fellows is added to the History while the Jury of Fellows continues to insure that new fellows submit their information.
- Fellowship Mentoring Program. This program, once up and running, will provide mentors from among the fellows to help potential candidates for Fellowship and their nominating committees. Their main function will be to help identify potential nominees for Fellowship and to assist nominators in the creation of effective dossiers and endorsement letters.

There are many other activities that the College plans on taking up as the first programs become established. More volunteers will be needed from among the Fellows to make them a success. If you want to help we would be glad to have your assistance.

The COF EXCOM is indebted to the CSI Jury of Fellows and the Institute for permitting them to use their teleconferencing facilities to conduct their

meetings during this first year of operation. In the future the COF will have to begin funding these teleconferences out of their own funds.

In closing let me reiterate how much of an honor it has been serving as the Chancellor of the College this year. While we have made great strides to becoming a fully functioning organization, much remains to be done in Fiscal Year 2005. Please write, e-mail or call me if you want to help or just have an opinion to express. Thanks for listening!

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**CSI COLLEGE OF FELLOWS  
FIRST ANNUAL BUSINESS  
MEETING**

By Weldon Nash, Jr., FCSI, CCS, Secretary

The College of Fellows (COF) conducted its first Annual Business Meeting on Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at the CSI Convention in Chicago. This was indeed an historic occasion. (Speaking of history, April 21<sup>st</sup> is known as San Jacinto Day in Texas, commemorating Sam Houston's victory over Santa Anna and the independence of Texas.)

The meeting was called to order at 3:30 pm CDT by the Chancellor, Ross Spiegel. The first order of business was to conduct a roll call to verify that a quorum was present. The bylaws state that at least 50 members must be present representing at least 8 Regions in order to have a quorum. There were 55 members present representing 8 Regions, thus a quorum was present.

A brief report was given by each of the members of the COF Executive Committee and Gary Betts, CSI President-Elect and COF Liaison. CSI President Edith Washington also addressed the members

The next order of business was the nomination of officers. Grant Easterling, the Chairman of the Jury of Fellows and COF ExCom Director, served as the COF Nominating Committee. Grant discussed the Nominating Committee recommendations that were developed from previous COF meetings and discussions. The motion for officer nominations that was put before the Annual Meeting was to set aside the bylaws for this single election to allow each of the current elected officers from the September balloting to be duly installed to serve a single term as provided in the bylaws beginning with the date of this COF Annual Business Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

Discussions of the activities of the College of Fellows to date included:

- Publication of the Fellows Newsletter. Dick Eustis and Gilman Hu will continue their valuable services as editors. Funding of the Newsletter was discussed. Currently, funding is through voluntary contributions.
- History of Fellows Committee. Cheryl Dodd-Hansen has been appointed Chair of this committee. Bob Molseed is also a member of the committee and, during the meeting; Linda Brown and Mel Cole volunteered to serve.
- Grant Easterling presented a Jury of Fellows Liaison Report.
- Gregg Borchelt discussed the funding for COF activities. The funding for the newsletter and a Fellows Reception at the CSI-U is from COF member contributions. Gregg requested contributions from the COF membership. Any contributions should be sent to Gregg payable to the CSI COF and should be designated as to which activity the contribution is intended. (Newsletter or CSI-U Reception.)

Discussions under New Business included information on the Fellows Reception that will be held for students at the CSI-U in San Antonio this summer, COF planning activities for FY 2005 and a proposed Fellowship Mentoring Program for Fellowship nominations.

Grant Easterling presented a “white paper” on the mentoring subject. Essentially, a group of Fellows will be selected to serve as primary volunteers to mentor potential candidates for Fellowship. There will probably be at least one mentor per Region. Prior to March 31 each year, the COF Chancellor and Chairman, Jury of Fellows, will publish the list of mentors. These mentors will serve strictly as volunteers without expense reimbursements or any official position. The purpose is to provide assistance to potential Fellowship candidates and their nominators in an effort to improve and facilitate nominations for Fellowship.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 pm.

## College of Fellows Bursar’s Report

J. Gregg Borchelt, P.E., FCSI, Bursar

This report covers both administrative activities and a short financial report of your College. The financial part is rather small since we have just begun. Organizational matters obviously occupied the majority of time for the Executive Committee of your College. Part of that organization was how to handle financial matters.

### **Administrative Activities**

We asked the Institute to establish an operational checking account for the College, one where contributions could be deposited. That was accomplished in February. Cosigners on the account are Institute Executive Director Karl Borgstrom, Institute Director of Finance Shannon McGregor, and College Officers. Funds donated or collected will be sent to the Bursar for crediting and payment to the proper purpose. The funds received will be deposited in the COF account at the Institute. Bills will be paid by Staff upon receipt of authorization from the Bursar. Thus the accounting will be handled by the Bursar. Institute staff will only have to make deposits and write checks.

So, if you want to support any activity simply make out a check to the College of Fellows, indicate what the funds are to be used for, and send it to me.

One other aspect of contributions to the College is the tax deductible nature of the contribution. Tax deductibility is possible if we work through the recently established CSI Foundation. That group was wisely set up with such a mechanism and we will ask their Board for such an arrangement with the College.

We want a line item on the Institute membership form, both new and renewal, for a contribution to the College. That has not yet been achieved, but will be.

### **Financial Activities**

As noted by other members of the Executive Committee, we have two activities that need funds: the *Fellows* newsletter and the student reception at CSI University. I am please to report that we have received contributions to both.

The following Fellows have donated some hard earned cash for these activities:

Stan Bair  
Gregg Borchelt  
Chief Boyd  
Don W. Fowler  
R. Grant Easterling  
Michael Gibbons  
Alana Griffith  
Sandra Hundley  
Richard C. Robinson  
Roy F. Schaufele  
Paul Simonsen  
Terry Wadsworth

One donation was made in memory of Tex Richardson. In addition, the San Francisco Chapter Foundation made a generous contribution. My thanks do to each

for giving the College of Fellows a start in financial matters.

We have determined how to handle the finances of the College and have begun the process. While the contributions needed thus far are relatively small, they will grow as the work of the College grows. Students and Fellows are the recipients thus far. How those funds are used will be your determination. I envision a College that uses its finances and resources to improve construction documents.

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## **Return of a Classic, The CSI Show**

By William C. Pegues, FCSI, CCS

I attended this show with a personal agenda. This was a working convention for me and I had private meetings lined up with manufacturers individually and in groups. I have always felt that any convention or show is what you personally make of it, and for me this was a return to the classic earlier days of information gathering and creating working relationships. For me, this definitely was a Return of a Classic – and it all came out to my greatest expectations.

But that was me personally – but what did CSI mean when they had on every publication, banner and included in any statement an officer made in any address about this being a “Return of a Classic”? I had been asked to keep this in mind as I attended the show. What made this event a “Return of a Classic”?

I made a specific point of asking this in my various meetings with people, and even asking randomly to my friends and fellow Fellows.

There was a strong consensus that the programs this year were better than in recent years. But also, there was some disappointment with the spreading of the sessions across additional days. A number of people complained about sessions on the morning of the last day. At the same time though, with the membership forum and annual meeting taking place immediately after, perhaps this was why the attendance at these closing functions seemed to be better.

We did get the on the floor eating area back though it was not a return to the classic lunches. Some would say that lunch was not necessary with the late start 12:30 PM Wednesday and Thursday and early end on Friday but there are other sessions that filled that time. If it costs then charge for it during pre or onsite registration process the pre-registration would give some estimation for quantity to be served.

There were some new elements that most seemed to think really worked and also made the Show a more fun experience. The new end-of-day closing “party” of

the exhibit hall was a really good way to get people to stay around to the end of the day. Everyone I talked to enjoyed that. And it was great to have snack and beverage stands located in the exhibit area throughout the exhibit hours.

That just about seems to be it for the return of any “classic” elements. There was not one single person that I asked that could come up with anything other than the above – many had “classic” personal experiences as I had.

But what could CSI have been thinking when they said that this show was very specifically a “Return of a Classic”. Nowhere is it defined. The Institute web site has the “Post-Show Wrap Up and Photo Gallery”. In there they state the following:

Attendance at the CSI Show: 5,000 registrants  
Attendance at the TFM Show: 1,838 registrants  
Exhibit Booths: 615 with 337 exhibiting companies

Certainly those numbers are a “Return of a Classic” only if we go back many years. This is was the lowest attendance at any CSI Show since I began uninterrupted attendance in 1992. And I know you can go back many years earlier before you get to this current years low – I think it may be better than my first convention in Denver 1977, but I can’t be certain. I don’t think that is what Institute intended by the slogan. There are some quotes on the web page about how this was more than a slogan, how this was the best ever CSI Show, how the Institute made the slogan a reality. Yes, there were some good things, but a “Return of a Classic”? Given the level of attendance, let’s examine a few things.

The Banquet and Awards Gala were more of a return. 2003 had all those awards at the banquet – that is not the best event, and there is really no adequate time in the program. This year, a lot better. However, these awards honored at this banquet makes the banquet program really drag. Better than 2003, but there is still work to do here. And sometime, just because most people can’t seem to remember banquet etiquette, consider posting a reminder in the program that “dinner is served” after the grace. I am not a particularly prayerful person, but it’s embarrassing to sit there at the table while others eat their salads and rolls, and then embarrassing for them to hear the call for prayer and the clanking of silver being set down as the hall goes silent. Even some at the head table don’t seem to have gotten the word, and watching them is often the example by which everyone else goes. But, moving around the awards is not a “Return of a Classic”.

Some things were regrettably missed:

What the heck has happened to registration!! We have returned to a less efficient badge distribution process for pre-registered attendees. Instead of the remote badge desks or even wandering badge distributors, we have regressed to a single side line, poorly labeled at the edge end of the main counter. At times the line for this was longer than any of the regular lines. Actually it was not even a true counter line, it literally was the edge end of the counter with no indication of why people were milling about there. Only after standing in the line about 15 minutes (the longest I have stood in line at any CSI Show and I have always been pre-registered) I was informed that I could have gone up to any of the other lines. For instance, while I waited some of the other lines had no one in them at all. However, those lines were all clearly labeled for onsite registration, not pre-registered.

No one was circulating in the areas of the lines to see if people needed assistance or if they had questions about what line they should be in. Seriously, this has to change. There were lots of unhappy campers (there are more expletive type words many used) over this process.

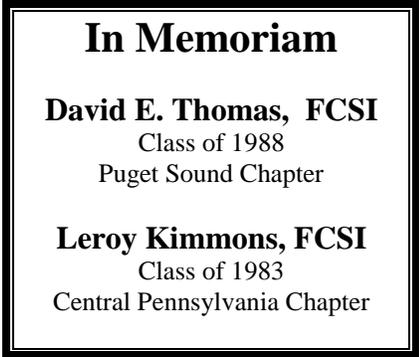
The chapter accessory items did not come back. If the new focus is on members then consider that since everyone I speak with year after year misses those. Let the chapters providing items staff it. It always did well. Too much hassle? Since when is servicing members” needs a hassle? It might be interesting to actually poll Chapters that have sponsored accessories for sale how their requests for these items fair versus the time when they were made available at the show. They are an impulse buy for many – and most items sold out at the show. I always bought something, the sweatshirts, an extra pin (god don’t let me loose my Fellows pin though!). There would be so many people that would be so happy to see this element return that its reinstatement in the Show would itself alone deem it fit for the label “Return of a Classic”.

What is this with awards at the members forum/annual meeting. This does not work. The meeting itself was preceded with educational sessions making it not start until much later. Many people have planes to catch and their reservations don’t let them linger about. To see the entire meeting, you would have to have a departure time of late afternoon to cover travel to the airport, potential delays for security, etc. For those that fly, that would mean they would be getting in that night at best. Unless they get up and leave early. Unfortunately, as dynamic a speaker as our President for 2004 is, there was a continual stream of people getting up to leave. What proceeded her? Chapter related awards. This is totally misplaced, turning them into an afterthought or orphan. If this can’t return to

some separate or opening session, then Chapter related awards would really go great at the CSI University. If that is too disagreeable to too many, then put them some place where we can really honor them for their efforts and not be looking at our clocks to see how late its getting before we have to walk out.

Meet and greet was a success. But its almost always a success. And regardless of any change in its format or sponsorship it will always be the most classic element of any CSI Show – its where you meet new and old friends, its where you get out of the evening whatever you make of it.

Unfortunately, that is the only thing that the show itself contributed to a “Return of a Classic.” But I will still go next year, and years after. And hope that it really does return to its classic status. But remember, any show or convention is only what you yourself make of it, and as much as this may not have been a return of anything classical as related to past shows, it was one of my most productive. Come to the CSI Show next year, make it your show. There is no excuse for making it anything less than your personal best.



If any one knows of a Fellow that should be recognized as above, please advise the College of Fellows, the CSI Staff Member assigned to the Jury of Fellows and Dick Eustis, your Editor.

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## **Impressions of the 2004 CSI Convention**

By:  
Lee Kilbourn, FCSI, CCS, FAIA

Our CSI staff wanted it to be “Classic” or maybe “Traditional” – and in most areas they succeeded! There were lots more Education Sessions than last year, it seemed to me, and on a wider variety of topics. These sessions seemed mostly aimed at the neophyte from a town where there are no manufacturer’s representatives to explain the basics of their product line. This neophyte was not active in their CSI Chapter enough to understand the mechanics of our wondrous Construction Industry. Several of the sessions did not

challenge me. OK Fellows, how do we establish and enforce prerequisites for attendance at sophisticated sessions?

Much less classic was the 7:30 starting time of the first education session on Wednesday morning – they had interesting topics or they would have been even more poorly attended. The bus left the hotel at 7 AM; I had to have breakfast first so that meant 6:15 in the lobby; the alarm was set for 5:30 Central Time (or 3:30 Pacific Time) – now that was early!

Exhibit Hall hours (not including lunch) were 12:30 to 4:30 on Wednesday (the last hour in conflict with the COF Business Meeting); 12:30 to 5:30 on Thursday (boy, was I tired that day) and then 9 AM to 1 PM on Friday. I thought that was a pretty drastic switch – two afternoons and a morning! As always, the conversations continue to fill the time available (and more), so whether there were more exhibitors than last year or not, I thought the folks in the Exhibit Hall, and the Exhibit Hall itself, were in fact “Classic.”

Again this year the folks from TFM (Total Facility Management) were with us, bringing additional materials and processes; some not normally found near CSI. I thought it was an interesting mix of materials and services required to manage a facility. I understand they had some education sessions as well; next year I’ll have to check them out.

See you then!

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## Another Fellow Found

Lee Kilbourn tipped us off to the location of one of the Fellows that has been reported as missing. Pam Cole is no longer in the construction industry but is now teaching in Colorado Springs, CO. Any old friends can reach her at 824 Crown Ridge Drive; Colorado Springs, CO 80904 or e-mail to [colepj@d11.org](mailto:colepj@d11.org). The list of “missing” is now down to one.

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## HISTORY OF FELLOWS – Update

By: Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, CCS

In June 1998 the first edition of the “Fellows of the Construction Specifications Institute” was published. The binder contains biographies of some 271 individuals elevated to Fellowship between 1959 and 1997. Believe me when I tell you that reading these bios is both humbling and inspiring, and provides a wonderful means for us to get to know the excellent company we keep.

Since the binder was published, more than 60 additional individuals have become Fellows, and except for the Class of 2004, few have been asked to provide their biographies to update the History of

Fellows. But, now is the time! The College of Fellows has taken on the task of updating and maintaining the document and Chancellor Spiegel appointed me to chair the History of Fellows Committee this year. Volunteers rounding out the committee include Gregg Borchelt, FCSI, CDT; Linda Brown, FCSI, CCS, CCA; Mel Cole, FCSI, CCS; Grant Easterling, FCSI, CCS, CCA; and Bob Molseed, FCSI, CCS, FAIA.

The process has begun: I’ve created an Excel spreadsheet to keep track of those for whom we have biographies. An email has been sent to the 62 “missing” individuals for whom I could find email addresses requesting a short biography in the form used for the History. Somewhat lengthy samples were attached, but hopefully the individuals find enough guidance in them to help in the effort.

For those who will be creating these bios, Chairman Easterling had written: “Some of the bios are fairly straightforward and simply state the highlights of a Fellow’s professional experience and notable contributions to CSI and the construction industry. Others have written personal vignettes about their lives, such as family, military, schooling, business, hobbies, or almost anything. The inclusion of the latter makes for very enjoyable reading but is not a requirement. Note that maximum length is about 300 words.”

There is only one Fellow for whom I can find no addresses at all, so if you have any current contact information for Curtis H. Lee, please let me know.

I look forward to seeing the History of Fellows brought up to date. If you are among those who need to provide information, please try to get to it in the next month. All of the Fellows will be hearing more about this effort as it progresses. I hope the messages will all be positive!

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## Fellows Reception and Assembly

By: Chris Bushnell, FCSI, CCS

If you skipped attending the annual Fellows Reception and Assembly, commonly referred to as the “roll call of the dead,” you missed something special this year. Jury of Fellows Chair Grant Easterling started the ball rolling by asking each of the new Fellows to tell the distinguished assembly where they work, their past CSI activities and, most importantly, something unique or an unknown fact about themselves. What a talented group of new Fellows! Notably---pun intended---all new Fellows had submitted their individual biographies and each was presented a copy of *Fellows of The Construction Specifications Institute*.

Presiding over the roll call, Jury Member Christopher Bushnell thought it only fair that the new Fellows hear about the attending past Fellows, and so he asked each Fellow to tell the assembly something unique about themselves during the "roll call." What was revealed will be held as secret as the Fellows handshake and sock requirement (unless, of course, blackmail is necessary). Suffice it to say that the Fellows are an amazing group of individuals, diverse in talent and dedication that is not always focused on the construction industry.

For example, which Fellow dressed up in a moose costume for a presentation at a Region Conference? Which Fellow performed the infamous "howl" from his howler days right there at the Fellows Assembly? Which Fellow teaches other adults how to read? And this is only a sample!

At the conclusion of the jocularity, Herbert Pendleton from the Class of 1967 was the last one standing, so to speak, being a member of the earliest Fellows Class present. Mr. Bushnell then read Herb's CSI accomplishments from the Fellows history, including his Fellow's citation. Truly amazing - and a lot of fun!

Thanks to President Elect Gary Betts for sharing a few thoughts on his upcoming year as the next president of CSI. Also, Karl Borgstrum, CSI's Executive Director, joined in with reflections of completing his "rookie" year with CSI. Their comments were appreciated and meaningful.

A night to remember.

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*(Editor's Note – One of the Fellows, Ken Searl has established an outstanding record of writing articles for Chapter Newsletters. The information he has shared has helped many in our industry to better understand our chosen professions. We are publishing Ken's final article as an encouragement for others to take on this same type of task)*

## **BS BY KS**

## **BASIC SPECS BY KEN SEARL FCSI CCS**

On March 2 of this year, I and ten other judges participated in the 24th Annual "Excellence in Concrete" award program sponsored by Oregon Concrete and Aggregate Producers Association (OCAPA) and Oregon Chapter of the American Concrete Institute (OACI). The judging luncheon took place on March 3, 2004 at Sweetbriar Inn located off Nyberg Road exit. We were handed a list of the judging rules and information about each project.

Judging was completed in approximately 4 hours. As I remember it there was approximately 57 entries. We were issued Judges Ballot Form with 5 items. Items were: Creativity, Superior Craftsmanship, Unique or Innovative Uses, Extensive Use and Aesthetic. This included ten items both Residential and Commercial mostly medium to large sizes. We scored every entry on a scale from 5-1 (5 being excellent) using the standards listed above.

Criteria for consideration scoring projects as follows:

- I. Personal knowledge of project may be considered, but it is by no means necessary.
- II. Projects are to be judged individually not competitively.
- III. Judges should consider use of concrete in the project as opposed to the project itself. A project should not fail to receive an award for excellence simply because the project itself is not unique or attractive, nor should a project receive an award for mediocre concrete in a new, unique or exciting project.
- IV. Excellence can have many applications: workmanship, aesthetics, structural and architectural considerations, new or unique applications, alternative designs, durability, flexibility, and others. The judgment and opinion of the panel is solicited.
- V. Applications are submitted by owners, producers, architects, engineers and contractors, and with varying degrees of "professionalism, in presentation. In as far as possible, the facts and subject matter of slides should be judged not the photographer's expertise.
- VI. Judges decision may be based on the following criteria;
  - A. creative and functional design
  - B. superior craftsmanship
  - C. unique or innovative use of concrete
  - D. Extensive use of concrete
  - E. Imaginative and aesthetic use of concrete

You may contact above listed organizations for further information.

Addendum No. 1 from Ken Searl

This is the last BS Column I will write due to various reasons. I suggest the CSI looks for someone else to write this or a similar column. Ken's comment: I never thought I would write 312 BS Columns. One of my friends said; Now, that is a lot of BS. I am not going to mention what my wife said, so there.

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**Fellows in service to the Institute**

Based on a quick review of the list of FY2005 Institute Committee Appointees, the Executive Committee is asking the Fellows to contribute their services at a greater level than in previous years. It appears that nearly 10% of the Fellows have been asked to serve on an Institute Committee during FY2005. This is our opportunity, as Fellows, to respond and demonstrate our dedication to CSI. We hope that by the end of the year, it is clear that the Fellows have been able to respond to the request.

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**CSI Project Resources Manual**

In the event you haven't receive notification, the Institute is offering an additional discount to anyone placing an advance order for the new "CSI Project Resource Manual" through July 31<sup>st</sup>. Until that date, the Member price is \$205 and non-member price is \$236. On August 1<sup>st</sup>, the price will jump to \$236 for members and \$295 for non-members. Orders may be placed through the on-line CSI Bookstore or by contacting CSI Member Services at 800-689-2900.

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**Brothers, Can You Spare a Dime, or more?**

AND YOU DID!

By: Gilman Hu, FCSI, Publisher

Thank you, mahalo, muchos gracias, grazie, merci, and in any language that will convey our appreciation for your generous responses.

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Additional contributions are always welcomed.

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**You can Help**

Would you like to write an article for the Fellows newsletter about something that would be of interest to the Fellows? How about a "Letter to the Editor" or a comment about something that would be of interest to the Fellows? If you have bits of information about yourself or other Fellows and would like to share it with others, send it to Dick Eustis or Gilman Hu. Our one request is that anything that is submitted for inclusion in the Fellows Newsletter be written specifically for this publication and not distributed to multiple newsletters. Most of the articles that have been published were written as the result of a specific request but there is always room for other material. However, we reserve the right to edit for length and appropriateness. Also, if you would like to see some specific topic covered in a future newsletter, please let us know and we will attempt to find a Fellow who is willing to write an article covering the topic. Remember, this is your newsletter and the intent is to keep the Fellows informed of items of interest.

**All Opinions expressed in the articles in this newsletter are those of the author and the opinions do not represent the Construction Specifications Institute, The College of Fellows, the Editor or the Publisher.**

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**Reminders**

The CSI University will be held July 8-10, 2004 in San Antonio, TX. If you are planning on attending, be sure to take you “Fellows Medal” and be a part of hosting a special event honoring students (you can be a part of hosting the event even if you don’t bring your medal).

**Member Recruitment**

About a year ago, the CSI President Edith Washington, FCSI, CCS offered a challenge to all Fellows to recruit one new CSI member during the year. I know many of you did and the Institute appreciates this help. However, even without a “challenge” this year, we can all continue our recruiting activities. Why not “sponsor” a new member and then donate your \$25 in “CSI Bucks” to your Chapter to help pay for Institute Dues for a new “Student Member”. Remember, Students are the future of our Institute.

**Purpose of this Newsletter**

This newsletter was originally conceived as was way of providing a communications link between the Fellows and to encourage Fellows to remain active in CSI at one or more levels in the Institute. The communications link comes through individual Fellows taking the time to author article of interest to the other Fellows or by providing information that may be of interest to Fellows.

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There are many ways for Fellows to have “Future Continued Service to the Institute”. Share your knowledge of our past with those that will direct our future. Be active, this is your organization and it can benefit from the knowledge held by the Fellows.