



A Newsletter written by Fellows of CSI for Fellows of CSI

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Time really flies. As you will read later in this issue, this newsletter started in 2001 as the “Coconut Wireless”, the brainchild of Gilman Hu, FCSI when he was Chair of the Jury of Fellows. The following year saw the first issue of “The FELLOWS” but this first issue was considered as Volume 2 in recognition of the previous year’s newsletter. Since that time this Newsletter has been responsible for finding several missing Fellows. It has been the only CSI related publication that goes to Fellows that are no longer members of CSI. It has remained an independent messenger to all of the Fellows and we hope has kept them better informed about CSI and the activities of other Fellows. We also hope that it has encouraged Fellows to remain active and continue to serve CSI.

I do want to digress from my normal job as Editor of this Newsletter, to take note of the death of my wife, “Libby” who many of you knew. She attended approximately 20 Institute Conventions and enjoyed every one, even when her health was poor. She felt especially honored by the recognition she received from President Bob Molseed at the 1998 Institute Convention. Our home will never be the same.

Knowledge Sharing ... CSI’s Key to Growth and Success

By: Michael T. Owen, FCSI, CDT – Institute President

Have you ever thought what our lives would be like if we were still walking to work instead of driving our cars; living in caves, rather than our comfortable modern homes or dealing with the differing classification systems that once existed in our industry, rather than the standardized systems our founding fathers created some years ago.

Modern technologies have advanced our society and allowed us to live and work in an environment of comfort and innovation. Standards have helped

organize the process of creating these technologies, making us more productive as we advance new and better technologies for the future.

CSI is a very unique association; it’s a melting-pot of very diverse construction professionals who build strong lasting relationships with one another, sharing their learned knowledge with CSI for the betterment of the construction industry.

As Fellows of the Institute, you more than any member has achieved a position of high honor because of your effects, achievements and unselfish sharing of your knowledge base. Today, CSI is uniquely positioned to respond to the demands of an “Information Age” culture. Because of our diversity and our member’s willingness to share their knowledge in the creation of standards and classification systems, we have become the authority within the construction industry for the development of these standards and systems.

Now more than ever, your experiences, wisdom and knowledge are vital to not only CSI but our industry. Living in an Information Age and using the new technologies available in our practices and firms, we are faced with competing in a global market place on a 24/7 clock. These innovations and the new ones yet to come are reshaping how we do business. It’s vital that your active participation continue in support of CSI’s growth and future.

These are exciting times. We have opportunities presenting themselves which will launch CSI into the Information Age and establish its legacy as an innovator and creator of the required formats and classification systems that will ground the advance of such innovations as the “Building Information Model”.

However, as an organization of committed volunteers, and realizing full well the demands on all of us, CSI needs your continued support and commitment. That commitment can be presented in many forms; you can mentor a member, you can help develop new formats and systems, you can help us grow the membership through your active involvement in your chapter or you can simply get excited as I am about our future and tell everyone about the “Magic” of CSI.

CSI’s future is counting on you.
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Rambling Thoughts From an Aging Specifier on the 49th Annual CSI Show Chicago, IL – April 2005

By: Douglas C. Hartman FCSI FAIA CCS CCCA SCIP LEED AP

As a “dyed in the wool” CSI member and ardent convention attendee (I haven’t missed one since St. Louis in 1982), I found myself debating my attendance for a 3rd year in row in Chicago. Don’t misunderstand – I grew up in the Heartland – just 50 miles south of Bob McManus’ infamous Peoria, and I love to visit Chicago – the most vibrant city between the coasts, but the thought of another cold week in April in the upper midwest just wasn’t appealing. I finally decided – partially basing my decision on my nephew’s ability to score some infield tickets to the Cubs-Pirates game on Friday afternoon.

Certainly there were some advantages to knowing where you were going, where you would be staying, and how to get around the Windy City. However, I never did quite figure out the escalators at the convention center. I finally determined there were some places you “just couldn’t get there from here”.

The staff did a great job of choreographing the event – as usual, and the CP Task Team did a wonderful job of assembling some really interesting speakers on some very hot topics for the technical sessions. I found myself really wanting to be in two sessions at once, and finally decided to have my other 2 staff members who were there, cover the ones I could not attend – rank has it’s advantages.

The exhibit hall had shrunk a little from the year before, but there were plenty of manufacturers and reps to talk to and lots of new products to learn about.

We should all give these guys a big “thank you” for providing the glue (pronounced “dollars”) that keeps this such a premiere event. I did not take as much advantage of the co-located organization’s exhibits and technical session as I wanted to – just not enough time in the day.

My only regret about the event was having to miss most of the social activities in the evenings, as the pressures of deadlines back at work kept me chained to my laptop after 5:00 pm each evening.

I look forward to our 50th convention next year for two reasons – first, we should expect a return of record setting booth sales, and second, it brings us 1 year closer to a return of the convention to our summer roots where we can again resume a full program of activities for our students at a time of the year when they can participate and take full advantage of the convention.

Oh, you want to know how the Cubbies did on Friday afternoon? After a 3 hour cold, hard, rain delay, they finally called the game at 4:00 pm – not a pitch had been thrown. Fortunately we found an Irish pub around the corner from the ballpark, watching the rain delay on WGN and drowning our sorrow in Guinness.

Well, back to work...today I am trying to understand MF2004. I hoped I would be retired by the time I was forced into using it...but I have a client who is insisting. It really is hard to teach old dogs new tricks! I now find myself focusing as much on finding the right number and name for a section than I do ensuring accurate technical content. Sad!

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COLLEGE OF FELLOWS UPDATE

By: Ross Spiegel, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED® AP, First Chancellor

In my final message to the members of the College I want to thank you for allowing me the honor of serving as your chancellor for the first two years of the College’s existence. It has been a pleasure and challenge to lead this fledging organization as it begins to take shape. I also want to thank all of the people who made my job as Chancellor easy: Jerry Alciatore, J. Gregg Borchelt, Don Fowler, Weldon Nash, Paulette Salisbury, Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, and Grant Easterling.

I am pleased to report that in its second year of existence the College of Fellows (COF) made good progress on establishing programs and procedures that will carry it forward in the future. This past year the COF conducted the following activities:

- **History of Fellows Committee:** Under the leadership of Sheryl Dodd-Hansen the Committee began the process of filling in the blanks in the previously distributed History as well as starting the process of incorporating information on the current class of Fellows. The Committee distributed History binders to the new elevated fellows at the Institute Convention this past April in Chicago. As new pages are completed they will be distributed to all fellows who currently have a binder so their History will be up to date.
- **Nominating Committee:** With the guidance of Chairman Grant Easterling, the Nominating Committee successfully identified candidates for each of the upcoming open positions on the College's Executive Committee. Continuing the process started last year, the Committee has begun to establish guidelines for the operation of the Committee and the nominating process. Future nominating committees will find their job much easier thanks to the hard work of Grant and his committee this year. Thanks for a job well done!
- **Fund Raising Committee:** This new committee, under the leadership of Paulette Salisbury, set about formulating goals for fund-raising for the remainder of the year. The initial goal is to provide funding so the Executive Committee can continue its teleconferences and the College can print future copies of the History of Fellows.
- **Liaison with Jury of Fellows:** The relationship between the College and the Jury continued to develop throughout the year. Both groups now have a clearer picture of each of their roles in the fellowship process. This relationship will continue to grow in the current year as I assume the chairmanship of the Jury.

Many other smaller activities took place during the year that I will not mention here. The start of a new CSI year brings new leadership to the College as

well. Please join me in welcoming the new chancellor of the college, Jerry Alciatore, as he takes office. I hope you will offer Jerry and the other members of the incoming College Executive Committee the same kind of support and assistance that you gave me during my two years as chancellor. I look forward to continuing service to the membership in some way in the future. Thanks for giving me the opportunity to serve.

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CSI COLLEGE OF FELLOWS SECOND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES

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

The College of Fellows (COF) conducted its second Annual Business Meeting on Thursday, April 21, 2005 at the CSI Convention in Chicago.

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 p.m. CDST by the Vice-Chancellor, Jerry Alciatore in the absence of 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 59 members present representing 10 Regions, thus a quorum was present.

A brief report was given by each of the members of the COF Executive Committee.

The next order of business was the nomination of officers. Grant Easterling served as the COF Nominating Committee Facilitator. Grant presented a report of the Nominating Committee activities and the officer nomination slate for vacant COF officer positions. There were no additional nominations from the floor. Balloting was conducted by secret ballots from the Fellows present at the meeting. The following Fellows were elected to office:

Vice Chancellor FY06 – Katherine S. “Kathy” Proctor, RA, FCSI, CDT;
Secretary FY06 and 07 – Frederick J. “Jack” Klemeyer, FCSI.

Discussions and reports of the activities of the College of Fellows included:

- **Publication of the Fellows Newsletter.** Alciatore thanked Dick Eustis and Gilman Hu for their continuing valuable services as editors. Funding of the Newsletter is through voluntary contributions.

- History of Fellows Committee. Sheryl Dodd-Hansen reported on the process of compiling the information for new and missing Fellow biographies. She also discussed the timeline of the information in the bios, i.e., should it be current as to date of the Fellowship nomination or updated with a person's latest activities? John Fleck made a motion that the Fellow Biographies should reflect the person's activities at the time of the Fellowship nomination. Knox Tumlin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
- Chris Bushnell presented a Jury of Fellows Liaison Report.
- Paulette Salisbury, Chair of the COF Fund Raising Committee, reported on the fund raising activities for the COF. A 50/50 raffle was in progress at the meeting to raise funds for the COF.
- Gregg Borchelt reported on the finances of the COF.

Discussions under New Business included COF planning activities for FY 2006 by Alciatore. It is apparent that the Fellowship Mentoring Program for Fellowship nominations was successful with 15 new Fellows for 2005. Alciatore also discussed increased participation of Fellows in educational programs of local chapters and educational institutions.

A total of \$950.00 was collected in the 50/50 raffle, half of which went into the COF fund. The remainder was divided into 7 separate cash prizes that were awarded at the end of the meeting. As several winners donated their prize back to the COF, the COF Fund collected a net \$620.00 from the raffle.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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BURSAR'S REPORT, June 2005

By: J. Gregg Borchelt, FCSI - Bursar

Financial Activities of the College of Fellows were presented at the Fellows meeting during the Institute Convention and ConstructAmerica Exposition. Contributions have come from sixteen individuals and one chapter. Individual's contributions ranged from \$50 to \$250. In total we have received \$1300.00 and disbursed \$938.52. Funds went to bank fees, the student reception at CSI University in 2004, and the South Central Region to offset their expenses for the Student Activities. Cash on hand is

\$361.48. Of this \$152.82 is dedicated to specific actions.

The Fellows Meeting was an opportune time to showcase the generosity of CSI Fellows. Paulette Salisbury, chairman of the Fund Raising Committee, made that possible. That Committee held a raffle, with the net proceeds going to the College. Tickets were sold at the reception, literally by the armful. A larger room would have been conducive to more ticket sales, but enough tickets were sold to award several cash prizes. The interesting result is that many of the winners returned their prize to the College. As a result, the College netted \$620.00.

Thus we now have nearly \$950 for our activities. Several other articles in this Newsletter will suggest where these funds may be used.

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The Coming Year

By: Jerry Alciatore, FCSI, CCS, AIA – Incoming Chancellor

Our College of Fellows 2005-2006 activities begin on a note of continuity and transition. As we mature as a structured unit our activities can become more effective and can expand based on our recognized goals.

We welcome our new and old College of Fellows Excom and committee members with hope of continued excitement and energies.

Our teleconferences will begin, hopefully, in the first 14 days of September; by that time vacations should be completed and the hurricanes slowing down. After our coordinating sessions we will see our momentum pick up.

Many of our group sees our ability to mentor future candidates for fellowship as our most immediate functional capability. My belief is that mentoring at all levels has an obvious potential. Judging by the number of successful fellows elevated in 2005, the submission must be improving at the grass roots level, a very encouraging eventuality.

The newsletter is our communications lifeline and we must support its activities. Dick Eustis and Gilman Hu have performed above and beyond the call of duty in this effort. The call for papers is ongoing and we welcome all to submit articles for inclusion. It may be interesting for a column called "where are they

now” to offer news of our colleagues, especially those who have not been active lately.

The education potential is ever present for the College of Fellows. I will call on Kathy Proctor our vice chancellor to work with me to formulate some objectives and action plans in order to utilize the wealth of resources available to us. Several of us are already teaching and lecturing inside and outside of CSI. The certification programs are easily accessible. One possibility is to develop a speaker’s bureau as a start to the process.

Our Chief ongoing activity has been the maintenance and updating of the history of fellows. This task is essential to the “college” and to the fellows individually. Sheryl has performed beautifully in this effort; we must continue.

We have important coordination opportunities with CSI University, the jury of Fellows and the Board. We will formalize this in the near future.

For the sake of improved organizational communications, a brief, concise operating guide would be very helpful possibly essential.

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Jury of Fellows

By: Christopher Bushnell, FCSI, CCS, AIA - Chairman,
Jury of Fellows, FY2005

The FY2005 Jury of Fellows encouraged the nomination of deserving individuals through articles and personal contact with Institute Directors within the regions of CSI. The Jury is pleased to announce that our efforts were successful, with a total of 22 nominations submitted. The 15 new Fellows in the Class of 2005 is the largest single class ever:

James S. Brew, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP
Twin Ports Chapter
Margaret G. Chewning, FCSI, CCS, CCCA
Tidewater Virginia Chapter
Carol M. Coleman, FCSI, CDT
Las Vegas Chapter
Ellen Kay Crews, FCSI, CCS, CCCA
Fort Worth Chapter
Kenneth C. Crocco, FCSI, CCS, FAIA
Chicago Chapter

Tom R. Deines, FCSI, CCCA
Willamette Valley Chapter
«Nominee» East Bay/Oakland
Chapter
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Greater Saint Louis Chapter
Henry J. Zirkle, FCSI
Richmond Chapter

Including the first class of Fellows inducted in 1959, a total of 355 members have been elevated to Fellowship. Of this number approximately two-thirds are living but not all of these are still members of CSI.

During the Fellows Assembly, which was held during the CSI Annual Show and Exhibit in Chicago, the new Fellows were asked to introduce themselves and revealed some very interesting personal tidbits. Each one, however, demonstrated why they were deserving of this noteworthy recognition.

The Fellows Assembly was well attended and, for the first time, was immediately followed by the business meeting of the College of Fellows. Incoming President Michael Owen also addressed the group and let everyone know a little more about what he hopes to accomplish during his term.

Please note that for FY2006, the deadline for Fellowship nominations has been changed to October 1, 2005, due to the earlier convention date.

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WHAT DO WE DO NEXT

By: Steve Blumenthal, FCSI

Most of us have served the Institute from the Chapter through the Institute level, but what do we do next. Many of us have chosen other organizations to

participate with which is understandable. However, like the Officers and Board of our organization there are others who were asked to a help and once again are serving CSI at various levels. I am one of those who was asked "what do you do next for CSI", I had no answer. After thinking about it I agreed to serve on an Institute Committee and it has been an informative experience.

What does this have to do with us you ask? Nothing personal, but perhaps something of major importance to the Institute, its growth and perception. In my view, we as Fellows should continually assist the Chapters in many of their objectives. Not as a participant but rather as a consultant. From what I have been told there is a breakdown in Chapter-Institute participation. For the most part the Chapters are strong but there is a break down beyond local environment.

I was recently told by a member of our group that there seems to be a lack of participation by the big design firms. Likewise I was told by a chapter member he was tired of attending meetings with colleagues. These comments have been made through many administrations. If this is a real problem then perhaps we as Fellows can interact as an elder and offer suggestions to increase membership and participation.

In closing, my answer to "what can we do next" is offer assistance to the Chapters.

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Life changing experiences from CSI

By: Don W. Fowler, FCSI – the first “Immediate Past-Chancellor, College of Fellows.

As the grandfather of a beautiful 3-year-old girl, my life has changed and has become and will continue to be better in the future because of her. How, you ask, does this have anything to do with CSI???

Watching your child or grandchild grow up can be one of the most distinctive intellectual pleasures anyone can have. It provides a sense of community -- memories of the “young 'un”-- just like in the real world. I’ll refrain from singing SUNRISE, SUNSET in this context. But that can't stop me recalling how my joining CSI...(not unlike having a grandchild)... actually changed my life.

I had just joined the Dallas Chapter because my boss told me to. (Back then, I actually listened to my superiors). I had made the trip to the Tom Sneary “Alter”... his indoctrinated meeting that guided me into the world of CSI. (THANKS TOM!!) The current President Paul Simonsen then asked me to become the chapter treasurer, (THANKS PAUL!) and thus - I was hooked.

One of the first major fund raising events in my then short tour of duty in CSI, was their annual Products Parade. This show in Dallas in the early 80’s boasted a long list of prominent architects, specifications consultants, distributors, vendors, local chapter officers, and the like. I found myself surrounded by a host of very professional people. And me, just a lowly doorknob salesman. WOW!

As I came in to the exhibit hall to set up my wares, I was conscience of a couple of very attractive sales representatives of the opposite sex setting up their booth next to mine. “This is going to be a great organization!”, I thought. Trying not to stare, one of them actually caught me looking and introduced herself to me. I stopped and acknowledged both and returned to my work of polishing, straightening, and arranging my goods for the evening show.

The show was busy, but for a few moments between prize drawings, announcements, and breaks to the refreshment booth. By the time the first evening was over, I had learned a lot about myself, reprographic equipment, and the two booth mates to my left. A second day of “boothing”, and the show was too quickly over. I had done everything I could but trip on my tie, to gain further access (in the form of a phone number) to the brunette’s other world. But to no avail.

I waited an appropriate time and decided to call the company who had so kindly placed me next to the blue print company at the show. I asked for the brunette, and within a short time, she was on the phone. We talked for a short while remembering the good times we had, and the ... Wait a minute, it was just a CSI Products Parade. We could not have that many fond memories, could we??

A few days went by and we were finally to meet for a lunch-time boat outing on Lake Ray Hubbard. After all, I had a 16 foot fishing boat, and what more could a woman want from a guy? Right?

Well, I've rambled on now for a few minutes, and need to cut to the chase. Ingrid and I married, bought a larger boat, and shared my son's growing pains. Ingrid learned a lot about door hardware, while I learned way too much about ammonia and the print industry. My son married and within two years presented me with a darling grand daughter (Claire). What more could life bring me?

Well it has brought me knowledge, business relationships, and some really good friends, that will continue to last for a lifetime. And it doesn't end there! As I continue go to Region Conferences, National Conventions, and even Monthly Chapter Meetings, I meet new friends, learn more about products, and things I thought I would never need to know about. CSI can and should be a mainstay for each of our collective futures.

Life changing experiences from CSI? –
You bet.

And I'm very proud of each and every
one of them!

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**A message from our Publisher, Gilman Hu,
FCSI, AIA**

A Few Good Men (Women)

"No one is forever" and we are aware of this. Like the marines we, too, are looking for a few good men/women to help with our publication. Do you see yourself in any of these positions?

Circulation. Computer comfortable to maintain our database. Someone with the tenacity to track down missing members, print and mail both snail mail and e-mail 3-5 times a year.

Correspondent. People friendly type from all regions to contribute news about Fellows and issues concerning Fellows (deaths, new positions, etc.)

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Contact: Gilman Hu for details and questions.

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For the benefit of recent Fellows receiving this newsletter, it started as The Coconut Wireless when I was the Chairman of the Jury of Fellows in Spring 2001, and funded out of the JOF budget. Initially there was a circulation of less than 200, all by snail mail. At the June 2001 Convention Fellows meeting a motion was passed to continue the format of a newsletter by, for and of the Fellows.

Rather than to wait for legal recognition by CSI (this was pre-COF) it was decided this be funded by private donations. We were off and running using e-mail, where we can, to keep cost down. The name was changed to The Fellows.

More Supporters came on board (see back page). We are pleased to acknowledge two recent donors – Joe Dworkin and Bill Brightbill.

Currently, our distribution reaches 214 by e-mail, 48 by snail mail, comprising of Fellows, members of the Jury of Fellows, newly selected Fellows, Board members of CSI, and some CSI staff members.

Prior to this issue we have a balance of \$647.95. After this issue, the funds will be transferred to the bursar, COF, for administration.

New contributions are always welcomed. Mail checks to Gilman Hu, Publisher, 833 Ilaniwai Street, 2nd Floor, Honolulu HI 96813-5222. When your checks are cleared, your contributions will be acknowledged in the next edition of The Fellows. How much? Contributions have been in the \$25, \$50, \$75 and \$100 denominations. We welcome not the amount but the number of participants.

Calabash

Libby Eustis, wife of Past President and Editor, Dick Eustis, passed away recently following a long illness. We send our condolence to the family.

We "found" one of our "lost sheep", Steven Bonner ('92), with the help of Jane Baker. The only one now "missing" is Curtis Lee ('83). Can anyone help?

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