



A Newsletter written by Fellows of CSI for Fellows of CSI

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As you begin this newsletter, we would call your attention to a few differences. First of all, it has been suggested that the numbering of these Newsletter include the Special Editions that have been periodically distributed. As a result, this issue becomes Volume 6 Number 3 with the Special Edition issued earlier this month becoming Volume 6 Number 2.

Past issues have been limited to information about the Institute and Institute activities. Because we knew many of you were interested in have a first-person report about Hurricane Katrina, Jerry Alciator, FCSI, CCS, AIA has provided a personal glimpse of some of these issues.

We also have another item of special interest. This year the Institute was looking for some historic information about past Institute Conventions. (This year is the 50th CSI Convention). Former President John Fleck, FCSI wrote an excellent summary of his year as Institute President. I hope a few other Former President's take the hint and also write about their year as a way of creating a brief history written by the people that were there.

The Katrina Experience

By: Jerry Alciatore, FCSI, CCS, AIA – Chancellor, College of Fellows

We had been monitoring the progress of the storm for several days when it became apparent that we were in harms way. The forecast of a category five storm with a 30 foot storm surge got our full attention. By now you all know that the city and suburbs are mostly below mean sea level. It should be noted; however, that my part of the world has never flooded in my lifetime, even in the monster hurricanes that have graced us with their potential horrors.

We evacuated last year when threatened by hurricane Ivan, not because of the wind and flooding but because of the power loss that is expected after a major storm. Power loss creates a multitude of problems, all of which I prefer to avoid. With these factors in mind we buttoned down the house, packed the car and left for Houston on the Saturday two days before the storm hit. On the next day, Sunday, the local authorities ordered a mandatory evacuation of the

metropolitan area. This created the predicted traffic problems.

New Orleans is surrounded by water, Lake Pontchartrain on the North and the Mississippi River to the South. Between the city and the Gulf of Mexico lies a vanishing marshland which forms a vanishing protection against tidal surge. We have heard of the critical path hurricane for many years; it was to be the doomsday catastrophe for this area. The scenario was to be that the category five storm would approach from south and then turn to the Northeast after passing. This would cause a surge into the lake from the South and then drive the water back over the levees from the North. **This was it.**

Debbie, Christine, Boots the poodle and I drove to a hotel in Houston which was basically occupied by fellow evacuees. We watched the whole saga unwind on television. The storm hit on Monday but there was no flooding even though the storm followed the critical path. **During the 24 hours after the storm was when the problem took shape.** I want to emphasize that most of the damage was avoidable. None of the levees, except one, was breached by the tidal surge. The cause of the damage was incompetence by man. The two levees that you saw fail on television was the result of negligent design and construction; they were not topped but rather they were undermined due to improper foundations.

My neighborhood flooded because of an extremely bad decision by the Parish president; he ordered the operators of the pumps to evacuate the area. Naturally, with no pumps the drainage system failed. The political leadership at the city, state and federal levels proved not to be competent leaders; they folded under the pressure. When the streets were lined with refrigerators they made wonderful bulletin boards with messages to the politicians. FEMA was widely blamed for slow reaction but in fairness they could not access the fully flooded areas for two days. Lots of folks learned how to eat MREs provided by the military.

We left the hotel in to stay with relatives in North Houston for another 4 days. From there to Plano for another week, then to Baton Rouge in an apartment complex. I was trying to get closer to my home and to my office in order to mitigate the damages. In Dallas I bought a laptop and was able to get online; communications were next to impossible. The cellular phone system still hasn't recovered. I got onto the CSI website which was terrific in trying to track

affected members. We must remember that the damage on the entire Gulf Coast was extensive and in some locales.... total. They experienced the more powerful forces and surges. We were concerned about their well being.

My CSI colleagues were so very generous in their offerings of shelter, they ranged in locale from Hawaii to Cape Cod. However, it was mandatory to get close to home. We commuted from Baton Rouge to New Orleans for two weeks. This became a burden too heavy to carry considering the traffic situation and the cost of gasoline. My office is on the second floor of our office building and relatively operational except for a bank of windows in the accounting office. Our home was another matter, by the time we were allowed back by the authorities, mold had spread up the walls and everything that touched the floor was wasted. It was such an eerie sight to see everyone's furniture and appliances out on the sidewalk for removal by the Corps of Engineers (the people who designed the levees). The drywall and carpets soon followed; much of it is still there today. We are now in the process of remediation and buying every piece of furniture and appliances all at one time, quite a process.

The area faces several real challenges, one is the lack of a labor force who cannot return due to the lack of housing and we can't repair all of the damage because of the lack of a work force. There is a multitude of residents who will not return to the area until they are given some definitive plans for the levee system. Without federal help this will not happen. Congress does not seem very concerned about appropriating monies to satisfy voters in New Orleans. They seem to be more concerned about the treatment of the inmates in Baghdad prisons. It's a very empty feeling considering the amount of oil and natural gas that we produce for the rest of the country and when you consider the amount of products that come through the port of New Orleans.

Debbie and I are living in Christine's apartment which is on the second floor and about the size of our living room but we are grateful to have it.

The national news media seeks to have an agenda in reporting the Katrina experience, it should be noted that everyone in the area is not African American. The news of their pain had a greater visual impact but it was not the whole story. The Metairie suburb where we live has about half of the metropolitan population and was hardly ever mentioned. Metairie is returning faster than the rest of the area due to the quick return of power.

We expect to be back in our house by the first of the year depending on delivery time on contents and insurance payments. The insurance issue is something to experience. After two months the good hands of Allstate has not issued one penny; they may have good hands but one finger is pointing upward. The manner in which they estimate claims is remarkable as well as surprising. They have their little estimating guide which has no relation to reality; If they were bidding projects like contractors do they would be the low bidder every time, by a wide margin.

It was necessary for me to temporally turn over my duties as the chancellor of the College of Fellows to Kathy

Proctor at least until I can regain some form of sanity. I thank you all for your many good wishes and prayers offered and hope to see you in Las Vegas.

In Memoriam

Bernard Rothschild,

FCSI

Class of 1964

Atlanta Chapter

Died Sept. 16, 2005

A History of Fellows and Progress

By: Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, MAI, SCIP

A year or so ago I volunteered to spearhead the updating of the "Fellows of the Construction Specifications Institute" binder that was first published in June 1998. The binder contains biographies of some 271 individuals elevated to Fellowship between 1959 and 1997, plus the class of 2004. We're trying to bring the book up to date, by obtaining biographies of all of the Fellows. Our goal is to put these bios on a website so that people can look up Fellows and discover the rich history of the leaders of our organization. Trust me, it is humbling and inspiring to read these bios, which provide a wonderful means for us to get to know the excellent company we keep.

As of January 12, 2006, I have the following: a PDF of the original book - one giant file that is printable and represents a monumental task accomplished by the original committee; and biographies from 24 additional Fellows. I have recently emailed templates for preparation of the bios to 55 Fellows with the hope that they will respond by **March 15, 2006** so that we can include them on a diskette we are preparing for distribution to the Class of 2006 and interested parties at Convention in Las Vegas at the end of March.

Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA has agreed to establish a web page template for the biographical information and put up a website for the College of Fellows. Members of the committee will be formatting the information for the web pages and establishing the links from the index, so that people can find information on specific Fellows. Anyone who wishes to print the information will be able to do so from the website.

If you are interested in helping with this project, please let me know. Part of the task is to obtain the remainder of the biographical information; the other part is to format it for the website.

Here are the Fellows whose bios are missing (I've included Class Year and Home Chapter in the hope that if someone has helpful information they might come forward):

Name	Class Year	Home Chapter
Stephen John Andros	1998	Phoenix
Gary L. Beimers	2003	Grand Rapids
Gary A. Betts	1996	Chicago
Wallace L. Bostelman	1999	Memphis
W. Calvin Bowne, Jr	1982	Syracuse
James S. Brew	2005	Twin Ports
Margaret G. Chewning	2005	Tidewater VA
Thomas L. Clarke, Jr	1998	Mississippi
Pamela J. Cole	1994	Unknown
Carol Coleman	2005	Las Vegas
Ellen Kay Crews	2005	Fort Worth
Kenneth Crocco	2005	Chicago
Walter E. Damuck	2000	Hartford
Tom R. Deines	2005	Willamette Valley
Wesley J. Dolginoff	1992	Kansas City
Richard P. Dunbar	1999	Unaffiliated
Jerry W. Durham	1998	Memphis
Joseph W. Drorkin	2003	East Bay-Oakland
Joseph H. Edwards	2000	Minneapolis-St.Paul
Miriam S. Eldar	1999	Metro New York
Donald G. Engelhard	1984	Unknown
Tian A. Feng	2005	East Bay-Oakland
LouAnn Fornataro	2005	New Hampshire
Diana M. Hamilton	1993	Philadelphia
James B. Hardin	1986	Little Rock
Carl E. Heimbrod (Deceased)	1963	Unknown
Gilman K.M. Hu	1995	Honolulu
James Jackson	2000	D.C. Metro
Martin J. Janka (Deceased)	1989	Unknown
Mark J. Kalin	1999	Boston
Gary LaRose	2005	Mississippi
Curtis H. Lee	1983	Unknown
Terrance E. Lunn	1999	Palm Beach
Lendall W. Mains	1998	Las Vegas
Gregory J. Markling	1999	Denver
Phillip L. McDade	1999	Mississippi
Harold R. McGee	2005	Greater Orlando
Mori Mitsui	1985	Unknown
Peter J. Monterose	1990	Unaffiliated
Gregory I. Mowat	2002	San Diego
Lee Hossley Orosco	2002	Albuquerque
Michael T. Owen, Sr.	2001	Rhode Island
William C. Pegues	2001	Northern VA
Dennis M. Pelletier	1998	Maine
Jerry W. Preston	1988	Nashville
Katherine S. Proctor	1998	Knoxville
Larry T. Raymond	2000	Metro Detroit
Casey Robb	2005	Atlanta
Gregory L. Roberts	2005	Houston
Richard C. Robinson	2000	Dallas
Michael Spence	1993	Minneapolis-St.Paul
Gregory W. Sprinkel	2005	Salt Lake
Charles M. Stover	2002	D.C. Metro
Thomas F. Tarkowski	1999	Milwaukee
Robert W. Teller	2005	Greater St. Louis
Sandra M. Velleca	2002	Cook Inlet
Salvatore B. Verrasto	2003	Allentown
Sheldon Wolfe	2002	Minneapolis-St.Paul
Annette A. Wren	1999	Orange County
Henry J. Zirkle	2005	Richmond

Once we get all of the biographies online, from then on it will just require annual updating with information on members of each year's class. I hope that we can complete this initial effort in 2006, so I am sending this message to those who have not yet provided their bios: **Please provide your biography as soon as possible.** It will be great to share the inspirational stories of all of our Fellows.

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JURY OF FELLOWS UPDATE

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

It is my pleasure to provide this update to the Fellows on the activities of the Jury of Fellows for the first half of FY 2006. The work of the Jury was condensed this year due to the earlier schedule for the Institute Convention than usual. In addition, one member of the Jury had to be substituted due to their unavailability to participate in all of the telephone conferences and the Institute Convention this year. The Jury was fortunate enough to have former Jury member Jonnie Cox, RA, CSI rejoin the Jury to serve during FY 2006. The Jury also bid goodbye and good luck to staff liaison Jennifer Gorrie after its first teleconference. The Jury was fortunate to have an able replacement in the person of Kara Koonce take over after Jenn's departure.

The Jury began the year with an organizational teleconference and welcomed new Jury members Robert H. Mallory, CSI, CCS, CCPR, CCCA, LEED AP and Frederick (Jack) J. Klemeyer, Jr., FCSI as well returning members George Merges, Jr., RA, CSI, NCARB and John C. Fleck, FCSI, Honorary Member. This teleconference was devoted to the review of Jury procedures and policies and the schedule for the years. The Jury also reviewed the policy for posthumous Fellowship that was adopted by the FY 2005 Jury.

The Jury held its second teleconference during the month of December 2005 for the opening of ballots and assignment of responsibility for writing the Fellows citations. I am pleased to report that 10 members will be elevated to Fellowship in the Institute during the Annual Convention in Las Vegas. The members who will be elevated are: Kerin Dodd-Hansen, RA, CSI, CCS, SCIP, Rebecca L. Foss, MLA, CSI, CCS, SCIP, LEED AP (Posthumously), Charles Rick Green, CSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEED AP, Valarie J. Harris, CSI, CCPR, Richard H. Heiserman, CSI, CCCA, AIA, David Metzger, CSI, CDT, FAIA, Jonathan Mark Miller, CSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP, AIA, NCARB, Joseph A. Stypka, CSI, CCS, AIA, Alan M. Tokugawa, CSI, CCS, and Anne F. Whitacre, CSI, CCS. The Jury was pleased with the quality of the packages for all of the nominees (both successful and unsuccessful). The quality continues to improve each year, making the Jury's job increasingly difficult.

During its third and final teleconference of the year, the Jury reviewed and finalized the citations for the incoming class of Fellows and conducted various administrative tasks. Please join the members of the Jury in congratulating those members being elevated to fellowship this year and

encourage other members to submit their qualifications for fellowship. I look forward to seeing many of you in Las Vegas in just a few weeks.

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MINUTES of Sept. 15, 2005 College of Fellows Executive Committee Teleconference

Prepared by: Jack Klemeyer, FCSI - Secretary

PARTICIPANTS: Ross Spiegel, Kathy Proctor, Gregg Borchelt, Sheryl Dodd-Hansen, Grant Easterling, Paulette Salisbury, and Jack Klemeyer

- A. Proctor called the teleconference to order at 2:05pm EDT, and noted that the Alciatores are safe in Dallas; they have found a place in Baton Rouge. Jerry has a laptop available, but is unable to receive attachments, and will not be participating for awhile (but hopes to be back soon). During his absence, Proctor will fill in.
- B. Approval of Minutes of 4 April 2005 Teleconference: Approval was moved by Spiegel and seconded by Klemeyer, and passed unanimously.
- C. Update of activities of the College:
 1. History of Fellows –Dodd-Hansen reported that she had sent an email on 18 July to numerous people asking for a response prior to 1 September; there were 8 responses. Proctor noted that she had not received the email, and asked that it be resent. Activities for the immediate future included the following:
 - a. A list of the people to whom the email was sent should be forwarded to Proctor.
 - b. A copy of the CD that contains the Fellows' History should be sent to Klemeyer.
 - c. The issue of binders has never been settled; Salisbury suggested that the needs be estimated for the next several years, such that a better price can be obtained (there are 60 Fellows who have not received a binder).
 - d. Dodd-Hansen reported that Sheldon Wolfe has volunteered to help get the information onto the Institute website.
 - e. Dodd-Hansen was encouraged to get a helper.
 - f. A report on the History's activities to date should be sent to Dick Eustis, such that it can be published in the next Fellows newsletter.
 2. Jury of Fellows Liaison – Spiegel reported that the Jury has had one teleconference, and has lost one member, Connie Adams, but only for one year; Adams is being replaced by Johnnie Cox. The Jury is organized and ready to go.
 3. College of Fellows Finances – Borchelt reported that the College netted quite a bit from the raffle that was held at the April meeting, and the account has a current balance of \$1748.03. There is \$895.66 in undesignated funds.
 4. Fundraising – Salisbury agreed that the April raffle had been successful thanks to the generosity of those in attendance, but suggested that future raffles have a

specific purpose. It was agreed that the next raffle to be held would be to fund the completion of the History of Fellows, for which roughly \$1000 is needed.

5. Nominating Committee – Easterling was praised by Spiegel for the excellent work he has done getting the College's operating procedures established, as well as chairing the nominating committee. Easterling reluctantly agreed to continue as chairman for one more year, but only one, and this was with the proviso that a resolution of the makeup of the committee would be included in Old Business for the next meeting or teleconference. Easterling will get the process started.
- D. Old Business:
1. Planning for FY 2006 – Proctor reported that there will be an education session for students' (or anyone interested) discussion with Fellows from 2:00-3:00pm on the Friday of the Convention. Attendees will be encouraged to bring resumes, and issues will be discussed such as how to interview. The deadline for a description of the session is 1 October; Salisbury suggested that the complete content can be thoroughly developed later than that, it is just a title that is needed by then.
 2. Fellows Mentoring – Easterling noted that, with the 1 October submittal deadline for Fellowship nominations this year, activities for this year are pretty much shot; the work done last year was very good, but somehow lost momentum. The critical months in Easterling's view are April, May, and June. CSI University in March is also a very useful venue, and it was agreed that Spiegel would speak on this topic for one hour (he is already speaking on another topic, but is willing to do this as well). It was noted that Easterling's PowerPoint presentation is on the Institute website, and is excellent, but needs some updating.
- E. New Business:
1. Vision for the future of the College – Proctor suggested an education session entitled "Making Connections Count".
 2. Salisbury proposed that the College could conceivably create a committee that could help to mediate problems that occur at a chapter or region level. Members could be solicited from the entire College, and roster could then be created which would list various names under various categories. Mention was made of the creation of a Group of Elders.
 3. Proctor expressed her concern that, although she is very willing to fill in during Alciatore's absence, she has nowhere to go for guidance. Spiegle suggested that there are no "straight rules", and that a review of the minutes from the last several years might be useful; he noted that he would be very willing to discuss this in more detail in a separate telephone conversation.

4. There was a question whether the College's by-laws had been distributed; they apparently have been, but only electronically.

F. Future Meetings:

G. Adjournment: Proctor adjourned the teleconference at approximately 3:15pm EDT.

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2006 CSI SPECIFICATION COMPETITION "50TH ANNIVERSARY EDITION"

By: Jerry A. Putnam, FCSI, CCS, AIA - Specification Competition Committee Chairman

The CSI Specification Competition began in 1956. And in the last 50 years many things have changed in the construction industry, but CSI's Specification Competition has always been and will continue to be the only construction industry program that recognizes technical excellence in written construction documentation.

Today new technologies and delivery systems are having a major impact on the means, methods, and documentation of design and construction, and these changes have changed the way CSI members conduct business and communicate information.

As CSI President, Michael T. Owen Sr., FCSI, CDT pointed out in his April 2005 Honors & Award Gala address in Chicago, "CSI has developed tools and products that promote the education and improvement each of us requires in this dynamic world marketplace".

Therefore it is only fitting as the competition begins its next half century that CSI has re-establish the competition in a way that will elevate interest in entering and provide increased recognition of our members' accomplishments in developing those tools and products.

In the construction industry there are many awards presented to superior architectural and engineering designs, but only CSI has an awards program that recognizes excellence in the written construction documentation and construction product data and literature used to create those award-winning designs.

CSI realizes the quality and professionalism of both construction documents and product data contribute directly to the success of a construction project. The effort, experience, and depth of knowledge required for preparing effective construction documents and product data to coordinate the technical, administrative, and procedural requirements comprising project manuals, product binders and manufacturer's websites are to be acknowledged – and rewarded. With this in mind the Specification Competition has made the following to the Competition beginning in 2006.

For the new 2006 Specification the competition will have 2 new broad categories; **Project Category** and **Tools Category** with 9 subcategories to allow members, both professional and industry, an opportunity to demonstrate their professional and technical expertise:

Project Category

P1 Project Manual

P2 Project Manual-Short Form Specifications
P3 Outline Specifications
P4 Preliminary Project Description
P5 Consultant Specifications
P6 Specialty Consultant Specifications

Tool Category

T1 Manufacturer's Product Binder
T2 Manufacturer's Product Website
T3 Guide Specifications

The Specification Competition Committee and Institute Staff are currently finalizing the new competition judging criteria, committee guide, administrative references, entry forms, and promotional materials. And within the next few months members will see numerous articles and promotional materials in all of CSI's publications and CSI's website.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE REPORT TO FELLOWS:

By: Carole Schafmeister, FCSI – Institute Membership Committee Chair

The membership committee now consists of one large committee comprised of one representative from each of the regions. The members of the committee serve as liaisons between the Institute and the Chapters. .

Our charges are to serve as the liaison between the Institute and Chapters to identify tools needed to grow and retain membership, share best practices and recommend initiatives, procedures and course of action to achieve membership goals.

Each month on our conference call we discuss various "best practice" topics such as:

- a) What chapters/regions are doing to promote awareness of CSI in their construction communities
- b) Examples of local alliances or joining ventures with other industry associations
- c) Examples of membership recruitment campaigns, programs
- d) Examples of how to turn young construction professional and industry individuals into viable members
- e) Examples of how to turn new members into long term members
- f) Examples of added value of members
- g) Review of chapters 'at risk'
- h) Develop recruiting tools

This information is then disseminated to the chapters and is also used to formulate articles for the "Leader" and "NewsDigest".

As Fellows we can help in a variety of ways to assist the chapters in membership growth. As Membership Committee Chairman, here is my challenge to you!

First and foremost remain active, participating members of your local chapter, then

- a) Use your area of expertise to present a program at your local chapter.

Educational programs are the key draw to getting and keeping new members.

Please share your knowledge with your chapter in developing programs, workshops, seminars for the industry.

b) If you are a member of another association – AIA, NAWIC, ABC, AGC, etc.

Use those connections to help establish joint meetings or conduct seminars

together to promote the associations. This also produces members for CSI.

c) Mentor a new member. Your wealth of knowledge about CSI and our industry would be of great benefit to interested and new members

d) If there is an “at risk” chapter close to you, work with your chapter to re-develop the chapter.

e) Support your local chapter educational classes if they are offered (CDT, CCCA, etc.)

Bring in one new member!

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Memories FY73, The 25th Anniversary of CSI

By: Former President John Fleck, FCSI, Honorary Member and Institute President for FY1973

The 1972-73 year was a great time to be Institute president! It was the 25th Anniversary of CSI and the convention was held in Washington D.C., where the Institute was started in 1948. It was a wonderful time for reflection and to push forward for growth in membership. The 1973 convention theme was “CSI – A Dynamic Force in Construction”. One of the great anecdotes of the convention was the reception sponsored by McGraw-Hill. Virginia and I wore bright red and white checked jacket and Virginia wore a long dress of the same pattern – we thought it would be cute! When we got to the reception we found to our horror that the table cloths – all 100 hundred of them were exactly the same color and pattern. We spent the evening lost among the crowd, except for those who had mixed opinions of our dress.

I was blessed with an excellent board and a remarkable Executive Committee. Vice President – Technical Robert Vansant, Vice President-Liaison Herman Hoyer, Vice President - Membership Services Larry C. Dean, Secretary M. Lee Dahlen, Treasurer Clarence (Clack) King, and Immediate Past President Arthur J. Miller. All, except “Clack” King were Fellows of the Institute at that time. “Clack” was elected to Fellowship that year. The previous presidents were a remarkable group of men leading up to my nomination and election. My nomination may have been a bit unusual – it certainly was, in my opinion. I think it was the convention in Philadelphia when my mentor as a director, and vice president and good friend, Ed Pairo, called and asked that I come to his room – he had some things he wanted to talk about. I got into his room and sitting around the room were Terrell Harper, Glen Aplanalp, Kelsey Saint, Charlie Carroll, as well as Ed. He indicated they did have much time so they came right to the point of telling me they wanted me to be the next Institute President. I about died, but I accepted! I became president.

Another anecdote: When I became president I was requested to have a sepia tone photo taken to place in the board room along with the previous presidents. I did - a gorgeous head shot photo that I took to my first CSI BoD meeting. It was placed alongside the others... the only problem was all previous photos were taken a shop down the street, and they were bad! My photo was out of place, so I had to have my photo retaken at the same shop. I was ugly with the rest of the past presidents. There were some really handsome past presidents, and the others were good looking, but we all looked very bad. CSI finally took them all down. (I still have that handsome picture framed in my CSI gallery

There was a lot, in my opinion that needed to be done! Over the previous few administrations much of the direction of CSI was – rightfully – directed toward the technical growth of CSI. I concurred in this, as I was Vice President – Technical during Arthur J. Miller’s term of office. However, because of this intense attention to technical growth, the membership lacked their attention of the administrations. Members were not too happy, and member growth had not happened. Improved member attitudes and growth were my primary goals for the year. The continued technical growth was in very good hands with Vice President Bob Vansant, and Art Miller. They were both brilliant, and driven toward the technical aspects, and the development of the CSI Format.

Larry Dean – Vice President Membership Services criss-crossed the country attending all the region conferences we could work in, and listening to all membership gripes and concerns. We encouraged new member growth, and explained what, and, we thought the direction of CSI should be, and asked the members to join in. We initiated a new member drive in 1972 with a goal of 1000 new members. This was the year CSI crossed the 10,000 member threshold CSI exceeded that number by several hundred! The Membership Drive was continued through 1974. This began the major growth in CSI membership. “Clack” King developed a cash equivalent new member contest that was very successful. Along with this was the creation of new student chapters in Indianapolis, Cal Poly and California State College, and University of Illinois. There were now five student chapters in CSI.

This year also initiated the First International Congress on Construction Communications at the Bouwcentrum in Rotterdam, Holland. This international symposium was the brainchild and pushed ahead by past president Arthur Brown, FCSI, and Immediate Past President Arthur M. Miller, FCSI. This was a great success, and a tribute to Art Brown, and Art Miller.

The guide specification program, “Green Sheets” was in high gear, and continued to roll along. This program was a great program in which to involve chapters and members. Eventually program was discontinued when it was felt “outsourcing” this work was more financially viable. Hope this or a similar program can be started to assist in membership participation.

I finished the year by addressing the convention about the next 25 years – communication, and its tools for

development. What an exciting year to be in CSI and to hopefully further its growth.

I am proud to say that I am still very active in the chapter, and serve on the chapter BoD to simply add the value of experience to our current superb chapter leadership and its 280+ membership.

Editors Note: John did not mention that he is still active at the Institute level, currently serving on the Jury of Fellows.

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Is There Life After Fellowship?

By: Gilman Hu, FCSI - Publisher

A survey of the Fellows five years ago stirred up many comments. A majority of the respondents asked what could they do after Fellowship, besides putting on their medal once or twice a year and receive the recognitions from the membership at the functions they attend.

Do you realize that many new members less than 5 years, know little of your accomplishments, and maybe not even know who you are, or, god forbid, even care? There's a better chance of your viability (or notoriety) if you continue your pre-Fellows contributions.

We Fellows are a diverse group. Some are retired, physically handicapped, no longer a member of CSI, and/or computer illiterate. I'm not talking about those who are mentally incapacitated. The rest, none of the above, belong to the group that needs no further directions.

One thing all Fellows must keep in mind, that once a Fellow, always a Fellow. Even if you are no longer a member of CSI, no longer in the construction field, had a sex change, or the Institute dropped your name from their roster for one reason or another, YOU are on OUR roster, unless you happened to be one of our "lost sheep", Fellows who we've really lost track of.

Those retired – you have the luxury of selective participation and that is WIDE open. You are like the senior members of the family where you can "spoil the grand kids and kiss them goodbye when their parents pick them up at the end of the day." Your historical perspective and experience are valuable to the current Chapter officers and committees.

Those physically handicapped – depending on your disability, you can ask your home Chapter for tasks that you can do and have an interest in, sort of "cottage industry piece work". You can ask the Chapter to have younger volunteers to provide transportation to and from. The time going to and from meeting is a great opportunity to know someone well. This may be the beginning of a mentoring situation.

Those who are no longer a member of CSI – You can write for The Fellows – Op/Ed pieces, volunteer for College of Fellows assignments, and other administrative tasks. Have you considered posting a Want Ad offering your interest and abilities? It cost nothing.

Those who are computer illiterate – you are never too old to learn. If you have a will, there is a way.

A friend of mine who lives alone in Manhattan is 95 years old. She had a career as a legal secretary to more than

one attorney. She had a hearing problem and depended on lip reading all her life; with advancing age she can no longer communicate through the telephone even if the caller yelled. Callers had to communicate with the doorman to relay messages. On the advice of her current attorney, she bought a computer and is taking private lessons so she can communicate with those who she depends on. When she cannot go out because of weather, she can order things delivered. When she cannot sleep, she can correspond with people and they can respond when it is convenient. Once she gets the hang of e-mail, we will show her how to surf the WEB. The world will come to her.

Many young CSI members are computer literate, have some spare time on their hands, perhaps distant from their own parents, not much money, and not much life experiences. Many of the Fellows are the exact opposite. Have you considered a trade of talents or services? This could be a win-win situation.

If you have Internet access you can participate in chapter and institute discussions, write articles, give sage advice to those without the historical perspective that you have. You can do all this without getting out of your pajamas.

People respect your privacy. In order to let them know that you are open for interaction, you must take the initiative, following AT&T's slogan: "Reach out and touch someone." YOU must make the first move.

Going back to the question - Is There Life After Fellowship?

The decision is up to each of you – Do you want to live or vegetate?

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Winning in Las Vegas!

By: Paulette Salisbury, FCSI, CDT

If you have the urge to gamble a little, then come to the Convention in Las Vegas and save some cash for the College of Fellows 50/50 Raffle. On Thursday evening, during the reception and COF meeting, we will again be selling raffle tickets to help raise funds for the College of Fellows projects.

Last year's winners took home more than \$500 in prizes. So come prepared with a check or cash to play with us this year. Here's how it works: raffle tickets are sold for one dollar, five dollars or twenty dollars or more. You get more chances to win the more tickets you buy. Then the amount of money collected is divided in half and half of the money goes in the kitty and the other half is awarded in prizes to those in attendance.

Some very generous winners last year even gave back their winnings to the College to help us boost our total. This year you can even spend it in the casino where the odds of winning may or may not be better than winning in the COF Raffle. Come and take your chances and help the College provide services to CSI members. Isn't that what we're all about? Giving back to CSI! See you in Vegas!

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