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

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### Editorial:

By: Richard Eustis, PE, FCSI, CCCA, CSC – Editor

CSI is all about the improvement of communications within the design/construction community. This newsletter follows that lead and is a way of improving communications with all of the Fellows, even those that are no longer CSI Members.

This newsletter is intended to be an independent vehicle, written by Fellows to be read by other Fellows, to keep the Fellowship informed of CSI related activities.

Our editorial policy is quite simple, we do not intend to reproduce articles that are sent to multiple Chapters for use in Chapter Newsletters nor do we intend to promote or support specific controversial issues or publish candidate material for elections. Our intent is to be an information resource on items that should be of interest to Fellows.

This is the Convention Issue so look for information about Fellows Events at Construct2012. Please bring the COF Annual Business Meeting Agenda to the meeting.

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### Congratulations to the Fellows Class of 2012 !!

By: Bob Kenworthy, FCSI, CCS, CCCA  
Chairman, Jury of Fellows

Please join me in congratulating the Fellows Class of 2012:

- Mr. George Wade Bevier CSI CCS SCIP LEED AP, Raleigh-Durham Chapter
- Mr. Cornelius H. Davison CSI CCS CCCA AIA, Phoenix Chapter
- Ms. Nina M. Giglio CSI CCS SCIP, Albuquerque Chapter

- Mr. John R. Guill CSI CCS CCCA AIA SCIP, Redwood Empire Chapter
- Mr. Richard J. Lueb CSI CCS CCCA AIA, Oklahoma City Chapter
- Mr. Mitchell A. Miller CSI CCS AIA, Allentown Chapter
- Ms. Marilyn G. Smith CSI CCS AIA SCIP, North Dakota – Red River Valley Chapter
- Mr. Brian J. Varner CSI CCCA LEED AP, Redwood Empire Chapter

On Monday, May 7<sup>th</sup>, the Jury of Fellows received an email from Kelly Porter telling us that this year's nomination packets for prospective new Fellows and their endorsement letters were posted on the Institute FTP Site and ready for our review. This year most of the nominations and endorsement letters were submitted electronically, but a few of the nominations and several endorsement letters were received by good old snail mail. All in all, the process went well.

Each Jury member is charged with independently reviewing each candidate's dossier based solely upon the information contained in the nomination packet and the endorsement letters. Jurors must set aside personal knowledge of the nominees and there is no discussion between Jurors on the merits of the nominees.

After independent review of the dossiers, each Jury member casts his or her ballots in secret and mails them to the Institute office. This year's Voting Teleconference was handled a bit differently than in past years. The Voting Teleconference was conducted by WebEx with Kelly Porter on camera substituting for Vanna White as the Jury's Teller. Kelly opened and read the ballots aloud, while Jury Members watched and tallied the votes from our offices. Nominees receiving four 'yes' votes were elevated to Fellowship. Nominees receiving three 'no' votes

were not elevated to Fellowship. Institute Secretary Lane Beougher FCSI CCS CCA called the successful and unsuccessful nominees following the voting.

I am both awed and humbled by the commitment and dedication to CSI and the construction industry shown by our new Fellows. If you will be attending CONSTRUCT 2012, please stop by the CSI Booth and take a few minutes to review the successful submittals that will be on display. It is truly amazing reading.

On Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, you will have the opportunity to congratulate each new Fellow at a reception honoring the Class of 2012. Investiture of the new Fellows will take place on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> as part of the Honors and Awards Gala.

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## **Fellows Reception, Breakfast, and Annual Meeting**

By: Dave Metzger, FCSI, CDT, FAIA

Marvin Windows and Doors has for the fourth year graciously agreed to sponsor the College of Fellows Reception, and the Breakfast and Annual Meeting, at Construct2012.

The CSI Fellows Reception will be held on Wednesday September 12, from 6:30 to 8:00 pm at the Phoenix Convention Center Symphony Hall. The Reception will feature introduction of the Fellows' Class of 2012 and a champagne toast in their honor. There is no cost to attend the Reception for Fellows and a guest.

The COF Breakfast and Annual Meeting will be held on Thursday September 13, from 7:30 to 9:00 am at the Phoenix Convention Center. Marvin Windows' sponsorship of the breakfast will reduce the cost to \$20 per attendee for advance registration. A limited number of spaces may be available at the door, payable by cash only, at a cost of \$25.00 per person.

If you are planning to attend the Fellows' Reception or the Breakfast and Annual Meeting, please make your reservations on the Construct Show website as part of the overall Show and Convention registration. Your payment for the breakfast is made as part of the Show registration process.

Please be sure to stop by Booth 501 on the trade show floor to thank Marvin Windows and Doors for their support of the College of Fellows and to check out their newest products.

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## ***Fellowship Mentoring – “Giving Forward” We're building our future***

By: Jack Klemeyer, FCSI

The Fellowship mentoring program appears to be very useful when candidates take advantage of the advice that's available, either formally or informally. You all (I hope) know where the list of mentors is posted (COF website), and know also (I hope) that you don't have to be "on the list" to make a BIG difference to the success of a candidate's nomination for elevation to Fellowship. Please understand that there will be candidates in your Chapter or Region that may be reluctant to ask for assistance; if you are aware of someone considering submittal of their dossier, please ask either the candidate or someone close to the process if you or any of the mentors can be helpful in reviewing their dossier, providing advice related to how to best present their qualifications, requesting well-written endorsement letters, or . . . . It is not only useful for the candidate -- it is also useful for the Jury! If you would like to be added to the "official" list of mentors for FY13, please send your name, Home Chapter, email address, and telephone number to me at [wvk@sbcglobal.net](mailto:wvk@sbcglobal.net), or call me at 415/664-0134. Many thanks!

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## **CSC Conference in Ottawa, Ontario Canada - 2012**

By: By John Lape, FCSI, CCS, CSC, AIA

The annual CSC Conference – was held this year in the capital city of Ottawa, Ontario. While I am sure security was present, it was nothing like the omni-present levels I saw in Washington D. C. the week before at the AIA convention. Ottawa is a beautiful city with a population of 900,000 inhabitants. It is a very walk-able city and an athletic city also. That same weekend as the conference was a runner's paradise with 5k and 10k runs, and a marathon. In the winter the canal freezes over and the city maintains an eight

kilometer-long skating path. Some even skate as a regular means of commuting in the winter!

The Tulip Festival ended the weekend before the conference. Ottawa boasts of more than 200 varieties of tulips that bloom each spring. Most are gifts from Holland in gratitude for Canada's hospitality to the royal Dutch family for keeping them safe during World War II.

CSI was represented at CSC by fellows Paul Bertrum, Dick Eustis, Jim Robertson, John Lape and by Executive Director, Walt Marlow and his wife, Corrine.

There were roughly 275 delegates in attendance and another 75 spouses and companions. This makes the CSC Conference about the size of our larger region conferences in the States.

CSC offered three tracks of education, two of which were technical and the third was general knowledge. There was a good size product expo and these conferences usually have architectural/construction tours as well. Ottawa was no exception. I went to the Algonquin Centre for Construction. This building is dedicated to teaching students about drafting, design, MEP, and construction that is located in a state of the art, 190,000 square foot facility.

Out going, CSC president Bruce Gillham and Executive Director, Nick Franjic led the organization through another successful year with an outstanding 87 percent membership renewal rate! Claude Giguere will now take over the reigns and again, will represent CSC at our upcoming convention in Phoenix.

One of the unique things about the CSC conferences is that virtually everything is included. While the registration fee may seem a bit high, it does include three meals per day, an open bar (!!!) a Fun Night on Friday night and the formal gala on Saturday night that includes great food and live bands both nights. CSC gets great support from their sponsors and exhibitors to keep costs down. As is typical, the Fun Night was held off site this year at a restaurant overlooking an inlet off the Ottawa river. A band, dance and musical performances as well as a brief but intense thunder storm, made for truly "fun" night.

The CSC conference ended with the traditional black tie gala. Corinne Golding, prior year's president, was introduced as the newest fellow. Life member awards were handed out to Terry Johnson, Walter Strachan, and Sandro Ubaldino. A night of dancing and conversation followed the formal event.

Next year, the conference will be hosted by my CSC chapter, Calgary. The dates are May 22-26, 2013 which coincides with our Memorial weekend here in the States. The venue will be at the downtown Hyatt Regency placing lots to see and do within short distances. This year was my 14th consecutive CSC conference and you can bet that I will not miss the next one!

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## **CSI College of Fellows History & Directory**

By: Dennis J. Hall, FCSI, FAIA and David Metzger, FCSI, FAIA

The College of Fellows has begun work on the *CSI College of Fellows History & Directory*, a hard-bound book expected to be published in early 2013. About 75% of the first draft has been completed and we plan to have the manuscript phase of the project ready by the Convention in September. This will give the Fellows of the Institute an opportunity to review the manuscript and make any suggestions or corrections. The book will have both an alphabetical listing of Fellows and a chronological listing of Fellows by class, and we are trying to include a class photo for as many Fellow classes as possible. Currently we have photos for the following classes:

1961  
1964 - 1969  
1972 - 1979  
1980 - 1989  
1990 - 1996  
2000 - 2011

If you have class photos, please send an electronic copy to Dennis Hall at [dhall@hallarch.com](mailto:dhall@hallarch.com). The more class photos we get, the better the final product will be.

Below is the basic outline of the book. Once completed, the College plans to distribute a book to each current Fellow, and present them to new Fellows at their Investiture. We also plan to update the book about every seven years. In return, we hope each Fellow will consider making a small donation to the College of Fellows Student and Emerging Professions Fund, to support the work of the College.

### INTRODUCTION

### THE HISTORY OF THE COLLEGE OF FELLOWS

CSI and the Emergence of Fellowship  
The Founding of the CSI College of  
Fellows

THE RITUAL OF FELLOWSHIP  
Investiture of Fellows  
Fellows Medal and Pin

FELLOWS OF THE INSTITUTE  
Chronological Listing of Fellows  
Alphabetical Directory

LISTS OF HONOR  
Presidents of the Institute  
Distinguished Members of the Institute  
Chancellors of the College of Fellows

The chapter on the emergence of Fellowship is being sourced from archived Institute board minutes, and information from long-time CSI members. Unfortunately there is no one still alive with direct first-hand knowledge of Institute Board discussions. If any Fellows who were members of the Institute when the first classes of Fellows was elected in 1959 or the early 1960's have memories or documentation of that time, your input would be appreciated. Please e-mail to Dave Metzger at [metzgercd@comcast.net](mailto:metzgercd@comcast.net).

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## HELP NEEDED

From Steve Blumenthal, FCSI

As you all know David Meltzer and Dennis Hall have been compiling "Fellows History". They were told I might have a Fellows Rosette and contacted me. I had two and sent one to each of them as a gift and history. Unfortunately the Rosette sent to Dennis got lost in the mail as such he does not have one. Thus the HELP NEEDED opening: If anyone has a Rosette their not using or want to perpetuate perhaps you can contact Dennis.

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## Evolving CSI

BY: Paul Bertram, FCSI, CSI Immediate Past President

It is hard to believe the year as CSI Institute president has ended. What a ride. First, I would like to thank Dennis Hall, FCSI for providing a foundation that we could build on this past year. I would also like to thank all those that contributed with positive ideas and participation in advancing

CSI's mission. Looking back over the last year, I can report a number of successes and one big challenge that CSI Fellows can be a part in providing solutions.

The number one focus this past year was to grow membership. Aggressive membership goals were set and supported by several programs that generated positive growth last year. These recruiting programs are critical to keep CSI growing *but it must be realized that membership value has to be established to the point where these discounted programs can be less depended upon for growth.*

Jan Piccola, FCSI, chaired the Institute Membership Committee this year and helped the board understand that new membership is not CSI's issue. The challenge is **membership retention.**

Chapter leadership training was identified as a critical need for improving membership retention. This June, Region Presidents are again invited to attend the Institute Board meeting for leadership training. Clearly defined outcomes and expectations will be presented along with best practice solutions to engage members in fully benefiting from the "CSI experience". Chapter development will also be supported by a newly formed staff "Community Development" department led by Joy Davis.

## The further challenge is, engaging all CSI

**members.** CSI Fellows - through your local chapter(s), you are encouraged to volunteer in this process as the region leadership brings training to your Chapter.

**"The Future Isn't What It Used To Be"** Yogi Berra. The CSI Branding Revitalization messaging program is key in creating consistent messaging for all to express the "CSI experience". In the works as of May, some of the key areas identified include:

- *CSI is an evolving organization for a changing industry. It's the only community where you can engage and collaborate with professionals outside your discipline.*
- *CSI Improves project delivery through knowledge sharing and information management across a project's life cycle.*

## Evolving programs from last year include:

- **The CSI Master Specifiers Retreat –** Held in March, this exclusive event

brought together 40 senior specifiers from across the country for an intimate weekend of focused education, group networking, and one-on-one meetings with 40 building product manufacturer executives. *The next Master Specifiers Retreat is January 17-19.* See [http://dora.csinet.org/csi\\_services/specifier\\_sretreat.aspx](http://dora.csinet.org/csi_services/specifier_sretreat.aspx)

- The **CSI Corporate Partner Program** grew to 19 members, including two municipalities, with more growth expected this coming year. <http://www.csinet.org/Main-Menu/Category/Membership/Corporate-Partner-Program.aspx>.
- The new **Owner's Task Team**, led by Ujjval Vayes, generated a lot of interest by owners and the insurance industry members regarding CSI certifications and the knowledge the certifications represent. *They see possible risk reduction and liability value(s).*

By the way, CSI had **1,400 participate in the CDT certificate program** this past year, an all time high.

I will end this message with one from Seth Godin – ["if you think that's what we want, why don't you give it to us?"](#). CSI must evolve change that meets our members and industry needs, CSI Fellows need to be part of the evolution.

*"Marketers need to spend less time making promises and more time keeping them." - Seth Godin*

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## **Institute Certification Programs Summer 2012 Review**

By: Jonathan Miller, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP, AIA, NCARB – Chair, Certification Committee

The primary charge of the CSI *Certification Committee (CertComm)* is to create and maintain the certification programs and exams for the CDT certificate, and CCS, CCCA and CCPR certifications. The committee writes and reviews new exam question items, reviews item performance statistics, evaluates program guides, resolves certification program issues, reviews source documents, and more. This past year

*CertComm* accomplished an aggressive agenda for FY12 with a similar schedule slated for FY13.

*CertComm* has been working for the last few years to make significant and carefully considered upgrades to bring the CDT, CCS, CCCA, and CCPR into compliance with the key industry standards for certification programs of ANSI/ISO/IEC 17024, ASTM E2649, and the *National Organization for Competency Assurance (NOCA) Handbook*. A recommended fundamental practice is to initiate a *Body Of Knowledge Analysis (BoKA)* for each certification program and hold periodic reviews every five years or so. *CertComm* completed the initial BoKA effort for the CDT program in 2008 and accomplished BoKAs for the CCS, CCCA, and CCPR programs in 2011. Last May a group of 11 *subject matter experts (SMEs)* met in Alexandria to review the 2008 CDT BoKA report. A second day was devoted to assessing the CDT certificate program. The CDT was confirmed to be an educational certificate program that encompasses a defined body of knowledge, but this knowledge was found to be gradually changing over time. Recommendations to solve the knowledge shift issue and other findings are being drafted for due consideration. Accepted recommendations will be implemented in smooth alignment with scheduled exam registration periods.

After multiple reviews by *CertComm*, *EdComm*, and *TechComm*, the *Product Representative Practice Guide (PRPG)* and *Sustainable Design & Construction Practice Guide (SDCPG)* are expected to be published in January 2013. After a first draft review the *Facility Management Practice Guide (FMPG)* publication schedule has been pushed to 2013 with summer and fall reviews anticipated by the committees.

FY13 *CertComm* will be working to write new and re-reference existing CCPR exam questions based on the soon to be published PRPG and the 2011 *Project Delivery Practice Guide (PDPG)*. This is in anticipation for retiring the *Project Resource Manual (PRM)* as a certification exam source document on June 1, 2013. The PRPG and PDPG will replace the PRM as key CSI source documents for the CCPR exam during the Fall 2013 exam period.

Certification program standards require separating educational study materials from certification publications. Rewriting the current study guides is a task necessary for CSI to attain compliance with recognized industry certification program standards. This past June 1st the CDT

*Study Guide* was retired and replaced by two documents, CertComm's CDT *Candidate Handbook* (free download) and EdComm's CDT *Study Workbook* (member price: \$19.99 - non-member price: \$24.99). The CCS and CCCA *Study Guides* are scheduled for replacement on December 1, 2012, by corresponding *Candidate Handbooks* and *Study Workbooks* with the CCPR changeover scheduled for June 1, 2013.

Notable CertComm news items include:

- increasing test security by creating and implementing multiple test forms for the CDT during the Spring 2012 exam period.
- reducing the wait time for retesting the CDT from 90 days to 30 days but with candidates limited to taking the CDT a maximum two times a year.
- allowing candidates to schedule and take both the CDT and a higher certification exam during the same exam period, provided the CDT is passed first.
- expressing sincere gratitude to Sandi Velleca FCSI, CCS, CCCA, Pete Baker CCPR, and Marilyn Smith (incoming FCSI,) CCS, for their enormously productive years while serving on CertComm.
- giving a warm welcome to new FY13 CertComm members, David Dixon CCPR, CCCA, David Trudell CCS, CCCA, and Alan Horne CCS, CCCA.

CertComm is currently looking into the highly recommended certification industry standards best practice of pass/fail cut scoring exam test forms using criterion-referencing methodology. The committee initially addressed the pass/fail cut scoring issue by completing the *Construction Documents Technologists (CDT) - Standard Setting Workshop* and report, which was accomplished by 11 SMEs, staff, and a psychometric consultant in December 2011. A technique widely recognized as being fair, criterion-referenced cut scoring is a method used to determine the exact passing score for each individual test form. *CertComm* is currently reviewing and planning for potential impacts to employ this cut scoring method.

CertComm greatly appreciates every Fellow that actively helps to make the CDT certificate and CCS, CCCA, and CCPR certification programs a success in serving the industry. We

encourage members to accomplish this through active volunteer participation and by helping to spread the word about their importance and effectiveness to everyone served by CSI credentials. Certified members interested in volunteering for the committee, it's task teams, or certification ad hoc committees should contact me for further details.

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## June 2012 COF Chancellor's Report

By: Knox H. Tumlin, FCSI, CDT, AIA - College of Fellows, Chancellor

Included in this edition of *The Fellows* newsletter are numerous articles by members of the Executive Committee on the various activities which have been undertaken this year.

Significant progress has been made, led by the efforts of Dennis Hall and Dave Metzger, in compiling a comprehensive History of the College of Fellows and the early years of CSI.

A *Guide for New Fellows* has been developed and the Reception for new Fellows should be a splendid event this year.

My thanks to all of the committee members and advisors for their help, diligent, and focus on the tasks at hand. Please review all of the articles for more details, and I encourage all Fellows who attend the Convention in Phoenix in September to attend the new Fellows reception on the evening of the 12<sup>th</sup> to help welcome the new Fellows and the College of Fellows Breakfast and Business Meeting on the morning of the 13<sup>th</sup>.

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## College of Fellows Bursar's Report – May 31, 2012

By: Dave Metzger, FCSI, CDT, FAIA - Bursar

As of May 31, 2012, our account status is:

- General Fund Account: \$ 832.57 (of which \$220.87 is from donations specifically for newsletter publication)
- Students & Emerging Professionals (SEP) Fund: \$ 31,880.73
- Eustis Endowment Fund: \$ 20, 203.50

General Fund: Our expenses continue to be low and less than budgeted. Marvin Windows and

Doors will again be sponsoring our reception and breakfast at Construct2012.

SEP Fund: We have received \$3,100 in contributions to the SEP Fund in the current fiscal year FY2012. There are still a few Fellows who have not yet paid their pledge for this year. We have current pledges for an additional \$4,700 in contributions through FY2015. For each of the past three years, we have donated \$1,500 from the fund to support student events at the Conventions, and will be doing the same for Construct2012. However, because that event will be in September, the donation will be made in FY2013, not FY2012.

We greatly appreciate those Fellows who have contributed to the SEP Fund so far for FY 2012:

R. Stanley Bair, Bill Brightbill, Jim Chaney  
Paul Edlund, Alana Sunness Griffith  
Duane Johnson, Joseph Kasimer  
Bob Kenworthy, Lee Kilbourn,  
Jack Klemeyer, Dave Metzger, Lee Orosco  
Richard Rivin, Edward F. Smith  
Alan Tokugawa, Thomas Young

Eustis Endowment Fund: This endowment fund, established by Dick Eustis, was created to assist in funding worthwhile projects undertaken by the College of Fellows. The Fund is set up to allow use of the interest by the College while the principal amount remains to continue generating interest for the future. We have received another generous contribution this year from Dick Eustis. Thank you, Dick, for your vision and continued generosity in establishing and supporting this endeavor.

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## College of Fellows – Nominating Committee Report

By: Sandi Velleca, FCSI, CCS, CCA – Chair of Nominating Committee

The report of the Nominating Committee for 2012 is as follows:

Nominees – Office of Vice Chancellor (Vice Chancellor 2013 and then Chancellor 2014)

**Michael M. Davis, FCSI, CDT**

**John (Grif) Griffith, FCSI**

Nominees – Office of Bursar (2 years concluding 2014)

**Joe Dworkin, FCSI, CDT**

**Robert Simmons, FCSI, CCPR**

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## COLLEGE OF FELLOWS THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

### ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AGENDA

Thursday, September 13, 2012  
Phoenix Convention Center  
7:30 am

- 01) Call to Order & Greetings
- 02) Recognition of Sponsor (Marvin Windows and Doors) and Special Guests
- 03) Recognition of Fellows who passed since last Convention & Moment of Silence
- 04) Recognition of incoming new Fellows as a group
- 05) Review and Approval of Minutes from 2011 Meeting
- 06) Elections – Vice-Chancellor and Bursar
- 07) Comments by CSI President
- 08) Tellers Committee Report
- 09) Committee Reports
  - a) Past Chancellor
  - b) Bursar
  - c) Chancellor
  - d) Newsletter
  - d) Jury of Fellows
  - e) History of Fellows – Dennis & Dave
  - f) Other Committees if and as needed
- 10) Chancellor-Elect Report
- 11) Open Forum
- 12) Adjournment

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### What are the Fellows doing?

By Tom Montero, FCSI, CDT

**Gregory Mowat FCSI CDT CTC CFC (Class of 2002)** a former West Region Director and San

Diego Chapter President is still very active in the Region and Chapter. He continues to work in forensics with tile and stone assemblies including failure analysis of showers, countertops, floors, paving and veneer. Greg is educating the industry by attending and speaking at Stonexpo, Coverings, Total Solutions and the San Diego Tile Contractors Association. In September in Chicago, Greg will be attending his 32nd consecutive CSI Convention and Banquet, and has attended 37 consecutive West Region CSI Conferences as a Committee Chair, Region Director, speaker and all 'round good guy..

Beverly (Bev), his roommate, "*retired from teaching in July 2009 after 38 years at Euclid Elementary School.*" In sports the Mowat's are avid San Diego State University Football and Basketball fans as evident by them attending the Mountain West Conference basketball playoffs in Las Vegas this past spring. After the win in Las Vegas, "*we drove to Tucson where the Aztecs beat Northern Arizona and Temple, then on to Anaheim where the Aztecs lost to the University of Connecticut*" (which won the entire tournament). The Mowat's also have season tickets for the San Diego Padres games.

Greg still goes out to the Over-The-Line World Championship Tournament at Fiesta Island the second and third week end in July every year to play a little ball with "*Great friends over the last 40 years.*"

Daughter Melissa is teaching fourth grade and working on her Masters at San Diego State in Technology. She created her dad's web site in December 2010.

Greg is always available for consultation and may even consider giving his CSI comrades a "one time" freebee. He can be reached at [Tile4N6@aol.com](mailto:Tile4N6@aol.com). Give him a shout.

**Wallace (Wally) L Bostelmann, FCSI, Member Emeritus (Class of 1999)** a former Gulf States Region Director, EDCOM member, Institute Convention Programs and Awards committee member, President of the Shreveport and Memphis Chapters and is currently active in the Memphis Chapter as Fellowship Chair, Assistant Treasure, Products Show committee, etc. He attends the Region activities "*but at my age I try to get the younger set to go*" He wears his Fellowship Medallion with pride, when ever it

is "*correct*" to do so. He said, "*I personally think it should be worn at every CSI event.*"

After having had open heart surgery 10 years ago at 68 and lost the only three hairs he had left on his chest he said, "*I figure that I only have about another 20 left for CSI.*" People still think he looks like Walter Cronkite. He really has fun with that because his response is usually, "*you mean I look dead?*" Then, "*You never heard so much stuttering in your life.*" He still lives down on the farm in Moscow TN with his wife Jackie, two good horses, and a pond full of fish. Oh, and still pluggin' away in the cellulose business. There are six children and 16 grandchildren, all, he reports, "*are doing quite well*"

Wally reminisced about "*the good times at convention, when it was a CSI thing.*" He said, "*I laugh every time I think of the BBQ deally.*" He had brought shrimp to prepare for lunch at one of the Board Meeting and used the grill that was at the office. Joe wasn't too happy about it but Wally figured it was easier to get forgiveness than permission. The shrimp were great, the Board loved it.

We "talked" about a lot of things, too much to include here. In closing, Wally shared a little of his personal philosophy . . . "*I firmly believe that all people were put on this earth to help one another, so in my spare time I try to help as I can.*" When you're in the Memphis area, give 'im a call, he's in the book.

**John C Arant, FCSI, Member Emeritus, CDT (Class of 1993)** a former Institute Vice President, Jury of Fellows Chair, Southeast Region Director, and Atlanta CSI Chapter President retired from Dow Chemical in 2002. As an Army vet, he's very active in the American Legion as Georgia's 9<sup>th</sup> District Commander, is a poll prescient manager, church volunteer and, with his wife Marilyn, manage a few rental houses they own.

John and Marilyn still live in Cumming, GA. outside Atlanta on a golf course. But after retirement he sorta lost interest in golf. No longer had any sales related outings, I guess. And after 40 yrs of traveling with Dow, he said that they

*“enjoy staying at home”.* Marilyn says, *“people pay to come where we live--why do we want to travel.”* She makes a good point.

He's not involved in the Atlanta CSI Chapter any longer 'cause, *“I don't want to drive 50 miles into Atlanta to go to a meeting.”* Maybe after all the driving when he was with Dow, he just doesn't care to drive at night any more. Then again, *“at 74 can't do what I used to do so my activities [are] limited.”* Other than the volunteer work and takin' care of the rental property, he said, *“I do a lot of reading . . . and manage to work a few naps”* into his busy schedule. He went on to say that, *“Our blended family of 7 children and 12 grandchildren is great. They all have jobs and their own houses, so life is good.”*

In the current situation with our troops coming home and those who are already veterans, John brought up a good point. As a vet during wartime, *“you should join a Post. There are many VA benefits, Home Depot 10% discounts, other Veterans discounts, free drivers license, etc.”*

When you're in the area give 'im a call; I'm sure he'd enjoy reminiscing. Oh, and take your clubs, maybe you can talk him into a round or two.

**George A. Van Niel, FCSI (Class of 1982) and Honorary/Distinguished Member (2008)**, a former member and/or Chair of several Institute Committees from 1975 to 1991, Gr. Lakes Region Director ('79-82), and EDCOM Chair ('85-'89), has been a Columbus (OH) Chapter member since 1964 serving on its Board and as Chair of numerous Committees, and has the distinction of having attended more than 25 consecutive CSI Conventions from Miami to Dallas. As an Emeritus member, his *“most recent professional activities have been limited to periodic attendance at the Columbus CSI Chapter, AIA and Builders Exchange meetings and functions.”* and occasionally Institute Conventions. He says he's *“still looking forward to those 'Golden Years' where I get to sit back in my reclining rocking chair to watch TV and relax”.* He attempted retirement in 2004 at 70, *“but due to continued requests by former clients for just one more project spec, I haven't managed a great deal of relaxing time.”*

Having been involved in CSI for several decades, George has fond memories of his CSI activities from the Columbus Chapter's eight couple group attending Conventions in various cities and making

friends throughout the country to having the largest contingency at the Rotterdam, Netherlands Construction Congress on Construction Communications to the “non-party” at the New Orleans Convention in the French Quarter. There were the educational presentations with Shelly Isreal, Mark Kalin and Mike King and the presentations with Mike King introducing CSI's formats, specification writing principles and construction document standards throughout the Middle East Gulf States of Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and UAE. Perhaps one of the most memorable was when The Chief *“enticed me into presenting his famous “Selling to Architects” program for our industry members. Unfortunately his Indian vs Cowboy graphics and hat with a feather did not work near as well for me.”* Can you imagine a white guy with a beard in that get-up? It must have been hilarious. George said the program was later entitled “Getting Specified”. Probably a good move with a “white eye” as one of the presenters.

George's four children; daughter, Tracy, FCSI, is Specifications Director for Design Group, architects in Columbus; son, Jeffrey, an attorney in Las Vegas representing Nye County in the Yucca Mountain nuclear waste disposal dispute with the US Government; daughter, Kelly, retired Air Force, is a computer specialist at Peterson AFB; and son, Jon, is the North American Equipment Manager for Creative Technology of L A. Lucretia's son, Logan is living in Columbus. Grandson Taylor, 16, participates in high school lacrosse and track and granddaughter Cameron, an 11 year old 6th grader, is a blossoming writer.

In 2002, with Lucretia's blessing, George revisited his favorite amateur sports activity, playing softball; currently in a 75's+ league. *“Fortunately, I have been able to travel and play with several different tournament teams from Ohio and Michigan, including the NASCS Senior Softball World Series Tournaments in Des Moines and SPA National Championship Tournament in Dalton, GA.”* During the softball season, he usually puts the golf outings on hold, however *“I did manage to win a trophy for the longest drive in the 2009 Columbus CSI annual GVN OSU School of Architecture scholarship fund raising golf outing”* but he's *“still trying to remember how that swing worked.”* George, it ain't the same as swinging a softball bat, pal!

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