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APRIL CHAPTER PROGRAM: TOUR OF NATIONAL GYPSUM PLANT

Join us for a fascinating experience, a tour of National Gypsum's Waukegan gypsum board plant. **RSVP soon, because attendance is limited to the first 20 responders.**

Date: April 13, 2010.

Place: National Gypsum Plant, 515 Sea Horse Drive, Waukegan, IL 60085

Times: 5:30 Gypsum Plant Tour

6:30 Dinner

7:00 Gypsum 101 Program (See program details on Page 2)

8:30 Program concludes

Cost: Free to Chapter members in good standing; \$40 for guest

RSVP: Reservations due by 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 7, 2010. E-mail to Larry Church at larrychurch@comcast.net. **If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be billed for the dinner.**

Attendees can bring their own hard hats, safety glasses and ear protection. If not, they will be provided. No open toe shoes, please.

Directions to the Waukegan Plant from Chicago/O'Hare Airport. Take I-294 towards Milwaukee. Take I-94 to exit 132 East. Take 132 East (Grand Ave) and travel to the very end. Turn right and go to the first STOP sign. Turn left and go to the first road on the left (Sea Horse Drive). Turn onto Sea Horse Drive. Follow road, plant will be on right hand side about ¼ mile down.



**GYPSUM 101**

AIA/CES Registered Provider Program Summary
 Provider: National Gypsum
 Program Number: NGC017

LENGTH: 1 Hour

CREDITS: 1

HSW: Yes

DESCRIPTION

Gypsum wallboard has been utilized in construction since 1917. It might be one of the most versatile building materials ever invented. But how many people really know gypsum, or perhaps were afraid to ask the question? This interactive presentation will walk you through the basics of gypsum board and introduce you to the latest innovation of high-performance products available in the marketplace.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the end of this program the participants will be able to identify the appropriate gypsum board for the intended application so that the system that it is designed for performs correctly.

HOW TAUGHT

The facilitator utilizes a PowerPoint presentation. Samples, test data and exercises are used based on the topic of discussion. The program concludes with a ten question quiz. Participants must pass with a 70% or better to receive the AIA/CES credit. This course may also be taken online at no charge. Go to nationalgypsum.com – click on Continuing Education.

NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER PROGRAMS 2009 - 2010

Date	Topic	CSI Division	Location
05/20/10	Awards Dinner		Crowne Plaza Hotel, Glen Prairie Restaurant, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL
August 2010, Date to be determined	Baseball Game		To be determined

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ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

Topic	Dates/Times	Location	Contact
Earth Day 2010 Many events at locations throughout Chicagoland and Northern Illinois	Saturday, April 24, 2010 Earth Day, observed (April 22 is the official Earth Day)	One of many events will be held at Rock Valley College, 3301 N. Mulford Rd., Rockford, IL	Google "Earth Day 2010"
Do You Know Your ROI? Rockford/Northern Illinois USGBC program: Returns on LEED investment options; Associated returns in energy savings, maintenance and productivity; How software will allow immediate feedback of investment costs and return information; The rationale behind calculations	April 27, 2010, 5: 30 PM	Radisson Hotel & Conference Center, 200 S. Bell School Road, Rockford, 61109	www.usgbc-chicago.org
CONSTRUCT 2010 and the CSI National Convention	May 11—14, 2010	Pennsylvania Convention Center, Philadelphia, PA	www.csinet.org
Guidelines for Using Metal Plate Connected Wood Trusses in Non-residential Buildings - Webinar by WoodWorks, an initiative of the Wood Products Council. Specification and use of wood trusses, including working with truss shop drawings, standard design responsibilities, and job site applications	May 18, 2010	Wherever you happen to be	www.woodworks.org
NEOCON — Where the design world comes together. Over 700 showrooms and exhibitors; seminars, tours, and educational programs.	June 14-16, 2010	Merchandise Mart, Chicago, IL	www.neocon.com
2010 MREA Energy Fair —Energy education, exhibits, workshops, clean energy car show, green building and remodeling, chef demos, etc.	June 18-20, 2010	Midwest Renewable Energy Association, Custer, WI	www.the-mrea.org
NCR 2010 —CSI North Central Region Conference	July 29-31, 2010	Green Bay, WI	http://csifoxrivervalley.org/ncr2010.html Also, see conference information elsewhere in this issue of the <i>Link</i> .

2010 IREA Energy Fair—Illinois Renewable Energy Association	August 7 & 8, 2010	Ogle County Fairgrounds, Oregon, IL	www.illinoisrenew.org
Greenbuild 2010— Green building education, massive trade show of green construction products	November 17-19, 2010	McCormick Place, Chicago, IL	www.usgbc-chicago.org
USGBC Educational Programs— Chicago Chapter and 6 branches throughout Illinois	There's a program about green buildings and LEED almost every day.		www.usgbc-chicago.org
CSI Chicago Chapter Meetings	4th Tuesday, most months	Varies	www.csichicago.org
CSI Madison Chapter Meetings	2nd Tuesday, most months	Varies	www.csimadison.org
CSI Milwaukee Chapter Meetings	Varies	Varies	www.csimilwaukee.org

WHO SAID THAT?

Who said: **“Plans to protect air and water, wilderness and wildlife are in fact plans to protect man.”**

If you think you know who said that, e-mail the editor - jwoneil@larsondarby.com.

Check next month's **CSI Link** to find out the answer.

Last month's quote was **“However much a period may try to disguise itself, its real nature will still show through its architecture, whether this uses original forms of expression or attempts to copy bygone epochs. We recognize the character of the age as easily as we identify a friend's handwriting beneath attempted disguises. It is as an unmistakable index as to what was really going on in a period that architecture is indispensable when we are seeking to evaluate that period.”**

The always resourceful Don Russell correctly identified the speaker as Sigfried Giedion (1888-1968), Bohemian-born, Swiss historian and critic of architecture. The passage is from Giedion's classic work “Space, Time, and Architecture”, first published in 1941. “Space, Time, and Architecture”, and Ayn Rand's “The Fountainhead” were THE books to read for architecture students in the sixties.

“Space, Time, And Architecture” is available for free online at books.google.com.

NCR 2010

GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN

CSI
North Central Region Conference
Green Bay
July 29-31

Mark your calendars now to attend
The NCR Regional Conference to be held from
July 29-31, 2010 at



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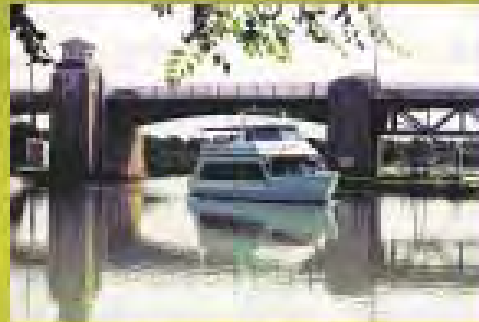
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2010 CSI NORTH CENTRAL REGION CONFERENCE
HOTEL SIERRA / KI CONVENTION CENTER
GREEN BAY, WISCONSIN
JULY 29 - 31, 2010

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, JULY 29

3:00 PM to 5:00 PM	Registration
5:00 PM	Bus departs from Hotel Sierra (Adams Street) for Lambeau Field
5:30 PM	Tailgate Party with Cash Bar in the Miller Lite End Zone * <i>separate fee</i>
7:00 PM	Tour of Lambeau Field * <i>separate fee</i>
8:00 PM	Bus returns to Hotel Sierra

FRIDAY, JULY 30

7:00 AM to 4:00 PM	Registration
8:00 AM	Breakfast (provided with Hotel registration)
8:30 AM	Conference Kickoff – Improvements in Downtown Green Bay <i>Speaker: TBD</i>
9:30 AM	Continuing Education Session I – Maria Spinu of Du Pont Continuing Education Session I – Andy Garner of Won-Door
10:30 AM	CSI Leadership Session I – Chapter Technical Activities – Ross Mori CSI Leadership Session I – Membership – Fred Burr
NOON	Lunch – Remodeling Lambeau Field <i>Speaker: TBD</i>
1:00 PM	Product Show – Conference Sponsors
2:00 PM	Continuing Education Session II – Tom Boissy of National Gypsum Continuing Education Session II – Jeff Jablonski of Edwards Sales (DOW)
3:00 PM	CSI Leadership Session II – Certification – Ted Wightman <i>Other Class Offered Simultaneously</i>
5:00 PM	Dinner * <i>on your own</i>

SATURDAY, JULY 31

7:00 AM TO NOON	Registration
8:00 AM	Breakfast (provided with Hotel registration)
9:30 AM	Continuing Education Session III – William Munyan of AWI Continuing Education Session III – Jeff Diqui of Sto
10:30 AM	CSI Leadership Session III – NCR Forum Moderated by Grif and Gerard <i>Other Class Offered Simultaneously</i>
NOON	Lunch – The Fox River Cleanup Project <i>Speakers: Representatives from Tetra Tech</i>
1:00 PM	Product Show – Conference Sponsors
2:00 PM	North Central Region Business Meeting
3:00 PM	North Central Region Board Meeting
5:30 PM	Cash Bar
6:30 PM	Banquet

** all events included in registration unless noted otherwise*



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REGISTRATION FORM

Last Name _____ First Name _____ Middle Initial _____

Company _____ CSI Chapter _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Phone _____ Fax _____ Cell Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

Name(s) of Guest(s) _____

Conference Registration (includes lunch both days and Saturday Banquet) = **\$100**

Optional Thursday Night Tailgate Party at Lambeau Field (not included with Conference Registration):

_____ X **\$35** = _____
Number of Attendees

Optional Guest Registrations:

Companion Tour: _____ X **\$25** = _____
Number of Guests

Saturday Banquet: _____ X **\$25** = _____
Number of Guests

TOTAL = _____

Entrée Selection(s) for Banquet:

_____ Sliced Roast Sirloin

_____ Door County Chicken

_____ Baked Salmon Penne

_____ Vegetable Kabob

Questions? **Contact Tom McIntosh, CSI**
(920) 378-2973

Mail this completed Registration Form, along with a check payable to **CSI Fox River Valley Chapter**, to:

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CURMUDGEON'S CORNER; MOVING ON

by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA

We just went through another round of bylaws amendments, and unless we decide to throw everything out and start over, we should be about done. The reason behind many of the amendments goes back to the governance initiative recommended by the Board and approved by the members just a couple of years ago. As you may recall, one of the biggest changes was to reduce the board of directors from twenty-nine members to eighteen. We're well on the way now; we soon will be down to twenty board members.

The intent of the governance amendment was to create a smaller board, one that would be more nimble, more efficient, and more forward thinking. With that in mind, let us consider two Board activities: creation of a new committee to oversee the way members use their dues, and expanding CSI's visibility and influence through increased participation of corporations.

Region Allocation Program Oversight Committee

Along with the reduction in size of the Board came a division of responsibilities. Institute Directors now will focus primarily on matters pertaining to operation of the Institute, while operation of the regions, formerly part of the Institute Directors' duties, now is delegated to the regions. This created a problem; while Institute Directors had annual travel budgets for visiting chapters, region officers would now have to find other sources of funding for region business.

The response was the Region Allocation Program (RAP). Under this new program, regions no longer have to rely on chapter assessments for operating funds. Instead, the Institute sends a percentage of the basic membership dues directly to the regions. At one stroke, this addressed three problems: the lack of funding for region travel, the difficulty of collecting assessments, and the "missing" income that was not collected from at-large members. This is essentially the same process used for chapter dues - the Institute collects chapter dues, then sends the money to the chapters. As far as I know, this system has worked well for a long time without any special attention.

However, it was decided that the transfer of funds to regions required supervision by the Institute, and a Region Allocation Program Oversight Committee was formed, the intent being to "administer the Region Allocation Program (RAP) and evaluate the program's effectiveness." The oversight committee has since been quizzing regions and chapters, trying to figure out what's going on in chapters and regions.

In either case, is it not the members' money, to be used as the regions or chapters determine? The Region Allocation Program was a good idea, but do we need an oversight committee to decide if regions are spending their money wisely?

Increased participation of corporations

Another topic, which our board of directors has discussed many times, is corporate participation in CSI. To put this in the proper perspective, our bylaws state that "Firms or corporations are not eligible for membership" and I certainly don't want to try to change the bylaws to allow corporate membership. However, it seems that we should be able to allow companies to participate in CSI without being corporate members, and to show their participation through use of the CSI logo and some expression of their relationship with CSI. This would benefit both the company and CSI by showing the company's support and by making CSI more visible. AIA and USGBC have shown the value of cooperation between companies and organizations; it's time CSI stopped trying to ignore the importance of those companies that pay the bills.

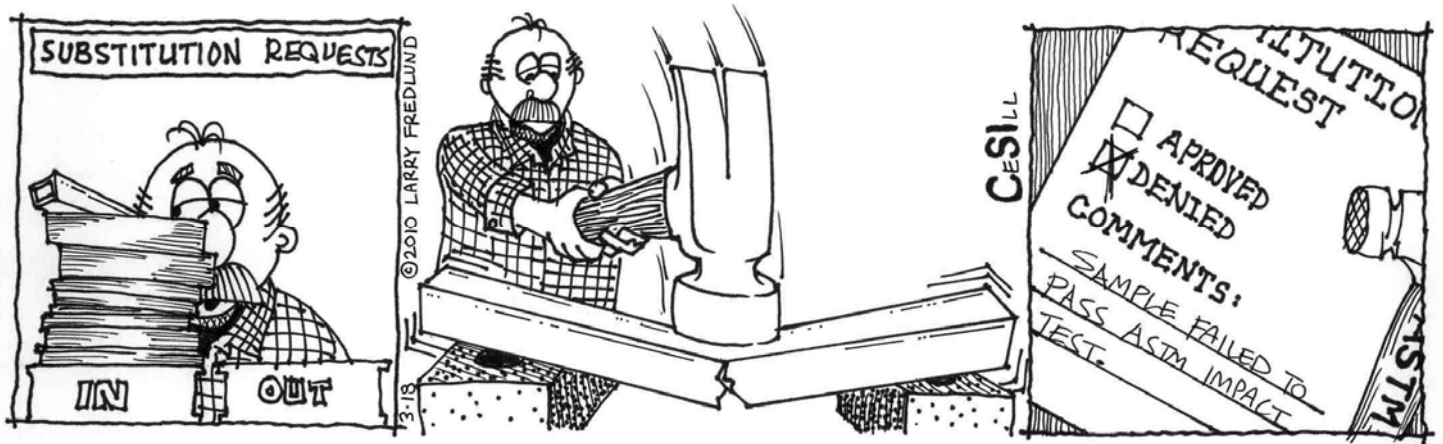
We often have lamented the fact that while ordinary people are aware of AIA, they have no idea what CSI is. And in only a few years, USGBC has become possibly the most-recognized construction organization. Should CSI pursue greater participation by companies? Should corporate participation be acknowledged by allowing companies to display the CSI logo? Isn't it time to gain more visibility by promoting CSI through every means possible?

Express your opinion!

How are the Region Allocation Program and corporate participation related? They're not, but members should take advantage of this year's annual meeting to express their views on these subjects. Given a choice between the two, members will be better served by more visibility and recognition than by an oversight committee. And I believe it is a choice. Board members have only so much time, and the total time available is much less than what it was. It is more important than ever that the Board focus on those things that will make CSI more important and attract new members, and avoid activities that sound good but do not contribute to the mission.

While it is too late to submit a resolution, these and other issues still may be brought to the annual meeting as "Other Business." The governance amendment made it possible to bring meaning to the annual meeting, so take advantage of it to tell your board of directors what *you* think is important!

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