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# CSI LINK

Northern Illinois Chapter CSI Newsletter

## OCTOBER CHAPTER PROGRAM: OPTIMIZING PERFORMANCE IN COMMERCIAL FENESTRATION

Participants will learn about two technologies - structural thermal barriers for aluminum window framing, and warm-edge spacer technology for insulating glass.

- Discuss the various comfort and performance-related topics in fenestration systems including, overall U-factor, condensation resistance factor (CRF), sound transmission OITC (Outdoor Indoor Transmission Class)
- Compare two methods for optimizing the performance of aluminum fenestration components through the application of thermal barriers in the framing
- Optimize the performance of fenestration components through the application of thermal barriers in the air space material, also known as warm-edge technology for insulating glass
- Observe a range of measured performance outcomes, energy-savings, LEED® and Cradle to Cradle<sup>sm</sup> contribution using case study data of built commercial projects in the U.S. and globally utilizing one or both types of thermal barriers in the frame and insulating glass

See Page 2 for information about our speaker, Mr. Mike Gainey.

Meeting Date: October 21, 2010, Thursday

Meeting Location: Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn

Northwest corner of Roosevelt Rd & Finley Rd, just east of Roosevelt & I-355

6:00 - 6:30 pm Social time

6:30 pm Dinner with program following

Free to chapter members in good standing; \$40 for guests

If you make a reservation and do not attend, you will be billed for the dinner

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## MIKE GAINEY

Mike Gainey, the Warm-Light® business manager for Azon USA, Inc., is a 25-year veteran in the architectural and structural glazing industry working on both large and small projects across North America. Gainey is responsible for the Azon warm-edge insulating glass spacer product. He is a member of the Construction Specifications Institute (CSI) and serves on committees of the Glass Association of North America (GANA), as well as the Insulating Glass Manufacturer's Association (IGMA). Mike is a frequent presenter at multi-regional building enclosure council seminars.

### Speaker Specialties:

- Building Envelope
- Openings (Doors and Windows)
- Sustainable Design/Specifications
- Thermal and Moisture Protection

## MEETING DETAILS

### MEETING LOCATIONS

All Chapter Meetings (unless otherwise indicated) will be held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road in Glen Ellyn. The hotel is conveniently located near the intersection of I355 and Roosevelt Road.

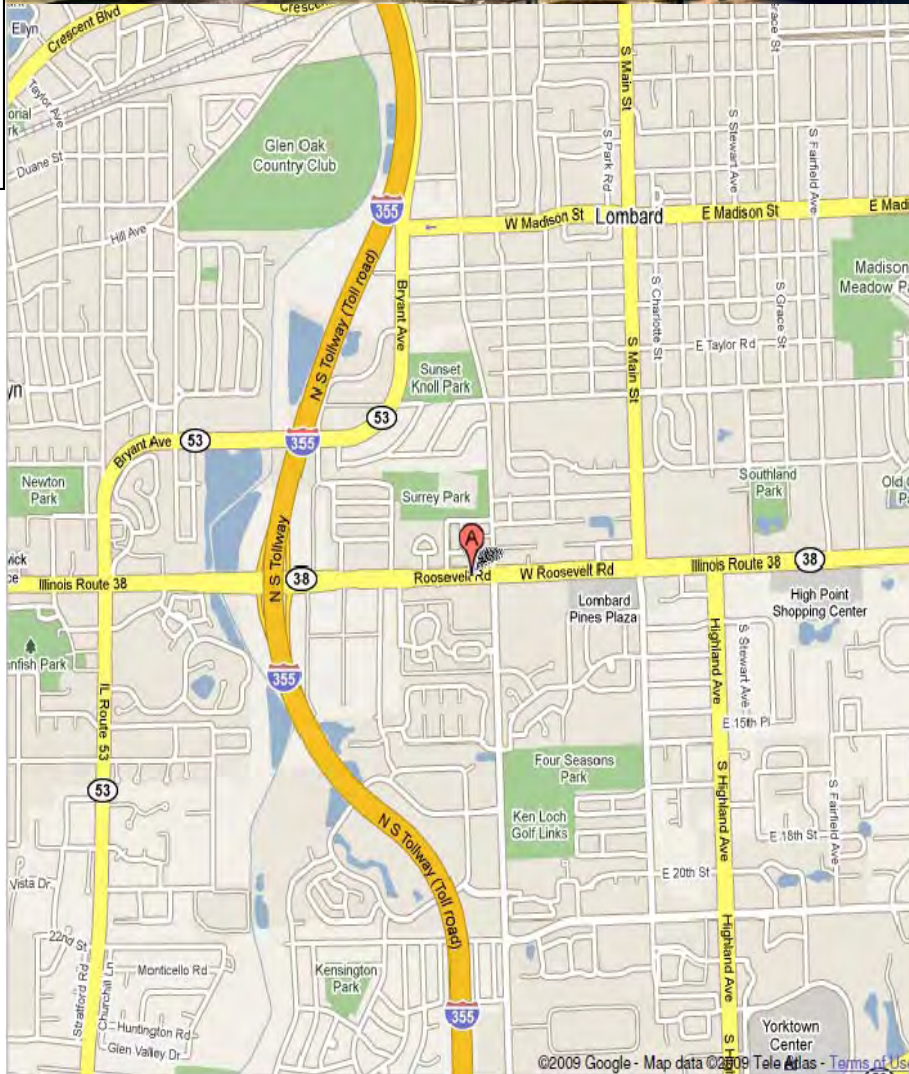
### TABLETOP RESERVATIONS

Cost:

- \$75 per tabletop for CSI members.
- \$125 per tabletop for non-CSI members (includes one dinner)

Table-top presentations are generally not available for plant tours or other meetings not held at the Crowne Plaza Hotel.

For information on arranging for a table-top at one of our Chapter Meetings, contact our tabletops coordinator Kristy Rivera at [kristy-rivera@comcast.net](mailto:kristy-rivera@comcast.net).



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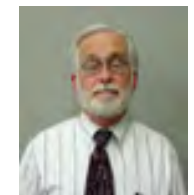
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## NORTHERN ILLINOIS CHAPTER PROGRAMS

| Date       | Topic   | CSI Division | Location   |
|------------|---|--------------|--|
| 10/21/10   | <b>Optimizing Performance in Commercial Fenestration</b>  | 08           | Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL    |
| 11/16/10   | <b>Tour Bricklayers Training Center</b> —Bricklaying instructors and IMI technical representatives on site to answer questions on masonry workmanship as well as design. Attendees will view full scale mock-ups of following masonry systems, and engage in discussion of each: Brick and block cavity wall; Brick veneer on steel studs; Reinforced single wythe concrete block; Flashing and movement joint details in masonry walls; Anchored stone systems; Ceramic tile floor, mud and thinset applications; Terrazzo floors, sand cushion, epoxy, and modified polyacrylate systems; Plaster walls, conventional and veneer plaster; Rain screen facades; ... and many more. | 04, 09       | Bricklayers' District Council Training Center, Addison, IL |
| 12/16/10   | <b>Holiday Social Event</b>   | All          | TBD  |
| 01/20/2011 | <b>Concrete Specifications for Sustainability, Performance Design, and Service Life</b> —Masterspec & CSI specifications; sustainability; service life; STADIUM Modeling; ASR Specification recommendations; projects.  | 03           | Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL    |
| Feb 2011   | <b>Building Science Event</b>   |              | TBD  |
| 03/17/11   | <b>Protecting Trees in Construction</b>   | 01, 32       | Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL    |
| 04/21/11   | <b>Trends in Building Security</b>  | 08, 28       | Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL    |
| 05/19/11   | <b>NICSI Awards Event</b>   | All          | Crowne Plaza Hotel, 1250 Roosevelt Road, Glen Ellyn, IL    |

## CSI IN NORTHERN ILLINOIS— PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Susan Johnson, AIA, CSI, CCS, 2009-2011 NICS Chapter President

Well, the September program presented by Mark Sanders with Sloan Valve on water conservation was educational and informative. A few members were still discussing the water conservation methods long after the close of the program and meeting.

The chapter presented a NICS shirt to Rich Ray a founding member and chapter historian for his insightful look back into our chapter's history with an impromptu program at our May Awards program.

Our October meeting is "Optimizing Performance in Commercial Fenestration". Should be an interesting program with all the advances occurring in the glazing industry!

Not that I do not mention it somehow every month in my message but we all need to talk about **Membership** in CSI and specifically our chapter. What does it mean for you? Are you a member just because you were required to be for your position of employment? Did you join for opportunities to network? Are you here to earn continuing education units to maintain your licensure and accreditations?

Whatever the reason you joined CSI you cannot get the full benefit of being a part of an organization without attending and getting involved. Whether your firm paid or you did someone felt that being a member was beneficial either to you or your employer.

CSI's membership has been in decline for quite some time now partially due to economic conditions and social changes in society. NICS would love to see our members come to meetings and participate.

I would like to challenge everyone of our members to bring a guest to at least one meeting this year and for those of you who are members and never attended we'd love to see you too. Please join us at a meeting, we don't bite I promise.

Thank you

Susan Johnson



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## WHO SAID THAT?

Who said: **"Architecture is my delight, and putting up and pulling down one of my favorite amusements."**

If you think you know who said that, e-mail the editor - [jwoneil@larsondarby.com](mailto:jwoneil@larsondarby.com). Check next month's **CSI Link** to find out the answer.

Last month's quote was "The sun never knew how great it was until it struck the side of a building."

The speaker was architect Louis I. Kahn (1901-1974). Kahn was born in Estonia and his family immigrated to the United States in 1906 and settled in the Philadelphia area. He had a long career as an architect and an educator.

Kahn's most famous buildings were designed in his fifties. It's hard to categorize his work in a particular style, but he often designed using brick and exposed concrete, and was fascinated with the effect of light on buildings.

The Salk Institute for Biological Studies in La Jolla, CA, built from 1959 to 1965 is one of his most recognizable designs.

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## ADDITIONAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES

| Topic  | Dates/Times   | Location  | Contact                 |
|--|---|---|-------------------------|
| <b>From Codes to Sustainability—<br/>Exceeding Expectations with Wood<br/>Buildings</b> —Free Half-day workshop<br>Presented by WoodWorks; Earn 3 Edu-<br>cation Credits | 7:15 AM-11:45 AM  |   | www.woodworks.org       |
|  | October 19, 2010  | Panther Creek Coun-<br>try Club, Springfield,<br>IL |                         |
|  | October 20, 2010  | Johnny's Italian<br>Steakhouse, Moline,<br>IL       |                         |
|  | October 21, 2010  | Giovanni's Restau-<br>rant, Rockford, IL            |                         |
| <b>Traditional Building Exhibition and<br/>Conference</b> — Seminars, workshops,<br>architectural tours, craftsmanship dem-<br>onstrations                               | October 20-23, 2010   | Navy Pier, Chicago,<br>IL                           | cwalsh@restoremedia.com |
| <b>Greenbuild 2010</b> — Green building<br>education, massive trade show of green<br>construction products   | November 17-19,<br>2010   | McCormick Place,<br>Chicago, IL                     | www.usgbc-chicago.org   |
| <b>USGBC Educational Programs</b> —<br>Illinois Chapter, 7 branches throughout<br>Illinois   | There's a program<br>about green buildings<br>and LEED almost<br>every day. |   | www.usgbc-chicago.org   |
| <b>CSI Chicago Chapter Meetings</b>  | 4th Tuesday, most<br>months   | Varies  | www.csichicago.org      |
| <b>CSI Madison Chapter Meetings</b>  | 2nd Tuesday, most<br>months   | Varies  | www.csimadison.org      |
| <b>CSI Milwaukee Chapter Meetings</b>  | 4th Monday of the<br>month  | Milwaukee Double-<br>tree Hotel                     | www.csimilwaukee.org    |

# The Price of Gold

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by Sheldon Wolfe, RA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, CSC

One of my CSI hats is History of Fellows Chair for CSI's College of Fellows. As such, I search for background to create or update the biographies that are on the Fellows' website, at [www.FCSI.net.org](http://www.FCSI.net.org). This often is a difficult task even with new Fellows, who either can't find the time, or are too bashful to write their own biographies. Getting information grows more difficult as time goes on, and becomes a real challenge for those Fellows who are no longer with us.

While my search generally moves along at a pace dictated by work at office and at home, some events, such as each year's elevation of new Fellows, notable achievements of a current Fellow, or the passing of a Fellow, inspire greater effort. One such incidence occurred in February of this year, when Joy Davis notified me that a collection of three CSI medals - for President, Past President, and Fellow - were being auctioned off on e-Bay.

Putting on my Sherlock Holmes hat, I tried to deduce who the medals had belonged to. The ad indicated that all of the medals were from 1985 or earlier, so I started with the list of past presidents. An obvious first step was to delete those whose presidency or Fellowship came after 1985; I then eliminated those who were not Fellows (there are a few), and, assuming that a living member would *not* sell those medals, limited my search to those Fellows who had passed away.

The result was a short list of twenty-two names. I was able to determine from the ad that the seller was in Missouri, but it wouldn't necessarily follow that the original owner also was from Missouri, so I set that aside for the moment. However, because the advertised collection of medals did *not* include an Honorary Member's medal, I made a fatal mistake, and eliminated Honorary Members from the list, which was reduced to seven names.

I was tempted to put in a bid, but decided it would be better if an officer of the College of Fellows did the bidding, and started a conversation with Jim Robertson, College of Fellows Chancellor, Bob Kenworthy, COF Bursar, and Dick Robinson, COF Chancellor. We agreed that Bob would submit bids on behalf of the College of Fellows, and that, rather than raise interest by bidding early, he would not place a bid until just before the auction ended.

I sent an e-mail to the seller, asking whose medals they were, and was told that they belonged to Robert Vansant. (Vansant *was* an Honorary Member, but for some unknown reason, that medal was not included in the collection offered for sale.) The seller's response was especially interesting to me, as Robert Vansant is one of the names I remembered from my early days as an architect. He wrote a monthly article titled "Vansant's Law" in *A/E Concepts in Wood Design*, which was always interesting and educational. As I recall, each month's article discussed a limited subject and how it was presented in specifications or drawings.

Robert Vansant is an example of one meaning of FCSI - "future continued service to the Institute." He didn't hang it up after becoming a Fellow, but went on to serve as Institute President, and wrote many articles to help others better understand legal concepts related to construction. In addition to *A/E Concepts in Wood Design*, his articles also appeared in the *Construction Specifier*, *Consulting Engineer*, the *AWPA Reporter*, and *Water and Wastes Engineering*.

An engineer and attorney at Black & Veatch in Kansas City, Vansant was a charter member of the Kansas City Chapter, which was formed in 1959. He became a Fellow of the Institute in 1970, served

as president in 1973-74, received CSI President's Plaques in 1971 and 1972, and was made an Honorary Member in 1986, the year after his death.

Robert Vansant and Glen Ablanap were instrumental in establishing the Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee (EJCDC). Vansant also worked with the American Water Works Association, and served as chair of the AWWA Standards Council, and he received the National Society of Professional Engineers' PEPP Award in 1987.

Meanwhile, back at the auction, we saw a sudden flurry of bidding as the deadline approached. As it turned out, one of the bidders was our own Dennis J. Hall, who had seen the medals on e-Bay and didn't want them to be lost to CSI, but he said he had bid as much as he was going to, and dropped out of the bidding. Bob Kenworthy submitted the final bid just before the deadline, winning the auction. Afterward, he contacted the seller to ask about the missing Honorary Member's medal; alas, it seems to have disappeared. Bob mounted the rescued medals in a display case, which was exhibited at the CSI booth in Philadelphia. The medals have since been donated to the Institute, and will soon be on display at CSI's main office, in Alexandria, Virginia.

One of the many interesting things about this treasure hunt was learning what metals are used for CSI medals. What are those metals? Silver for Fellows, copper for presidents, bronze for former presidents, and gold for distinguished or honorary members. However, as former Institute president Gilman Hu said, "A medal awarded to you is only worth the *honor* that goes with it. A medal purchased isn't worth the metal it was made from."

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## OCTOBER 20, 2010 NICS I SPECIFICATION ROUNDTABLE

Discussion Topic: Single Ply EPDM, TPO and PVC Reroofing

Date & Time: October 20, 2010; 12 noon to 1 pm local Time

Location: Your office or conference room. No need to travel!

### Presenters:

- Marty Gilson with ERS Inc.
- Matt Peterson with Johns Manville.

### Discussion Topics;

- When is a complete tear off required?
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  - When do you need to remove existing roof system to existing roof deck?
  - Under what conditions is it acceptable to leave vapor barrier or 1<sup>st</sup> base sheet in place?
- Re-Cover Roof System: Under what conditions can a new single ply membrane roofing system be applied over an existing roof system?
  - When and what type of separation boards are required?
  - How to handle counter flashing
- Energy Star Rated Roofing Systems.
  - Which of the Commercial Single Ply roofing material are available with a factory white surface?
  - Which of the Commercial Single Ply roofing materials can be field coated white to achieve an Energy Star Rating?
    - Types and service life of white coating.
  - Solar Reflectance Index (SRI): Requirement for Chicago, requirement elsewhere.
- Existing Concrete, Gypsum and Zonolite Decks: How to verify existing deck is adequately dry for new roof system.
  - When is a vented base sheet required?
  - When should roof vents be provided and how effective are they?
- Warranties: For EPDM, TPO and PVC
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CEU's, LU are available; please notify me if you want them. If applicable, need your AIA membership number.

Note: CEU's are required to recertify for CSI Certification Program, except CDT.

### Future Programs:

Nov. 16, 2010: Built up and Modified reroofing. Presenters: Matt Peterson with Johns Manville.

Jan.19, 2011: Based on PRM Chapters; focused to assist CDT Candidates AND informative for all users of specifications. Presenter: Alan Itzkowitz with DeStefano + Partners

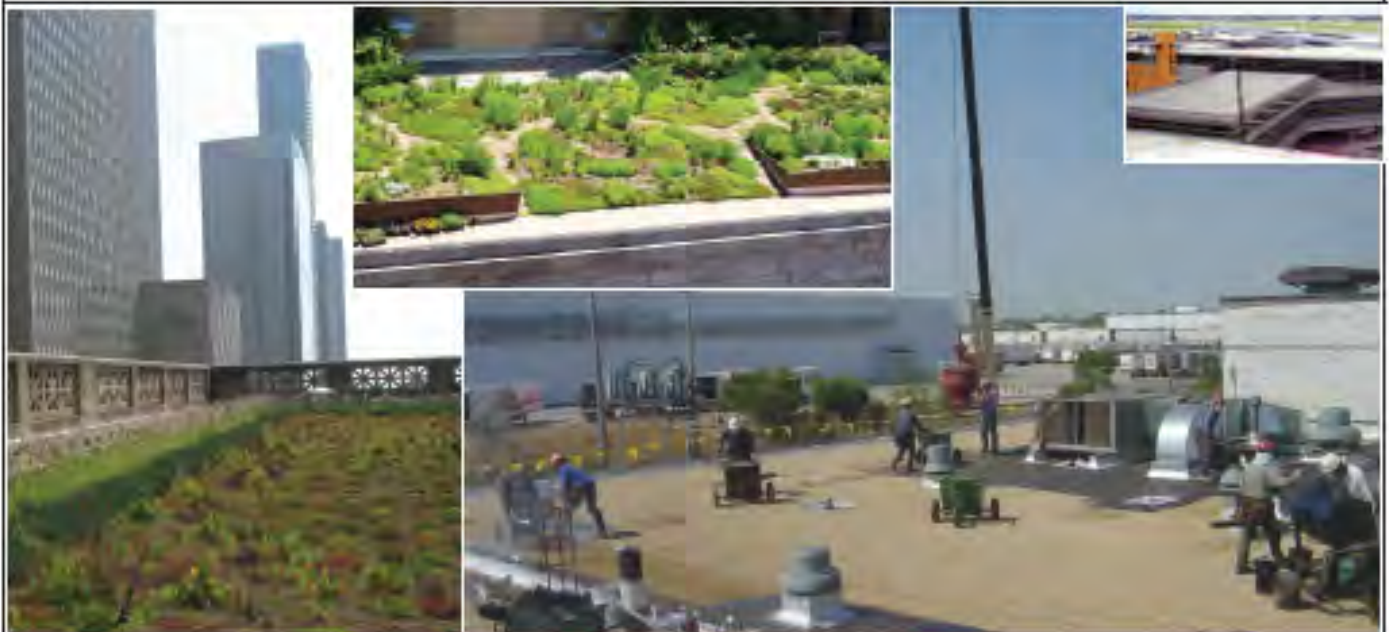


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