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Chapter Meeting

CSI Awards Program

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What: CSI Chapter Awards Meeting

When: Tuesday, June 29th, 2010

Time: 5:30-6:00pm Socialize

6:00-7:00pm Meal

7:00pm-7:30pm Awards Program

Where: Sperry's Restaurant, Cool Springs

Location, 650 Frazier Drive, Franklin TN

CSI Chapter members will be admitted free; non-members will be admitted on a first come first served basis for a charge of \$30/person.

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2 Years**

President's Message

Mike Leonard, CSI

JUNE 2010

Swimming pools are open, air conditioners are cranking, and hockey season is coming to an end. Apart from the fact that summer is just around the corner, this could only mean one thing – the CSI 2009-2010 fiscal year is coming to a close.

At the end of June, my term as CSI Nashville Chapter President will come to an end, and I'll be handing over the gavel to our president-elect, Randy Huffman. Looking back, despite a record breaking flood and a recession that some say rivals *The Great Depression*, I believe our Chapter has much to be proud of. When I began as President in July 2009, I met with our Chapter leadership and discussed three main goals; Membership Growth, Improved Communication, and Financial Stability. Allow me to share my thoughts on where we stand in each of these categories.

Although we have faced a number of lapsed memberships directly related to the economy, we also saw an increase in new faces. Thanks to continued recruiting efforts and promotion by our current members, we've seen our overall numbers rise from 129 in July 2009 to 133. Our diverse chapter meetings and events likely had something to do with that; a few chapter meetings had reached 80+ in attendance. And sensitive to prospective member's needs, we offered our first ever "half-off" membership drive at the 2009 Product Show.

Social mixers also played an important role in our Chapter; we held a social mixer on the eve of the Product Show, we held a new member chili-cook off, and got together at The Melrose for CSI Awareness month in March.

To improve communication with our members, we began using a web-based email distribution system. Our goals in doing so were to make it easier to send out information, automate the RSVP process, and improve the aesthetic and professionalism of our email messages. The Board has also approved funds for improvements to our chapter website – the "front door" to our chapter. Look forward to a new look in 2010!

Thanks in part to diligent and responsible planning by our Board of Directors; our chapter's finances are stable going into the 2010-2011 year. We understand that our members are what keep this organization alive and that our chapter must continue to provide a good balance of information sharing and social interaction.

In closing, I want to thank the membership for allowing me to serve you this past year and the volunteers for dedicating time and energy to help make this Chapter a success. Service to this organization is a pleasure and I encourage all of you to consider opportunities in the coming year. I am excited for Randy as he begins his term as President effective July 1, 2010 and look forward to the many exciting ideas he has planned.

Thank you all, and have a great summer!

Mike
CSI Nashville Chapter
President 2009-2010

LEED NC – It's for the birds!

By Sara E. Sweeney, RA, LEED AP, CSI, CDT,
Chair, CONSTRUCT2010 Student Design Competition

LEED is for the birds, literally. That's because I'm not talking about LEED for New Construction. I am talking about LEED for *Nesting* Construction, this year's CSI Student Design Competition theme. This year's project was to design and construct a bird house for a bird species of the team's choice, native to the area of the team's college/university. The intent in asking this was to encourage teams to become more familiar with the climate and eco-systems of the area specific to the species. In addition, since birds are by nature sustainable and environmentally mindful designers and builders, they use readily available materials, often salvaged, and undoubtedly take into consideration durability and efficient use of materials. The ultimate goal of this project was two-fold: to know the client – each bird species is unique in what it looks for in a home, just as we are when we shop for or build a home, and to promote critical research and evaluation skills, necessary for any successful sustainable building project.

Creative thinking/designing was encouraged. After all, a design team often adds features and elements the client would have never considered but both love and find useful. Thus, teams were encouraged to consider other functions the house could serve for the bird species, beyond just housing. However, they also needed to determine whether or not other functions were appropriate to the species of choice, and not merely pricey and ill-used add-on.

Given the criteria, we had no clue what we would receive in terms of entries for this year's competition. We weren't disappointed. Frankly, we were, in all honesty, amazed at what the students produced, and the thought and care that went into each entry. And although admittedly the birdhouses may not have been orthonologically correct in some respects, I'd say the birds would have also been impressed. Eighteen entries were received, from students at colleges and universities all across the country, nine different states in all. Students designed houses out of bark and fronds of a palm

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tree, straws, books, shredded money, and more.

The competition was organized and facilitated differently than in years past also. The competition project was not an on-site project during convention and students, working in teams of 2-3, worked on it off-site and at their own pace, between April 1st and 21st. Teams then submitted their entries for preliminary judging. The Philadelphia CSI Chapter members performed preliminary judging, narrowing down (with great difficulty I might add) the 18 entries to the top five entries that went on to final judging. The final judging was held during CONSTRUCT2010, and prizes were 1st through 3rd and two Honorable Mentions. The judges were: Robert Simmons, CSI Fellow, Michelle Christen, CSI Fellow, Margaret Chewning, CSI (and a past student design competition chair) and Mike Iannelli, CSI. Our finalists –and their final place in the competition, were:

- **1st Place:** Birdhaus Studio, Kevin Le and David Hurtado, Woodbury University, CA
 - **2nd Place:** Studio 2B, Cindy Davila and Kosal Pan, Woodbury University, CA
 - **3rd Place:** Awesome Possum, Teresa Chan, Grace Chen and Jeffrey Lee, Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, CA
 - **Honorable Mention:** Dinah + Juff Juff, Jeff Dahl and Diana Tran, Woodbury University, CA
- Honorable Mention:** Habitat for Aviary, Jez Alogala, Justin Day and Ryan Spalding, Columbus State Community College, OH

It wasn't just our top five that received props however. All the entries were displayed during CONSTRUCT2010 and it was the most highly trafficked area during convention. Feedback we received was remarkable – everyone we spoke to was suitably impressed by the creativity and thoughtfulness of the students and their entries. We also could not have accomplished what we did without the generous support of our sponsors. They helped make this year's competition a reality.

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If you'd like to see more images, you can go the Indianapolis CSI Chapter website, where a photographic savvy member has posted the many images he took of the competition during the convention and final judging:

<http://picasaweb.google.com/csiindy/CONSTRUCT2010StudentCompetition#>

Finally, I know that the students who participated had a great time. I have received both verbal and electronic feedback from several participants, and also had the great pleasure of meeting some of them at CONSTRUCT2010. Most are looking forward to learning what the next CONSTRUCT2011's competition project will be; and I know I – and likely most convention attendees, will be looking forward to seeing what the students design and/or build as well!



1st Place: Birdhaus Studio, Kevin Le and David Hurtado, Woodbury University, CA



Sara E. Sweeney, Chair, CONSTRUCT2010 Student Design Competition (far left) explaining the student competition to CONSTRUCT2010 attendees. (photograph courtesy of the Indianapolis Chapter of CSI (<http://picasaweb.google.com/csiindy>))



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SpecHeads

Speaker: Wayne Norman, Market Developer, Ameristar Fence Products

When: Tuesday, June 8th, 11:30am (networking) 12-1pm (program)

Where: Exterior Materials,

667 Wedgewood Avenue, Nashville, TN

Topic: Specifying Specialty Fencing Products

Lunch will be provided at no charge.

Program:



Ameristar Fence Products

AIA accredited presentation – 1 hour

SUMMARY

This presentation outlines the role of passive and active perimeter security barriers in an effective holistic approach to physical site security, and their recent developments. *All persons attending this presentation qualify for ONE HOUR of continuing education credit through the AIA program.*

SYNOPSIS

One key component to an effective physical site security program is establishing and maintaining the perimeter of a facility or asset. After identifying the assets of the facility, defining the anticipated threats, and assessing the vulnerabilities of a site, physical security products and procedures can be installed and implemented to better achieve the protection objectives. Fences, walls, bollards, planters, pedestrian turnstiles, gates, vehicle barriers, guard booths, and access control systems establish the perimeter. These products can be integrated with sensors, cameras, lighting, and communication equipment to effectively deter, delay, deny, detect, and respond to threats. Recent product developments and procedures will be highlighted and discussed.

Dates to Remember

June 8, 2010 SpecHeads

June 14, 2010 Flag Day

June 29, 2010 CSI Awards Program

June 20, 2010 Father's Day

June 21, 2010 1st Day of Summer

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55	Professional
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