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Chapter Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of the month and include networking hour, technical presentation and dinner. Board Meetings are regularly held on the first Tuesday of the month at Williker's BBQ Route 20 Shrewsbury, MA.

9/19/17	Architectural Scavenger Hunt
10/17/17	Drones and their Applications
11/21/17	Treehouse Brewery Tour in Charlton
12/8/17	Holiday Party and Yankee Swap Featuring Comedian James Dorsey
1/16/18	Learning How to Implement BIM
2/20/18	Building Code—9th Edition Update
3/20/18	Tour of Railers Practice Hockey Rink
4/17/18	Mock Bid
5/15/18	Commercial Fiber Concrete
6/19/18	Bravehearts Baseball Outing
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CSI Worcester County Chapter Meeting

Program: Building Code - 9th Edition Update
Date: February 20, 2018
Place: Leo's Ristorante
Address: 11 Leo Turo Way
City: Worcester, MA 01604
Time: 5:30 PM Attitude adjustment
 6:00 PM Program (Free)
 7:00 PM Dinner & Networking
Cost: \$20 per Person (Students Free)

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See page 8 for more information!

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President's Message

The other day, a product rep dropped into my office unannounced, to introduce himself. He moved to the area recently and was hoping that I'd trust his advice enough to stop specifying his competitor's product and start specifying his. My first question to him was, "Do you hold CCPR Certification through CSI?". His answer was no, and so I politely suggested that he come to a CSI meeting, maybe join the group to meet other designers/specifiers in the area, and pursue his CCPR. Sadly, I don't think he took my advice.

One of the benefits of CSI is the opportunity to pursue Certification in a variety of categories to illustrate to the outside world that you're a qualified professional.

- The base level certification is the Construction Document Technologist (CDT) which conveys that you have a broad mastery of a variety of project delivery techniques, understand the interface between the drawings, specifications and other contract documents and have the requisite skills needed for project management.

The CDT is the entry level certification which is a prerequisite for higher level certifications which can be obtained in specialized areas.

- Owners/Designers can earn the Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA), evidencing a thorough understanding of the contract side of things such as bidding, negotiation, inspections and Division 0-1 requirements
- Product Reps can earn the Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR), illustrating a deep understanding of how the information on the product they sell interfaces to the Construction Documents.
- Specifiers/Designers can earn the Certified Construction Specifier (CCS), ensuring they have a mastery of the interface of all sections of the project manual, well beyond the simple editing of some ARCAT sections on a website.

What client wouldn't gravitate toward a credentialed individual over a non-credentialed one? Chances are, you already know most of what you need to know to pass the exam and gain your credentials. As part of your membership, WCCSI routinely offers web-based tutoring sessions to prepare for the exam, through member Marty Helly who helped countless members successfully complete their certification.

The Spring exam is in March, so give some thought to improving the way your clients and peers perceive you by obtaining your CSI certification.

Steve VanDyke, CSI
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WCCSI Board of Directors meeting

Minutes of Board of Directors, WCCSI

01/09/18 @ Willikers Tex-Mex, Shrewsbury Ma

**** Note, All Motions were voted on and accepted unanimously except noted otherwise.**

Called to Order: Steve Van Dyke 5:10 pm

Attendees: , Steve Van Dyke, Michael Lapomardo, Neil Dixon, Ken Henderson, Mike Sheehan, Jim Olender, Peter Caruso, Terri Bracken

1 Reviewed Minutes from the last Board Meeting:

Motion to accept December Minutes as submitted
1st Mike L 2nd Neil

2 Treasurers Report:

Motion to file Treasurers Report
1st Neil 2nd Mike S

3. Scholarship Planning

*Further discussion of Plan "B" for managing the Scholarship Funds, has been tabled until June 2018

* Mike L will edit the Scholarship Application and forward to Steve who will then distribute to Vocational High Schools in the Area.

4. Website

Mike L sent Marty the passwords for both our ".com" and ".org" sites. The Board has decided to use the ".Org" site moving forward. It was also noted that Mike Helly has done a nice job of bringing our site up to date.

5. Membership

Terri presented her initial "Consolidated List". The Board Members must now review and provide feedback to Terri for further editing. The Board will then review the edited list at the next meeting.

Mike L will send copies of the "Old List" to be used to contact potential attendees for the January Meeting.
Institute Membership Flyer: Steve still has not received additional copies of the Institutes Membership Flyer. It was decided that Steve will prepare a tri-fold flyer and Terri will pick up a copy at Steve's Office and bring it to either Staples or Curry and order at least 200 copies.

6. Programs

January: How to Implement BIM. A Panel Discussion..

Pete Caruso confirmed and is ready to go.

February- Building Code. Kevin Hastings is all set and Steve will handle the flyer. Need to determine if presentation is certified, if not we will need to have presentation certified.

March- Tour of the new Railers Practice Hockey Rink (Mike S has reached out to the GC) not confirmed.

April- Mock Bid (Neil and Jackie working on this)

May- Commercial Fiber Concrete at the Sterling Plant.
Live Demo (Mike S)

June- Bravehearts Baseball Outing. (Mike S)

July- Golf (Mike L)

Aug- Tour Bancroft Tower with Preservation Worcester and focus on Masonry Restoration with either Raymond James or US Heritage. Need to verify if an August date is acceptable to BOD.

Holy Name Turbine (Steve is checking)

GC's now need 12 hrs of live classroom. Can we bring in a program for members and guest?

8. Academic Outreach- Steve:

The new FSU Student Rep has not shown much interest. Further development is needed.

WPI has reached out to Steve and asked for a presentation on the history of Nault Architects. Steve would like to incorporate WCCSI into his presentation.

9. Newsletter:

Roland always needs content.

10. Other Business:

No other business.

11. Meeting Adjourned at 6:37 pm

Motion to adjourn 1st Mike S 2nd Neil

12. Next Meeting: 2/6/18

Respectfully submitted: Michael Sheehan.

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CSI Opportunities Research

In an effort to improve the value you receive from your CSI membership, we are looking for opinions and feedback from you on your CSI experience!

We have recently contracted with an independent research firm, Hiebing, to conduct a brief survey on our behalf. The purpose of the survey is to gain input from leading professionals, such as yourself, within the built environment. Your opinions are critical to helping us improve your experience with CSI and the services you receive. By contributing your thoughts and ideas, you will directly influence how CSI serves you, your fellow members, and the construction industry.

In the next week, you may receive an invitation from our research firm to participate in this study. The email will come from research@hiebing.com. The survey itself should take about 10 minutes to complete and your responses will be kept confidential (i.e. individual answers will not be made available to CSI and the results will only be reported in aggregate).

As a thank you for your time in completing the survey, we will enter you into a drawing where 5 individuals will each receive a \$100 Visa gift card.

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January BIM Program wrap!

Thank you to all of our panel and moderator from last month's program on BIM.

BIM is the wave of the future for drafting and design. However, there is a reluctance for some firms to upgrade from 2D drafting. A tough learning curve and associated overhead are just some of the issues that drive this reluctance.

These, and other items, were presented by a panel comprised of individuals from different backgrounds including a contractor (Jack Moran of Consigli Construction), an architect (Leo Parker, AIA) and a third party BIM Provider (Tom Cassell). The discussion was moderated by Phil Marshall from an Autodesk vendor.

The discussion was not meant to "sell" BIM, but rather to discuss the various obstacles that arise and how to navigate them. It was very informative and well attended. A guest at my table commented how this was very useful, as he recently bid on a job that required BIM qualifications, and he was not very familiar with the product or available options to qualify for such a bid. He and others were very happy with the new found resources made available through the program.

See pictures below!

Mike Sheehan, CSI

Worcester Chapter Secretary



Senseless Security

How often have you seen a standard confidentiality disclaimer at the end of an email? An email I recently received ended with this:

This email together with any attachment(s) is proprietary and confidential, intended for only the recipient(s) named above and contains information that is privileged. You are hereby notified that the dissemination, distribution or copying of this email or its contents including attachments is strictly prohibited. If you have received this email in error, or are not the named recipient(s), you are hereby notified that any review, dissemination, distribution or copying of this communication is prohibited by the sender and doing so constitutes a violation of the Electronic Communications Privacy Act, 18 U.S.C. section 2510-2521. Although precautions have been taken to make sure no viruses are present in this email, [company name] cannot accept responsibility for any loss or damage that may arise from the use of this email or attachment(s).

Even a simpler version, which appeared in an email I received while writing this, is a problem.

The information contained in this message is privileged and intended only for the recipients named. If the reader is not a representative of the intended recipient, any review, dissemination or copying of this message of the information it contains is prohibited. If you have received this message in error, please immediately notify the sender, and delete the original message and attachments.

I'm sure some legal department came up with these disclaimers and insisted they be included in every email, even though compliance with them interferes with marketing and use of their products. In both of the above examples, the email had information the senders expected me to pass on to the other specifiers as well as to our interior design group.

That's often the case; the senders don't say it, but they will be pleased if the information is passed on to others. Yet the disclaimer specifically prohibits that; in fact, it essentially says I can't even talk about it. Not only that, but it states that by doing anything other than deleting the email, I am breaking a law.

This is bad enough when the email does contain product information (though if it's on the company website, what's the point of the disclaimer?), but it becomes ludicrous when it follows casual email.

Joe: What are you doing for lunch today? Do you think Bob will want to join us?

This message and its contents are confidential, and are intended only for the recipient. Do not copy or send it to others.

Or a joke. Occasionally, a friend sends collections of funny photos and videos (safe for work variety), clever sayings, and other amus-

ing things found online. All are followed by his agency's standard disclaimer.

I can't help but wonder what the legal impact is of a disclaimer that is appended to every email regardless of content. I found several opinions online, most of which agree that in most cases, the disclaimer is meaningless, the exceptions being for email from attorneys or others whose messages are legally considered privileged communication.

Email Confidentiality Disclaimers: Annoying but Are They Legally Binding? "Dropping a standard confidentiality disclaimer at the bottom of every company email doesn't unilaterally force on a recipient any duty of confidentiality. In other words, this disclaimer is of no legal effect."

Spare us the e-mail yada-yada "Lawyers and experts on internet policy say no court case has ever turned on the presence or absence of such an automatic e-mail footer in America, the most litigious of rich countries."

Blind copying

On a related matter, many manufacturers' representatives send email using blind copy lists. Such information would be useful to the other specifiers, and to various other staff as well. Again, I know the senders would like me to pass their email on, but without knowing whom they sent it to, I am reluctant to forward it, as I know I will send to people who already have the email.

I understand the value of blind copying, and I encourage its use. If a manufacturer's representative wants to send something to a hundred specifiers, none of them will want to see the lengthy "to" list. It would be better for those on the receiving end if the rep were to send to people in a single company with the recipients visible.

The ultimate disclaimer

Scanning through my own email, I found several disclaimers that exceeded 100 words, and one of 238 words. Which led me to wonder, "What is the longest disclaimer?" I've seen fake disclaimers of several hundred words, and many years ago, inspired by a particularly verbose disclaimer, I assembled one that is about 1,400 words. But for real email disclaimers written by companies, there are some doozies, including one that ran to more than 1,000 words.

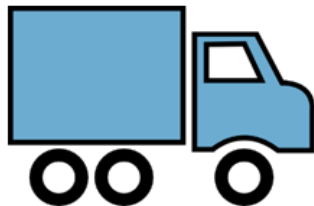
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the_2001_daftas_longest_email/) What's the longest one you've seen?

Links

Email Confidentiality Disclaimers: Annoying but Are They Legally Binding? www.businessattorneyinaustin.com/2014/12/annoying-email-confidentiality-disclaimers/

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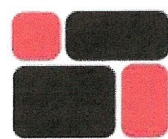


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Highlights of the Northeast Region Board Meeting

By: Mike Sheehan, WCCSI Director NER

Re: Winter NER Board Meeting (Virtual), Highlights

Date: 1/24/18

Here are a few highlights from the NER Board Meeting that might be of interest to our Chapter:

- March 21st- there will be a Special Meeting/ Election (online) Institute Director Candidates are Cam Featherstonehaugh and Joseph Lobdell
- Northeast Region positions up for election are NER Vice president and NER Treasurer. The Nominating Committee will be searching for candidates this month and finalists will be discussed by March 1st.

- Website Status:

The Institutes hosting of sites will end 2/28/18

The New Institute options are Communities for \$39/month or Microsites at \$139/month

- The NERCSI has established its own domain as well as the Worcester Chapter.
- Marketing Support

Chapters are encouraged to use the services of Terri Bracken at neregcsi@gmail.com and /or 508-523-4704. She can assist with monthly membership updates, help with marketing materials, handle meeting registrations and assist with general communication. She is currently performing some of this work with Worcester and Rhode Island.

- May 9-10: Region Conference and BOD Meeting in Burlington VT.

The event will include, Chapter Presidents Orientation, CSI Workshops, Committee Presentations, a Keynote Speaker, 3 Technical Sessions along with food, drink and networking.

In June, Mike Sheehan's Director Term will be up and we can discuss who might be interested in that position at our February BOD Meeting.

A full description of the Minutes from this meeting can be viewed on www.nercsi.com

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Master SPECIFIERS RETREAT



The CSI Master Specifiers Retreat (MSR) is a three-day, hosted-buyer event for specifiers and architects who make product recommendations. The goal is to allow them to meet face-to-face with top manufacturers, exchange knowledge and network.

If you are a specifier/architect/product recommendation professional interested in being considered, please complete the [APPLICATION](#) by February 16, 2018.

CSI just hosted our February 2018 MSR in Amelia Island with a very engaged group of attendees and sponsors. We received a lot of positive feedback about the quality of the knowledge exchange meetings and look forward to offering this exclusive, invitation-only event again this June. Check out #CSIMSR on social media to view pictures and some of the participant feedback

Selection criteria includes:

- Company background and qualifications
 - Description of current projects
 - Dollar amount and type of recent specifications
 - Specifications written in relationship to the companies participating (this can vary by event)
 - Product manufacturers are also interested in making new connections, so multiple year attendance at past MSR events may influence whether you are selected.
- Time in the industry; geographic proximity to the event and leadership in CSI do not influence selection.

For more information on the event, please visit <https://www.csiresources.org/msretreat/home>.

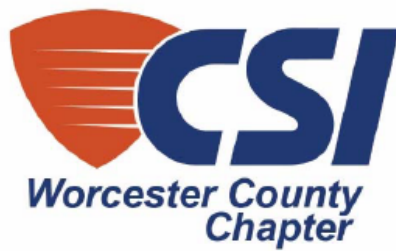
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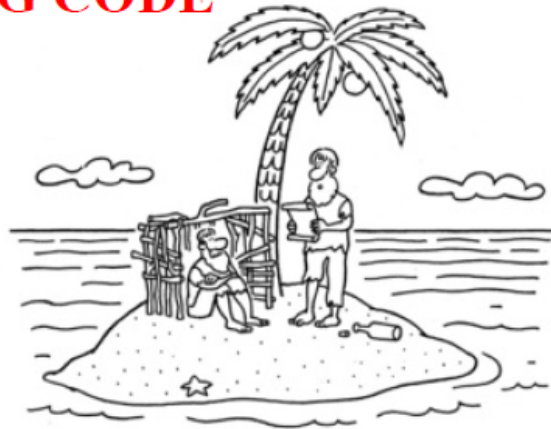


NINTH EDITION OF THE MASSACHUSETTS STATE BUILDING CODE

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7:00 – Dinner and Networking

WHERE: Leo's Ristorante
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COST: Program: Free
Dinner: \$20 (students free)



"IT'S FROM THE BUILDING DEPARTMENT.
WE HAVE A CODE VIOLATION."

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Well, they finally did it. Massachusetts promulgated the 9th Edition of 780 CMR in October of 2017 with a concurrency period for using either the 8th or 9th Edition which expired December 31st. So you're out of time and the 9th is the only game in town, barring a variance and special dispensation from the powers-that-be at the BBRs. Since the 8th edition was based on the 2009 IBC but the 9th skips the 2012 IBC and goes straight to the 2015 IBC, getting up to speed on the changes can be time consuming. Not to mention all the custom touches Massachusetts applies through its own amendments. Wouldn't it be great if you could have somebody summarize all those changes for you so you know where to begin? Well friend, WCCSI has you covered!

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So come learn all the things you're doing wrong in your current designs, before you sit down for that plan review or submit that building permit application. You don't know what you don't know...

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Membership Report - February 2018

Worcester members as of February 8, 2018

34 members
26 professional
5 emeritus
1 retired
2 student

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Mr. Alain Stanislas, CSI
Mr. Stephen VanDyke, CSI, CDT, NCARB

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