



The *SPEX*pert

The Newsletter by and for the Members of the Housatonic Chapter of The Construction Specifications Institute

Stay Current

with what's happening in the Housatonic Chapter

Join us every 3rd Tuesday of the month for our regular meeting, dinner and some education.

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Plymouth MA
May 28 - May 30
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Spring/Summer 2020

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Special Feature:

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Tuesday, February 18

Chapter Meeting

time/location:

6:00 pm,
Citrus Restaurant, Milford

program:

"The Capital Project"
Art Sanders, AIA CSI
Hoffman Architects

Upcoming Events

Tuesday, March 17

Chapter Meeting

time/location:

6:00 pm,
Citrus Restaurant, Milford

Tuesday, April 21

Housatonic and Hartford Chapters joined event

time/location:

6:00 pm,
Eli's on Whitney, Hamden

program:

"Specifiers' Roundtable"
Panel discussion

2020.....

Hello Housatonians,

The new year is off and running! We were educated at our January meeting about technology wiring in the building system. Legrand presented the information right down to the acceptable curve radius of the transmission wires when changing direction. Who knew?

Our February meeting is taking us to Washington, D.C. Not physically but through a presentation by Art Sanders explaining the restoration of the Capitol dome. Recently retired, Art will be educating the chapter meeting attendees on the structural problems which have plagued the building. What better year to hear about the restoration than a major election year?

Our April meeting is coming together. The joint meeting with Hartford will be held in Hamden at Eli's on Whitney. The Specifier's Roundtable interactive meeting has been a proven winner. The panel will have some returning members and some new panelists to give their perspective. Watch for the invitation as we get closer to the date.

Our chapter will take a hiatus in March as the date falls on Saint Patrick's Day. Take time to enjoy a pint!

See you in Milford,

Bill Selski, CSI, CDT
President, Housatonic Chapter

Interested in attending?
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Education and Events:

February Chapter Meeting Presentation:



“The Capitol Dome Project”

Since its completion in the 1850s, the U.S. Capitol Dome has undergone changes in the way cast iron components fit together. Heating and cooling modernization, successive painting programs, and corrosion due to water infiltration have conspired to make cast iron plates more rigid and less able to accommodate movement than when initially assembled. Cast iron is a compressively strong material, but it is brittle. Rather than bend under strain, it cracked. Repairing these cracks, and preventing new ones, required innovative technology. The presentation will explore the history and challenges of the Capitol Dome project, review fundamentals of cast iron repair, and share best practices learned from this pioneering landmark restoration. Video clips highlight key parts of the project and illustrate innovative restoration strategies, as well as the timeline, project approach, and architectural history of the U.S. Capitol. The presentation covers restoration planning, work access, lead paint removal, defect survey, cast iron repairs, paint analysis and repainting, window restoration, interior restoration, lighting, and maintenance, as well as the impact of the high-profile project on the community, the Congress, and the nation.



presented by:

Art Sanders AIA, CCS, CSI

Hoffman Architects, Director, Special Projects

A seasoned Architect with nearly 30 years at Hoffman Architects, Art applies his extensive experience in architectural remediation overseeing complex project to successful completion. He is a strong proponent of specifications in design and has been active in the Construction Specifications Institute throughout his career. A Yale University alumnus and longtime New Haven resident, Art is committed to preserving and sustaining the architecture of his community.

Blast from the Past Contest

Can you name the CSI Members in the photo? (hint: 1984)



There is a Prize!!!

One of the members in the photo will buy the winner a drink at the next chapter event.

Email your entries (guesses?) to the Editor, Bruce Wujcik
(If multiple correct entries, winner will be selected by random drawing)

The other photo...



No Prize!

CSI Northeast Region Conference 2020

Longevity | Durability | Resiliency

May 28, 2020 - May 30, 2020

Hotel 1620, Plymouth, MA

Save the date to join us in "America's Hometown" for the 2020 CSI Northeast Region Conference on May 28th through May 30th!

In 2020, Plymouth will be celebrating their 400th anniversary.

How fitting for this year's theme of Longevity, Durability, and Resiliency!

If you haven't been to Plymouth since your elementary school field trip, well you're in for a treat!

This charming town is full of rich history, a bustling downtown, and that fresh, salty air. Where old world meets modern culture, there are experiences for everyone to enjoy!

Stay tuned! Programming, events, and sponsorship opportunities are to come.

We hope to see you there!

Master **SPECIFIERS RETREAT**

July 22-24, 2020

Eau Palm Beach Resort

Palm Beach, Florida

Bring your project specs and get one-on-one feedback from manufacturers who know. At this popular two-day retreat, have your technical project information reviewed during one-on-one meetings between you and your building product manufacturers.

More Info: <https://www.csiresources.org/learning/msr>

News:

In case you haven't heard... a timely topic with our education program this month.

AIA staunchly opposes Trump's plan to impose classical architecture on federal buildings

The [American Institute of Architects](#) (AIA) has issued a letter to President Donald Trump opposing an executive draft order mandating uniform designs for federal architecture.

In the seven-page document titled "Make Federal Buildings Beautiful Again" obtained by the [Chicago Sun-Times](#), Trump declares, "Architectural styles—with special regard for the classical architectural style—that value beauty, respect, regional architectural heritage, and command admiration by the public are the preferred styles for applicable federal public buildings."

"In the National Capital Region and for all federal courthouses, the classical architectural style shall be the preferred and default style absent special extenuating factors necessitating another style," the draft said.

In its letter, the AIA said, "The AIA, and its 95,000 members, works to advance our nation's quality of life and protect the public's health, safety, and welfare through design, as it has done for 160 years. We always work with the communities to assess the most appropriate architecture for projects within those communities. A one-size-fits-all mandate simply ignores needed input from impacted parties."

"President Trump, this draft order is antithetical to giving the 'people' a voice and would set an extremely harmful precedent. It thumbs its nose at societal needs, even those of your own legacy as a builder and promoter of contemporary architecture. Our society should celebrate the differences that develop across space and time. AIA remains staunchly opposed to this proposed executive order. Please ensure that this order is not finalized or executed," the letter added.



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Frank Lloyd Wright's architecture school to close after 88 years



Frank Lloyd Wright's [School of Architecture at Taliesin](#) (SOAT) is closing its doors after 88 years. It will cease operations of both its campuses in Scottsdale, Arizona, and Spring Green, Wisconsin, in June after a 'gut-wrenching' decision by its governing board.

SOAT was unable to reach a financial agreement with the [Frank Lloyd Wright Foundation](#) to keep the school open.

The acclaimed architecture school was established in 1932 by famed architect Frank Lloyd Wright. The school had been integral to Wright's visionary architecture. Top architectural students from across the U.S. and the world have studied there.

Read More:

<https://www.constructionspecifier.com/frank-lloyd-wrights-architecture-school-to-close-after-88-years/>

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Chapter Board Meeting Minutes November 19, 2019

Present: President William Selski; Treasurer Roy C. Olsen; Secretary Jay Strother; Director(s) Ross Spiegel, Art Sanders, Bruce Wujcik; Advisor to the Board Chris Meyers

Call to Order 5:08 PM at Citrus in Milford, CT

SECRETARY: *Strother: presented November minutes. Motion Spiegel, second Olsen, Approved as corrected. Presented December minutes. Motion Olsen, second Sanders, Approved.*

TREASURER: *Roy C. Olsen: presented November report. Motion Spiegel, second Strother. Approved. Presented December report. Motion Strother, second Meyers. Approved.*

COMMITTEE CHAIRS:

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS LIAISON:** *Vacancy - No Report.*
2. **ADVERTISING:** *Erin Kesegi – No Report.*
3. **AWARDS:** *Chris Meyers – Accepting nominations.*
4. **CERTIFICATION:** *George Rosamond – No Report.*
5. **EDUCATION:** *Ross Spiegel – Tonight’s presentation offers 1 CEU*
6. **MEMBERSHIP:** *Roy Olsen –28 Members (25 Professional, 1 Emeritus, 1 Lifetime, 1 Emerging Professional)*
7. **PROGRAMS:**
 - o January Legrand - Ross Spiegel
 - o February Capital Project - Art Sanders
 - o March Open - TBD
 - o April Specifiers’ Roundtable Housatonic and Hartford Chapters. Eli’s on Whitney, Hamden, CT. \$45.00 per person.
 - o May Tiny Homes - Bill Selski; Site visit / food truck <https://www.craftandsprout.com> for Tiny Homes information
 - o June Presidents’ Night - Bill Selski TBD
8. **SPEXPERT:** *request for articles and topics for newsletter*

OLD BUSINESS:

- a. *Chapter Merchandise: No pins sales last month. Pins with new CSI Logo not available at this time.*
- b. *Guidelines for proper Board of Directors conduct: Ongoing.*
- c. *Chapter Web Presence: Attempting to have Housatonic merchandise posting on Chapter website*
- d. *Officer Name Tags; Order to be placed soon.*

NEW BUSINESS:

Working to develop contact list from attendees of the Regional Conference.

REGION BUSINESS:

Roy Olsen is Chapter’s representative for the Region’s Nominating Committee. Region is accepting nominations for Vice President and Treasurer.

INSTITUTE BUSINESS:

Institute is holding weekly webinar discussions to aid in Chapter development.

GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE CHAPTER:

Congratulations to Art Sanders as he enters semi-retirement.

NEXT MEETING:

February 18 at Citrus Restaurant. 6:00PM. \$35.00/per person. Board meeting to take place immediately prior to the party

ADJOURNMENT:

Strother motioned; Sanders seconded. Adjournment at 6:05 pm.

The above entries may not be chronologically correct. Shifting of subject matter was made to group subject matter together. The foregoing represents the essential items covered and discussed as well as decisions arrived at during the meeting.

END MEETING MINUTES



Founded in 1948, CSI is a national association of more than 8,000 experts in building construction and the materials used therein. We are dedicated to improving the communication of construction information through:

- A diversified membership base of allied professionals involved in the creation and management of the built environment. Join us!
- Continuous development and transformation of standards and formats.
- Education and certification of professionals to improve project delivery processes.
- Creation of practice tools to assist users throughout the facility life-cycle.

Food for Thought:

Constructive Thoughts: blog by Sheldon Wolfe

<http://swconstructivethoughts.blogspot.com/>

"Let's Fix Construction" – industry related blog.

<http://www.letsfixconstruction.com/>

The Construction Specifier - the official magazine of CSI

<https://www.constructionspecifier.com/>

Specifications Consultants in Independent Practice – informational website

<http://www.scip.com/>

Lean Architecture – blog and resources

<http://www.leanarchitecture.com/>

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Notes from the Editor:

The intention of this monthly publication is to keep members and affiliates of the CSI Housatonic Chapter up to date on the activities of the chapter and other pertinent Design & Construction industry news and events. This will be an open forum for all, if you wish to contribute to the content or have read some articles that you feel might serve our community please submit them to the Editor for consideration. Thank you.....*Bruce Wujcik, AIA, CSI*

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