



# 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 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month for our regular meeting, *virtually*

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### Events:

- **CSI Northeast Regional Conference 2020:** **RESCHEDULED**
- **The Specifiers Roundtable** **POSTPONED**
- **CONSTRUCT 2020** **Sept 30 – Oct 02, 2020**

### CSI:

- **Membership Dues Deferment**
- **CDT Exam & Registration** **Spring/Summer 2020**

### Chapter:

- **Board Election Results**
- **Social Media connections**

### Features:

- Letter from the President.
- Chapter Meeting Minutes
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### Special Feature:

- **“Blast from the past”** **Identities Revealed**

Tuesday, June 18

### **Chapter Meeting**

time/location:

5:00 pm,  
On-line Video Conference  
Via Ring Central

program:

On hold until further notice

All members are welcome to attend. Contact Roy Olsen to be included on the meeting invite.

### Upcoming Events

Housatonic and Hartford Chapters joined event

program:

“Specifiers’ Roundtable”

Panel discussion

time/location:

Postponed until further notice

Interested in attending?  
contact

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## **A Brave New World!**

Hello Housatonians,

If you weren't there, You missed it! Thank you to Art Sanders and his magical mystery tour of the Capitol Dome restoration. The presentation included personal experiences of the project as well as Architect of the Capitol videos. One item of interest was the locking screw device used to bridge a crack in the cast iron or to marry a cast iron patch with existing material.

We have stepped into the present. (Future, or maybe out of the past for some of us.) Our Board member Erin Kesegi, tackled with great success in creating the social media sites we have been looking for. Her knowledge of the process was presented at our March Board meeting so graciously hosted by Bruce Wujcik at Svigals+Partners. Erin walked us through the creation of our chapter Gmail address which then led us to the sites for social media. We are now present on Facebook, Instagram, LinkedIn and Twitter.

The Institute has deferred renewal of dues for three months. Whereby the Chapter has followed along. Contact the Institute for further information.

It seems as though our success of hosting a Region Conference has to be carried forward at a later date. The Boston Chapter has postponed the Plymouth, Massachusetts conference to a date to be selected. At that time, we will be able to gather and gain the information which we use in our profession. Region Conferences are a great way to interact with other chapters in the region. We should have several Stay Home, Stay Safe stories to share.

Congratulations to our newly elected officers. Bruce Wujcik will lead the chapter into FY21. Ross Spiegel will be in charge of all our vices. Welcome to Mark Convertito as a new face on the Board. Thank you to Jay Strother, secretary and George Rosamond, director (Spiegel's vacancy) for your dedication to the chapter.

In closing, I hope this message finds you in good health. I look forward to again raising a glass with our chapter members at monthly meetings.

Stay well,  
Bill Selski, CSI, CDT  
President, Housatonic Chapter

## **CSI MEMBERSHIP DUES DEFERMENT**

CSI is offering three months of dues deferment through a new Member Support Program.

Individual members with hardship cases will be given the option to push back their renewal date three months with no interruption in member benefit.

The program will be offered on an application and hardship basis only.

The Housatonic Chapter is offering dues deferment in tandem with national membership.

## **Chapter News & Events:**

### **Joint Housatonic/Hartford Chapter Event: 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual**

#### **The Specifier's Roundtable: The Future of Specifications**

This year's edition of the highly successful Specifiers Roundtable will revolve around the theme of "The Future of Specifications." Join our experienced panel of specifiers as they look into a crystal ball and try to figure out how the rapidly changing construction industry will affect the future of specifications. Under pressure to adapt to new technologies, respond to increased awareness of sustainability and resiliency, and the absence of dedicated specification writers, how will they respond? Have project manuals become door stops in the construction trailer? How can we attract emerging professionals into writing specifications?

##### Your Distinguished Panel in waiting:

- Richard Abrahams, RA, CSI, CCCA, CDT, NCARB – Silver Petrucelli
- Mark Convertito, CSI, CDT, LEED GA – Perkins Eastman
- David Newman, RA, CSI, CCS, CDT, LEED AP, NCARB – JCJ Architecture
- Traci R. Hillebrecht, NCARB – Architx, LLC

##### Your Illustrious Moderator in waiting:

Ross G. Spiegel, FAIA, FCSI, CCS, CCCA, LEED AP BD+C – The SLAM Collaborative

### **COVID-19 Update**

After much deliberation the Housatonic Board of Directors has decided to carry this event forward to next April. Consideration was given to holding the event in the fall or even to do an on-line video event. The COVID pandemic is too uncertain to plan such an event in the near future. The Board also believes that the appeal and success of this event, besides the professional insights dished up by the panel, is rooted in the personal interactions, face-to-face banter, and social networking that occurs. So.... hold on tightly to those burning questions and let's all look forward to next spring. (BAW)

## CSI Housatonic Social Media



Facebook Group: CSI-Housatonic Chapter (CT)



Instagram: csi\_housatonic



Twitter: @csi\_housatonic



LinkedIn Group: CSI – Housatonic Chapter (CT)

### Blast from the Past Contest

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



**And the Answer is.....**

Front row from left to right: Don Baerman, Audrey Greenwald, Roscoe Smith, and Art Sanders.

Back row from left to right: Michael Lloyd, John Hoffmann, Stu Tillinghast, Dana Fox.

## February Chapter Meeting



### “The Capitol Dome Project”

presented by:

Art Sanders AIA, CCS, CSI

Hoffman Architects, Director, Special Projects



## CSI Northeast Region Conference 2020

Longevity | Durability | Resiliency

**RESCHEDULED**

**April 29, 2021 - May 1, 2021**

Hotel 1620, Plymouth, MA

**Save the date.....**to join us in “America’s Hometown” for the 2021 CSI Northeast Region Conference on April 29th through May 1st!

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



## *Play it Forward....*

January 27-29, 2021  
Loews Ventana Canyon  
Tucson, Arizona

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>

## CONSTRUCT 2020

Starts: **Sep 30, 2020 9:00 AM**  
Ends: **Oct 2, 2020 9:00 PM**



### *Save the date!*

CONSTRUCT is an AEC educational program and exhibition that has the goal of bringing together the different disciplines within the construction industry to help improve the future of the built environment.

CONSTRUCT provides a platform for exploring and refining innovative solutions to solve complex problems facing the AEC industry today. During the three-day educational program and two-day expo, industry leaders converge with a common goal of educating and inspiring for the betterment of the industry.

Join Construction Architects, Designers, Specifiers, Engineers, Project Managers, Contractors, Construction Managers, Estimators, Owners, Product Representatives, and Manufacturers for cutting-edge, solutions-driven learning opportunities.

### CONSTRUCT Show Update May 06, 2020 - Dallas, TX

The CONSTRUCT Show team is continuing to closely monitor the developments of COVID-19. At this time, there is no direct impact to CONSTRUCT and we are going ahead as planned with an enhanced sanitation and safety plan.

We wish to reassure all of our attendees that their health and safety is always the top priority.

We will continue to follow all the safety advice and precautions as recommended by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as well as the World Health Organization (WHO).

For questions or concerns, please reach out to:

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## Institute Education and Certification:

### CDT

Earning a Construction Documents Technology (CDT®) certification proves you have a comprehensive understanding of how to effectively interpret and communicate construction documentation.

### CCS

Attaining the Certified Construction Specifier (CCS) validates that you're a skilled product researcher who knows how to identify cost-effective, efficient solutions – and communicate those through specifications.

### CCCA

Earn your Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) to demonstrate your knowledge of developing, administering and enforcing construction documentation.

### CCPR

A Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR) is more than a sales rep – you're a valued resource called upon by design teams because you understand construction documentation and speak their language.

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### Spring 2020 Exam Cycle

Registration: February 19 - July 17, 2020

Exam Window: May 4 - July 31, 2020

Results Notification: September 2020 via email

Registration Now Open!

#### **New! Two (2) testing options.**

In-person at Prometric testing center. Required to bring your own mask and wear it during the exam. Testing center hours and appointments vary by region with reduced occupancy to assure safe social distancing within the exam seating.

Remote Proctored Testing (RPT). Secure, virtual, online monitored exam from your home office. Technical and space requirements must be confirmed.

### Fall 2020 Exam Cycle

Early Registration: August 3 - 31, 2020

Standard Registration: September 1 - 30, 2020

Late Registration: October 1 - 30, 2020

Exam Window: November 2 - December 4, 2020

Results Notification: January 2021 via email

Registration Opens August 3!

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## Chapter Board Meeting Minutes May 19, 2020

**Present:** President William Selski; Vice-President George Rosamond; Treasurer Roy C. Olsen; Secretary Jay Strother; Director(s) Bruce Wujcik; Art Sanders; Ross Spiegel; Chris Meyers

**Call to Order:** 5:01 PM via Virtual Board Meeting

**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 revised March report. Motion Spiegel, second Strother. Approved. Olsen presented April report. Sanders, second Meyer. Approved.*

**COMMITTEE CHAIRS:**

1. **ACADEMIC AFFAIRS LIAISON:** *Vacancy - No Report.*
2. **ADVERTISING:** *Erin Kesegi – No Report.*
3. **AWARDS:** *Chris Meyers – Requests for nominations for awards.*
4. **CERTIFICATION:** *George Rosamond – Institution is now offering classes on-line.*
5. **EDUCATION:** *Ross Spiegel – No Report.*
6. **MEMBERSHIP:** *Roy Olsen –27 Members (23 Professional, 2 Emeritus, 1 Lifetime, 1 Retired)*
7. **PROGRAMS:**
  - o January LeGrand Ross Spiegel
  - o February Capital Project Art Sanders
  - o March No program, board meeting held at office of Svigal and Partners
  - o April Specifiers' Roundtable Housatonic and Hartford Chapters. Eli's on Whitney, Hamden, CT. \$45.00 per person. **Postponed**
  - o May **Canceled**
  - o June Presidents' Night. **Cancelled**

**SPEXPert:** Bruce Wujcik – *May edition to be distributed to e-mail list: request for articles and topics for newsletter*

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- a. *Chapter Merchandise: No pins sales last month.*
- b. *Guidelines for proper Board of Directors conduct: No Report.*
- c. *Chapter Web Presence: Kesegi: No Report*
- d. *Officer Name Tags; Chapter has received name tags.*

**NEW BUSINESS:**

*After adjournment, Sleski reported to the Secretary that he has received the Director's insurance policy.*

**REGION BUSINESS:**

*Virtual Region Board meeting schedule for May 22nd.*

**INSTITUTE BUSINESS:**

*Testing and some training classes will be available on-line.*

## GOOD AND WELFARE OF THE CHAPTER:

*No Report.*

## NEXT MEETING:

*June 16th via virtual conference. Board meeting scheduled at 5:00PM.*

## ADJOURNMENT:

*Olsen motioned; Meyers seconded. Adjournment at 5:50 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*

## Chapter Election Results for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year

- President: Bruce Wujcik
- Vice President: Ross Spiegel;
- Secretary: Jay Strother
- Directors: George Rosamond, Mark Convertito



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- 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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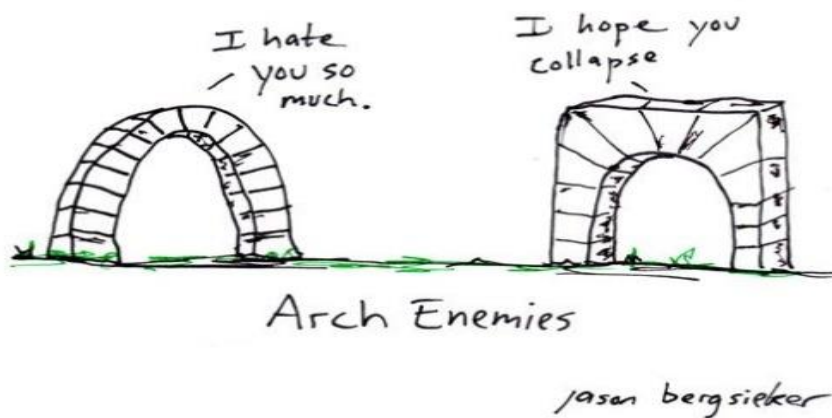
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**Notes from the Editor:**

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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