

The Construction Specifications Institute



CSI Northeast Region Academic Programs Webinar

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Welcome!

CSI Northeast Region Academic
Program Committee
Members & All Others on this
Call





Objective of the Meeting

- 
- Continue a regular communication between all Members of the Academic Program Committee in the Northeast Region
 - Highlight of activities of the Region since last call
 - Upcoming CSI Academies





Need to Clarify



Is third Monday noon a good time for our webinars/teleconferences?

Is half hour sufficient or should we increase time to one hour?

(15 chapters x 2 minutes= 30 minutes)



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Alignment with CSI Strategic Plan




Construction Industry Perspective:
Strengthen Educators' understanding of
CSI's role and resources

- Future progress for CSI will require champions within academic Institutions, informed by two-way learning and information sharing. Educators should recognize CSI's unique knowledge expertise in building information management and CSI must recognize the needs of educators for knowledge content to fit into the education curriculum






Recommendations for Best Practices

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- NJIT is looking to use expertise from CSI members to incorporate real life constraints in design studio
 - Collaboration with other organizations like IIDA, AIA to organize joint events involving students. CSI MNJ & NJ is looking to organize a Habitat for Humanity project involving IIDA, AIA, Academic Institution & students. Some interested persons have been identified and committee will be formed.
 - Syracuse Chapter has held event involving Academic Institution and Industry experts
 - Some firms like URS, Buffalo is willing to offer mentoring program to students
 - Any others recommendation?






New Jersey Chapter Academic Program Committee

- Mark Bess who is Faculty at the New Jersey Institute of Technology (NJIT) is also the Faculty Adviser for the Chapter. He keeps the liaison between CSI New Jersey Chapter and NJIT. Mark has incorporated some aspects of the CDT prep class into System 7 class which he teach to senior students of NJIT. He has also required his class to attend CSI monthly meeting which was held in City University of NJ which was intended to be an educational session for both professionals and students. Lead Architect from STV Inc. , David Augustine walked through a building that was a joint venture with Michael Graves and spoke of the design considerations and specification. Academic programs such as this fosters dialogue between Faculty, Students, Owner , Architect, Manufacturers and other related Building Industry professionals.






New Jersey Chapter Academic Program Committee

- New Jersey Chapter holds their monthly meeting at NJIT to foster greater relationship between the Chapter and NJIT. Students and Faculty can attend meeting free of cost. It has generated 2 new student members.
- New Jersey Chapter works closely with NJIT Director of Advancement & School of Architecture. Since a couple of years CSI has table top at the Design Showcase event of NJIT which offers the Alumni of NJIT School of Architecture to view student projects. The professionals and students are made aware of CSI and its Academic programs. Free one year membership is offered to students who enroll at this event.
- Jim Ramentol, principal of GRA Architects and active board member of two AIA Chapters of NJ has taken advantage of this program, which sets example for other Architectural firms.






Deadlines

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- Certification Exams will be offered
April 2 - April 28, 2012, in the U.S. & Canada.
Early registration deadline: February 2, 2012
Final registration deadline: March 2, 2012
 - CSI Academies
Registration Deadline February 1, 2012
Registration still open





Regional Goal for the Committee

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- Do we want to organize a symposium on topic that would interest Academic Institutions, Owners, Industry experts, Design Professionals, Specification Consultants, and Manufacturers like Integrated Project Delivery or Sustainability?



Next webinar/teleconference on March 19, 2012

At next webinar/teleconference

- Would like to have one Chapter share success story.
- Would any Chapter like to talk about concerns?
- Would like to see what we need to do as a Region to have every Chapter associated with at least one Academic Institution

