

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

- Is to Start a regular communication between all Members of the Academic Program Committee in the Northeast Region
- Communicate with the Institute through David Early, member of CSI Institute Academic Program so that our Activities are aligned with the Objectives of the Institute
- Share Best Practices
- Use this platform to assist Chapters in Need





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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Communication with Institute



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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





New Tools



Teaching CSI Best Practices Project Delivery Practice Guides

- Project Delivery Practice Guide for CDT
Construction Document Technologist
- Construction Specifications Practice
Guide for CCS
- Construction Contract Administration
Practice Guide



Educators

- Which Chapters have members who are educators?
 - Maine
 - Metro NY
 - New Jersey
 - ??????????




Student Membership

Chapter	» Student Members	Emerging Professional	Total Members
Boston	(5) 5	(6) 4	(172) 173
Buffalo	(3) 2	(2) 2	(59) 57
ENY	(0) 0	(3) 1	(50) 46
Hartford	(0) 0	(0) 0	(60) 55
Housatonic	(2) 1	(1) 0	(40) 39
Long Island	(5) 5	(1) 3	(65) 65
Maine	(10) 16	(3) 2	(95) 99
MNY	(58) 57	(2) 9	(258) 263
NH	(3) 0	(3) 0	(34) 35
NJ	(2) 5	(2) 3	(83) 91
RI	(0) 0	(1) 0	(77) 73
Rochester	(4) 2	(1) 1	(94) 92
Syracuse	(-) 3	(2) 1	(51) 56
Vermont	(2) 27	(0) 0	(51) 74
Worcester	(3) 3	(1) 1	(42) 38





Student Membership Fee

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- Institute annual membership fee for student is only \$27 so most Chapters provide free membership to students who participate with the Chapter in any way
 - Has your Chapter set a membership fee for students?
 - Students need to indicate Chapter membership when they apply for membership or they will not show up in your Chapter membership roster

Marty Helly brought this up to me



Best Practices

- Boston Chapter & RI Chapter brainstormed this summer to come up with an Academic Affairs Student Program Brochure
- Many of these programs are in place in different Chapters as reported in NER FY2012 Academic Affairs Committee Fall Report



Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)
The Academic Affairs Student Program



CONNECT

- CSI is comprised of a diverse cross-section of construction experts.
- CSI Members Guest Lecture in college professional practice courses.
- CSI Members sponsor student Admission to educational and networking events.



SUPPORT

- Fundraising efforts support CSI Student Scholarships for A/E/C curriculum.
- Students are welcome to participate in our Job Shadow Program.
- Mentors are paired with respective students and emerging professionals.



INVOLVE

- Students receive reduced rates for CSI Certifications (CDT, CCS, CCCA, CCPR).
- Students can post resumes and search job ads on CSI's LinkedIn Groups.
- Student Affiliate groups encourage leadership and professional growth.



Best Practices



CONNECT

CSI Members Guest Lecture in college professional practice courses/Student Chapter.

- Metro New York offered Construction Jeopardy Class in Pratt University
- New Hampshire offered BIM class to New Hampshire Technical school
- New Jersey has scheduled a class in New Jersey Institute of Technology on November 28 as part of Systems Class
- Worcester Chapter has re-established contact with Fitchburg state University and will make a presentation to AIA Students Chapter





Best Practices



CONNECT

CSI Members Sponsors student
Admission to Educational and networking
Events

- New Jersey Chapter has scheduled monthly meetings at the School of Architecture in New Jersey Institute of Technology. First meeting resulted in one new student membership





Best Practices



SUPPORT

Scholarships for A/E/C curriculum

- Most Chapters have some form of scholarship program for students but most of them are given out with no prerequisite from CSI. Students receiving award don't continue as active CSI members.
- Long Island Chapter holds a student competition.





Best Practices

SUPPORT

Students to participate in Job Shadow Program

- Syracuse Chapter has collaborated with one Architectural firm to create internship program. Second firm has decided to offer too.
- Metro New York Chapter is looking to develop a program to assist Architectural firms to incorporate specification related skills in their Program for Interns





Best Practices

INVOLVE



Offer CDT Project Delivery Education Program in Academic Institutions.

- Maine Chapter has assisted 16 students at the University of Southern Maine who will sit for CDT exam.
- Vermont Chapter is offering class in Vermont Technical Institute through the Student Affiliate Group
- CDT prep class offered by professor at Pratt Institute who is a CSI Member of Metro NY





Best Practices

INVOLVE


Student Affiliate Group.

- Long Island Chapter has an Student Affiliate Group very active with CSI
- Maine Chapter Board has approved to start a Student Affiliate Group
- Vermont Chapter revived their program for Student Affiliate Group. Offering CDT prep class in Vermont Technical Institute
- CDT prep class offered by professor at Pratt Institute who is a CSI Member
- Worcester Chapter has developed relationship with AIA Students Chapter






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





Regional Goal for the Committee

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- CSI Academies- March 1-3 San Diego
Would like to see representation from all 15 Chapters . Can we use the funds available in NER to provide financial assistance to those interested in attending CSI Academies? Poll
 - What can NER do to help improve Academic Affairs Programs offered by Chapters





Action Item for Alignment with CSI Strategic Plan



Strengthen Educators' understanding of
CSI's role and resources

- Can each Chapter by next meeting provide names of Academic institutions with which Chapter is affiliated? I would like to update the list that resides in the old Region website
- Can each Chapter identify all current members who are associated with Academic Institution?
- Can you list Academic Institution(s) that you have targeted for FY2012? Can NER help?



Next webinar/teleconference on December 19, 2011

At next webinar/teleconference

- Would like to have one Chapter share success story. Maybe Long Island Chapter can present how they conduct the student competition
- 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

