



An Argilian Rant

You're looking at what we have designated as

The Participation Issue of the Bridge

You won't see the 20 pages we had in the July issue because when we went to press we didn't have 20 pages of **participation**.

As Editor we will assemble copy we receive from region leaders and those they lead. We will add introductory, explanatory, and supplementary editorial notes as required but we do not intend to create massive amounts of original copy. The Bridge is intended to be a NER membership communication device and to be successful it requires participation by both Region Leadership and chapter membership. Participation in CSI builds the value of CSI for both yourself and others. So

Please Participate

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Participation

By: Edward M. Healy, RA, FCSI, Member Emeritus, CDT
 NE Region Secretary

Would any of you dispute that participation in an activity is necessary to determine if that activity is of interest to you. Sure there are activities that you might reject without actually trying them. Bungee jumping and sky diving come to mind, but even those activities are enjoyed by some people and only because they participated in them.

"Try it you'll like it" works as an introduction to new things and if the person who said it is someone you respect you're very likely to consider their suggestion. I hate eggplant. About twenty NER members went out to one of Kerhonkson's finer restaurants the night before NER.LT.BAM was to start and someone ordered an Eggplant appetizer that got passed around. It was coming down my side of the table with a lot of favorable comments. When it got to me I had trouble associating the comments with the brownish black, shriveled up pieces of unidentifiable stuff on the plate. It might have been Jim Grucella who said "Try it you'll like it" and I participated. I have never had eggplant again. But if I ever find myself near Kerhonkson (unlikely), I'll take the time to again enjoy that amazing eggplant appetizer.

Turns out that CSI membership happened to most of us something like the eggplant appetizer happened to me. We might have heard good things about it but what closed the deal was the "Try it you'll like it" from someone we respected.

Participation however doesn't end with the trial. Once you get by the "Try it you'll like it" phase with that first Bungee Jump, full participation only enhances the experience. You'll be talking up the adrenalin kick to anyone who will listen. Full and active participation in a rewarding experience is so personally satisfying that "Try it you'll like it" will become an often repeated phrase.

You have to know that I'm here for CSI, not to get you to try eggplant, Bungee Jumping or Sky Diving. I'm here to promote your full and active participation in CSI to find the true value of your membership. Each of us have unique interests and skills that we can utilize and enhance with participation in CSI. Active participation as a CSI member in tasks that recognize those interests and enhance skills allows you to advance personally and professionally. That participation also can provide the satisfaction that comes with helping CSI meet its goals.

This Participation Issue of The Bridge will list those volunteers participating as region leaders. Many NER Committee members are the Chapter Chairs of those committees. Because chapter members have not been willing or able to participate, Chapter Presidents have had to assume those Committee Chair positions in many cases. All members should consider completing a bio that includes a listing of their skills and interests to allow chapter leaders to match tasks to skills and interests and provide effective participation for all members. Participation in chapter activities in an area of interest can build your skills and show the true value of CSI membership. "Try it you'll like it"

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President's Page

"Every Chapter Committee has ample opportunity to improve not only their Chapter but also the industry at-large by undertaking some meaningful activities, possibly jointly with other local organizations."

Dick Eustis

President's Travel

Even the president must rest occasionally and so his current schedule is considerably less crowded than it was at the Start of FY2011. He's done Region Conferences as far as the Northwest region. Now he's doing NER Chapter visits ...

WCCSI Chapter Meeting

Northborough, MA Nov. 16

What can "I" do for CSI?

By: Dick Eustis, PE, FCSI, CCCA
NE Region President

I hope the title of this article does not come as a shock but it may be something that has not been asked. In today's world, too many people are asking, "What is in it for me?" and as a result we may be making little progress. I am a firm believer in having "fun" while doing work and if it is not fun, then it becomes more difficult to achieve the intended outcome. There is no "fun" in sitting around waiting for someone else to deliver products or services that meet your expectation.

Not everyone can or should be a Chapter or Region Officer but that should not remove the opportunity to contribute to the success of the organization. Our CSI membership is a very diverse group and our interests may be just as diverse. However, we all are involved in some manner in the design and construction industry. Those that are employed, want to stay employed and those that are searching for employment, want to find a job opportunity in our chosen field. Employed, unemployed and even those of us that are retired all have a common interest in maintaining our competency and being able to demonstrate that we are maintaining our knowledge of our occupation.

We have frequently heard that one of the major benefits of CSI Membership is the "networking" that occurs at Chapter Meetings. No matter your interest, your employment status or your occupation, one of the things that is easy to do for CSI is attend your Chapter Meetings. The entire group will benefit from your attendance just by the increased "networking" opportunities that exist because of your attendance. Every Chapter has Chapter Committees, in some cases a committee in name only because the committee consists of only a chair. If you would like to have a little "fun" become a member of a Chapter Committee and then agitate for some committee activity. Every Chapter Committee has ample opportunity to improve not only their Chapter but also the industry at-large by undertaking some meaningful activities, possibly jointly with other local organizations.

I am a strong promoter of the "problem solving" capacity of each Chapter. I am willing to bet real money that every Chapter's geographical area suffers from at least one problem in the design/construction industry that could be resolved by the collective activity of a small group of people willing to work on possible solutions. Problem solving is one of those activities that can be "fun" so long as the participants enter into the activity with the intent of arriving at a solution. Early in my career, I learned that one was much more likely to find the correct and appropriate solution for a problem if in the end, no one had to take money out of their pocket to pay for the resulting solution.

In closing, I would like to paraphrase a famous statement made by a previous US President from Massachusetts, John F. Kennedy, "Don't ask what CSI can do for you, ask what you can do for CSI." You will find it much more informative, interesting and "fun" if you become a part of finding a solution to a problem rather than waiting for a solution to appear.

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Our volunteer staff digs relentlessly for copy and correct Email addresses for some of those on the distribution list. Your help in the digging will be appreciated. In some instances, metaphorically, dirt may land on your new white shoes. We want you to know that the Construction Specifications Institute had nothing to do with the dirt throwing. It is not our intent to dirty anyone's nice shoes and we're sorry if we did. The material collected herein does not necessarily represent the official views of CSI further it may not work efficaciously in all cases. Therefore, consider **the Bridge** as our best effort to inform and use your best judgment in using that information to inform your membership. Copies of all issues of the Bridge are archived on the website of the NER
<http://www.neregioncsi.org>.

A Communication Update

On September 20 we sent the following Email to the NER Committee Officers and Chairs. We will follow the format of a page, more or less, as indicated for each committee. Where we received no communication that committee's page is omitted.

NERCSI Leaders

We did Volume 3 Issue 1 of The Bridge way back in July when we optimistically anticipated a monthly. We figured that when President Dick called for all of us to communicate monthly we'd be up to our beanie's propeller in copy. Are any of you prepared to demonstrate the power of Dick's leadership and your application to his assigned task by shipping me evidence of your activity? If I get enough info from enough of you early enough to send out Issue 2 before September ends the Bridge could be bimonthly. I will be more than a little surprised if that happens. I'm guessing as volunteers we'd be safer shooting for October and quarterly.

With a July issue, covering June 30th FY end events; an October issue, covering September's Chapter meeting year start up events; a January issue, covering mid year info, corrections and resolutions to do better; and an April issue, covering plans for a mighty surge to an impressive finish we should be able to document the required effort and describe our achievements.

So what can you tell me about your contact with your committee members and your committees plans for FY2011... your **participation**

As a stimulant to your creativity visualize yourself in a hard chair in a small room with no windows and a single blinding bare bulb placed so all you can make out is your questioner's propeller driven beanie and his argyle socks. (all virtually of course)

**... Have you contact info for all members of your committee?
ANSWER YES OR NO!**

**... Have you identified charges of your institute committee?
ANSWER YES OR NO!**

**... Have you determined and communicated how the NER and its chapters might support those charges?
ANSWER YES OR NO!**

**... Have you suggested local activities to your committee members in your committee's area of interest?
ANSWER YES OR NO!**

**... Have you initiated activity of any kind?
ANSWER YES OR NO!**

**... Have the members of your committee responded with any action?
ANSWER YES OR NO!**

**... Have you anything to add that might reflect favorably on your actions?
ANSWER YES OR NO!**

**... document all yes answers by return Email by the end of September.
SUBMIT AS MS WORD DOCUMENTS!**

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Communication

Starts with correct contact information. The lists of Committee members on pgs 4-7 came from www.csinet.org. That list is based on data obtained by the Institute from Region Chapters as reported on the *Chapter Officers and Committee Chairmen* form. Region Committee chairs should base communication with the members on these lists. Then any member receiving communications misdirected to them hopefully will see that it is forwarded to the proper party and copy the sender. Corrections and additions to the list can and should be made by furnishing the information on a *Chapter Officers and Committee Chair* form and sending that info to chapterrelations@csinet.org for correction.

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The questioner suggests (virtually of course) that those of you that have shown communication effort and achieved results consistent with the position you now hold will be lauded before their peers in the newsletter of the NE Region, *The Bridge*, with polysyllabic words not in common usage, semicolons, and flowery metaphors. The satisfaction you will feel when showing that article to all those who in anyway questioned your leadership skills can only be hinted at, as even polysyllabic words not in common usage, semicolons, and flowery metaphors may prove inadequate.

The light goes off and reality returns. Are you ready to deal with it and succeed? If those you are expected to lead are waiting for you to show leadership, don't sit in that chair in that small room with a bright light with no answers for their easy questions.

Audaciously yours,
Ol' Argyle AKA
Edward (Ted) Healy
Editor *The Bridge.*

*We have to admit the response to that Argylian Rant was not overwhelming. So we're going to Plan B and discuss **Participation**, pressing for better communication. Because of the lack of response to our rant questions, we are going to list the membership of the various NER committees **as given on the Institute website**. NER Committee Leaders should attempt to determine the effectiveness of each chapter committee by either utilizing the rant list questions or in any way you might consider effective. You will notice that some chapters do not list a member for some committees. In that case we know what will be achieved. We are not at all certain that listing of the Chapter president or another member that has no time to address committee responsibilities will result in an upgrade in committee performance. A committee of one is also not likely to be an upgrade. The simple act of volunteering does not guarantee participation. **Please copy me with your request for committee participation, any changes or additions to the list and any response received.** Editor *The Bridge.**

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When you see a president's name listed as a member of a committee that probably means one of two things. Either the president in addition to other responsibilities wanted to chair that committee or a volunteer was not designated as chair of the chapter committee on the *Chapter Officers and Committee Chair* form submitted to the Institute.

One of a president's prime responsibilities is to motivate chapter members to participate in the operation of the chapter. Chapter Committees are where active volunteers participate in the creation of outstanding chapters. In that participation relationships are formed; skills are learned and developed; and lasting bonds can be formed between individuals and the organization.

Participation is the engine that drives chapter growth.

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We are distributing to the individuals on this list and Chapter Presidents. Of course, if you have good information on other members being chairs, make the corrections and advise us and the institute. If you receive the bridge in error and do not know who currently holds the committee chair position please advise us by responding to our transmittal Email.

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Award Update

MEMCOMM members were advised November third that **Outstanding Chapter Commendation** revisions were due to be distributed late in December 2010. The Worcester chapter is preparing a submission for FY2010 based on the present document in order that a measurement of progress can be taken at the end of FY2011. Significant changes are likely to effect the FY2011 submission and complicate the awarding of **Most Improved Chapter Commendations**. We will update the situation upon further news.

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Chair's Communication

The following is an update abstracted from a legible portions of a badly chocolate stained communication received from the Candy Man. Editor

The Candy man reached out to all chapter Awards Chairs as only he can reach with melted chocolate all over his fingers. He reminded members of the NER Award Committee that FY2011 region and national awards submissions are due June 30, 2011. In contact with the Institute Awards Chair, he learned that there will be some changes to the **Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award** that the NE Region Membership Committee intends to use in presenting FY2011 chapter performance incentive awards. The Institute Awards Committee also intends to simplify the submittal process and create a new awards guide. The Candy Man promises to keep Region Award Committee members posted on this information as it becomes available.

*We submit the following Email string as an example of what one chapter is planning on doing in anticipation of the creation of NER incentive awards based on the **Outstanding Chapter Commendation** and the creation of a new NER award the **Most Improved Chapter Commendation**. Editor*

From: [Edward Healy](#)

To: [Marty specs](#)

Sent: Saturday, October 30, 2010 11:59 AM

Subject: Re: Outstanding Chapter Award Assignments

Marty et al,

If we are to set up an incentive for Most Improved Chapter Commendation, we should fill out the form for FY2010 (July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010) and then also fill out the form for July 1, 2010 to June 30, 2011. The discussion on bettering our activities would then be applicable to the time we have left in FY2011 and FY2010 would be a frank consideration of what we actually did in that year. Have a productive weekend ... so we can have a productive meeting Tuesday night.

Audaciously yours,
Ol' Argyle AKA Ted

----- Original Message -----

From: [marty specs](#)

To: ['Edward Healy'](#)

Sent: Friday, October 22, 2010 3:16 PM

Subject: Outstanding Chapter Award Assignments

As we discussed at our Board Meetings back in August and September – each of us will be responsible for a small part of the Outstanding Chapter Award application. Please review your assigned page(s) – I'm only sending each person their applicable pages.

For our November Board Meeting, be prepared to discuss what points we already meet the requirements for and what we can consider doing as a chapter to achieve those we don't meet.

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Marty

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Updates Received Rhode Island

Ken, we have been averaging 60-70 attendees per monthly event and our September kick-off meeting was in line with this. We've been diversifying our event venues, hosting 3-4 project tours per year, and holding joint events with other industry-related organizations. We are also teaming with the Boston Chapter for a "joint" Winter Social and have reached out to members in CT-MA-RI to attend/sponsor -- so far a tremendous response! ... (we have) a list of upcoming events that we have published to our brand new website <http://RI.csinet.org>
Thanks!

Tracey Powell, RICS President

Hartford

HI Ken, and all.... Our first meeting was good! We had the honor of having Ross Spiegel talk to us about how to make sure each section of your specification had the right LEED documentation. If you all have never had Ross at your chapter, I highly recommend him. You can find his information at CSI's find a speaker page. October is a program from an equally stellar presenter... Mark Kalin (again his info is on CSI's speaker page). Mark will be talking about BIM and your specification. This program is packed to the hilt.... If I get any more rsvp's I might have to have the venue close to the public and make it a private party! November is shaping up to be a program on Green Format, which will include relevant information for both *manufacturer's reps* and our specifiers and designers. Not too many programs can pull that off. This is still a work in progress.... speaker will be Roger Grant, again his info is on CSI's speaker page.

We are about to send out a survey to our members with a list of member requested topics. The topics that have the most vote will win a spot on our program list for the rest of the year. The winning topics will then become site tours or panel discussions. We have a lot of fun planned for our holiday party as well....
Regards,
Jennifer Casedy, AHC/CDC, CDT, CSI r
Architectural Consultant Representative
Stanley Security Solutions

Chair's Communication

To: [Amy Ross - ENY Programs](#) ; [Annette Woodside - ENY Pres.](#) ; [Bill Charland - Maine Pres.](#) ; [Brian Neely - Boston Pres. & Programs](#) ; [Dennis Lemieux - NER Dir.](#) ; [Dick Eustis - NER Pres.](#) ; [Ed Healy - NER Sec.](#) ; [Elisabete Godden - B/WNY Pres.](#) ; [Helen Gucwa - NJ Ed](#) ; [Howard Levine - NER Dir.](#) ; [Jeff Larimer - Maine Ed](#) ; [Jeff Matles - NER Ed Committee](#) ; [Jennifer Casedy - Hartford Pres. & Programs](#) ; [Jim Repka - NJ Pres.](#) ; [John Kamencik - VT Ed Pres.](#) ; [Ken Raikowski - LI Pres.](#) ; [Kevin Phillips - Syracuse Pres.](#) ; [Linton Stables - NY Metro Pres.](#) ; [Mark Kalin - Boston Ed](#) ; [Mark Stillman - Maine Programs](#) ; [Martin Helly - Worcester Pres. & Programs](#) ; [Ned Keating - NH Programs](#) ; [Neil Dixon - Worcester Ed](#) ; [Pam Hulseapple - ENY Programs](#) ; [Rob Weygant - NH Pres. & Ed](#) ; [Roland Barrett - NER Tres.](#) ; [Ross Spiegel - Housatonic Programs](#) ; [Roy Olsen - Housatonic Ed & Programs](#) ; [Ruma Som - NER Ed committee](#) ; [Scott Celella - Hartford Ed](#) ; [Stuart Axelrod - Rochester Pres.](#) ; [Susan Kaplan - NYMetro Ed](#) ; [Ted Czajkowski - B/WNY Programs](#) ; [Ted Smith - Housatonic Pres.](#) ; [Toby Nadel - Syracuse Ed](#) ; [Tor Sundin - Metro NY Programs](#) ; [Tracey Powell - RI Pres.](#)

Sent: Wednesday, October 06, 2010 5:53 PM

Subject: CSI NER Education Committee - Sept. communication

Hello Program & Education Chairs,

No that's not a typo, this is the September email communication, better late than never. Say hello to the Region Education Committee Co-Chairs if you see them; Jeff Matles & Jennifer Casedy. Thank you for stepping up at the last Region Spring Meeting & Leadership Training in Albany.

How did everyone's first chapter meeting go? Our first month's program was Jobsite Safety Awareness, October is a joint meeting with the USGBC on Native & Drought Resistant Plantings, and November is on Fiber Cement Products. One item of feedback the Region keeps hearing from the chapters is the sharing of best practices & program ideas; so please hit reply all and let us know what programs you have planned for September, October and November. Sharing requires everyone's input.

Do you know what references are available to you to help with program ideas? Here are a few your chapter should have available:

The CSI Administrative References

- has a Program Planning Guide which includes information on the Program Committee; program subject, presentation & development; suggested meeting topics; and program planning checklist.
- has Chapter Best Practices which includes program format, topics, options, how-to, and speakers; tips for successful programs; and ideas to keep people coming back.
- Has Chapter Program Chair Guide to help you develop interesting & educational programs; attract & retain members; connecting with other organizations for joint meetings; analyzing the results of current programs; and publicizing your programs.

Other references from Institute:

- CSI Education Connection newsletter from Josh Spiller, CSI Education Committee Co-ordinator.
- CSI webinars & on-demand webinars.
- CSI Continuing Education Network (CEN).
- CSI speaker database.
- Academic programs toolbox.
- MasterFormat Accredited Instructor Materials.

That's all for September, I will try to keep them all short & sweet so you read them instead of hitting delete right away if they are too long. Please hit reply all and let us know what programs you have planned and of course if you have any questions or suggestions please let me know. The Region is here to help your chapter.

Until next (this) month,

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NER Education Chair, NER Vice President, Long Island Chapter immediate Past President

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Membership Leaders Workshop

Notes from the August 21 Membership workshop remain in my Good intentions pile as yet to receive any attention. When our significantly overcommitted staff can hang up the Bridge Editor hat and find the NER Membership Committee Chair's hat we'll do the right thing and get them on the NER website. One of the great things that happened at that workshop was a discussion of the OCC being used as a NER Chapter Growth and Retention incentive award. Those in attendance agreed it might be more effective than the past NER incentives

On my Calendar

MEMCOMM Teleconference 11/2/10
WCCSI Board Mtg 11/2/10
WCCSI Chapter Mtg 12/16/10
NER EXCOMM Mtg (3 of 4) 12/17/10

Chair's Communication

From: [Edward Healy](#)

To: [Axelrod, Stuart J.](#) ; [Casedy, Jennifer](#) ; [Charland, William R.](#) ; [Godden, Elisabete](#) ; [Helly, Martin](#) ; [Kamenick, John A.](#) ; [Neely, Brian H.](#) ; [Phillips Jr., Kevin E.](#) ; [Powell, Tracey](#) ; [Rai-kowski, Kenneth](#) ; [Repka, Jim](#) ; [Smith, Theodore T.](#) ; [Stables III, Linton D.](#) ; [Weygant, Bob](#) ; [Woodside, Annette](#)

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Sent: Tuesday, July 27, 2010 2:32 PM

Subject: FY2011NER Membership Incentive Plan

NER Chapter Presidents

For a while now the NE Region has attempted to build chapter membership by offering an \$800 incentive to chapters that met the Institute's Membership growth Goal. That incentive does not seem to be effective and each year fewer chapters reached the goal. I would like to present a recommendation for another process to attain better results to the NER Board at the August 22 Board Meeting. It would be helpful if you could consult with your chapter leadership to determine if your chapter might participate in the proposed incentive plan outlined below.

The institute has an award, the *Outstanding Chapter Commendation (OCC)*, application attached, that recognizes chapters for employing Best Practices. That award application documents chapter committees' and other volunteers' use of select Best Practices. By assignment of the various application sections to the responsible parties the significant work load can be reduced by distribution to the multiple leader Volunteers. With known task responsibilities chapter volunteers can be recruited to eliminate "Committees of one" and their reasonable work product assembled to complete the formidable application. I did a OCC alone, as some of you may also have, and once was enough. The collaborative effort eliminates the major disincentive for application and actively engages chapter members in building member value.

I would like your opinion of using the OCC award in the NER to recognize our outstanding chapters and direct incentive funds to those chapters. We might also get more chapters, hopefully close to all 15, to recognize the award as a planning tool if we used the submissions to qualify chapters for an added award, *Most Improved Chapters Commendation (MICC)*, with its own incentive.

The Institute Awards committee is in the process of updating the award and by utilizing an updated award on a region basis we might offer recommendations and assist in that effort. The FY2011 Membership Committee Charges recognize that best practices to improve Membership Growth, although crucial, may be less significant than those practices that improve Retention Rates. Both the OCC and the proposed MICC awards need revisions to reflect those realities. The NER and its member chapters could lead CSI in membership growth and retention with this incentive plan grounded in promoting best practices by an active membership at the chapter level.

Please let me know if you share my enthusiasm for this incentive plan and if so would you lead your chapter in an implementation effort.

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*As of publication date we have had no responses but we will proceed based on positive responses at the August 21 Membership Workshop and the next day's NER Board Meeting.
Ol' Argyle*

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Deadlines:

Nov 30, 2010 for verification of Chapter member of NER Nominating Committee with the NER Secretary

Chair's Communication

I just know that the FY2011 Nominating Committee members are in many cases unaware that they even have those responsibilities. At the end of FY2011 Richard Eustis, NER President, will have come to the end of his term. Edward Healy, NER Secretary, will have also finished his 2 year term. Howard Levine will have served his term as Institute Director but will not require replacement. The list of members on page 6 reflects current Institute data. Please review that list, advise the institute of any corrections necessary and copy me.

I have to ask that volunteers for this committee evaluate their commitments to determine that they can effectively participate. When you volunteered did you ask this question? **What participation is required if I volunteer?** Your volunteering accomplishes little if you are not able to participate. As a member of the nominating Committee ...

- you should be familiar with the interests, skills and experience of your chapter members. Generation of a candidates self-profile is invaluable.
- While you are serving on this NE Region Nominating Committee you should know the requirements for Region leaders. RAR bylaws require that nominees for officers have prior experience at the Region level as a Board member or a Committee Chair during the previous 5 year period. I will issue a list of those qualified from each chapter.
- you should assist your chapter president in finding chapter leaders.
- during your term you should train and mentor your replacement.

BUT each chapter has different procedures and terms for selecting these vital leaders. Each one of whom must be knowledgeable about the skills and interests of their recommended candidates; able to discuss the responsibilities and commitments required of the position and persuasive enough to sell refrigerators to Eskimos.

I'm at ehealy@townisp.com and I await your verification of your readiness to serve your chapter and the region in this vital position. Additionally please give me the term of your service.

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From: Brian H. Neely
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Subject: Leadership candidates

Ok, we have the following seven nominations. We should contact the remaining chapters and see if they have any nominations for consideration. Please let me know if you can assist.

We put a deadline for payment for September 24th. I am inclined to send acceptance letters to all 7 nominations in the meantime as we look for additional candidates. I will also speak with Bonnie regarding the October 12th program start date and see what steps are necessary to start the program.

Boston Chapter	Brian Neely
Syracuse Chapter	Kevin Phillips, Jr.
Vermont Chapter	Rebecca Leet
Vermont Chapter	Arthur 'Cam' Featherstonhaugh
Long Island Chapter	Guy Page
Long Island Chapter	Ken Gehringer
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Opportunity Available

Publication Jr. Chair term FY2011–12

- No experience necessary
- Will train on the job.
- Metaphorical familiarity a plus
- Occasional use of ; allowed
- Audacity (in moderation) never hurt
- No heavy lifting
- Satisfaction guaranteed

Chair's Communication

I can't believe that I heard from none of you. Those of you that are functioning as editors must know that the hardest thing an Editor has to do is Edit when nobody sends in stuff to edit. That's pretty much what I'm looking at ... nothing. As editors lets see if we can make it a little easier on ourselves by practicing a little communication between ourselves. So I'll cut all of you some slack if you just put me on your distribution list. My contact info is over there to the left.

If you are in the uncomfortable position of being an editor in name only, let's see if collectively we can't start communicating. If those of us that do have something going on could start sharing some Best Practices we've discovered with those of you new to editing, we might actually start communicating.

So the direction this page takes is up to me AND those chapter volunteers that are responsible for their chapter's published communications. We think the list we have on pages 6 and 7 from the Institutes Website must have most of the NE Regions Chapter Publication Chairs, Newsletter Editors and Webmasters. We'd like to see it verified, updated and extended to cover all 15 Region chapters. Then I'll know who I'm dealing with and what all of you are or are not doing. If you are on the list in error, please see that it is forwarded to the proper party and copy me. Corrections and additions to the list can be made by furnishing the information on an Officers and Committee Chair form and sending that info to chapterrelations@csinet.org

If all of you contact me, I promise that I will compile a revised list and distribute it so we can exchange information on what we are doing and maybe help each other improve our communication to our chapters and beyond, I'm at ehealy@townisp.com. As soon as you can let me know if you are who I think you are and what you're doing in the way of communicating.

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Institute Technical Committee Update

Mark Kalin, FCSI, FAIA, CCS, SCIP - Chair

In mid-July, the CSI Technical Committee members met as part of the CSI Committee Weekend in Chicago.

There are two publication goals for this year.
1. The new edition of UniFormat will be issued before winter.

2. The second publication goal is a Contract Documents Matrix, comparing the Division 00 documents of AIA and EJCDC with the newer Consensus Documents. Since the Consensus Documents are in an update cycle for publication later in 2010/11, a final date for publishing the Contract Documents Matrix has not been set.

TechCom will prioritize these future activities:

- CSI Compliant Documents
- Member Knowledge Exchange/Technical Activity
- Forms and Checklists
- Submittal Guidelines
- The Project Knowledge Manager
- Sustainability versus Product Performance

I believe TechCom is close to the heart of CSI's mission in our industry. Your participation and comments are always welcome.
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*The full text of Mark's update including TechCom members' liaison assignments is posted in the TechCom Virtual Office on the NE Region's website. www.neregioncsi.org
Editor*

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Sent: Monday, August 09, 2010 6:29 PM

Subject: CSI Northeast Region Technical Committee

To Chapter Technical Chairman and Chapter Presidents (without appointed Technical Chairs) of the Northeast Region,

I am the new Northeast Region Technical Committee Chairman. Along with Arthur Sanders as co-chair, I hope to revitalize this committee by not only supporting the Institute with their programs but providing a new resource for "Technical" information for the Region's membership. Art and I have some thoughts but look to you at Chapter level for your ideas and desires. One off shot would be monthly mailings to you to provide material for an article in your chapter's newsletter. Hopefully we can pool the great resources of our region's membership. It is possible we will touch on some controversial subjects and start a lively and informative discussion on some subjects.

But first things first. Six of the region's chapters have not appointed Technical chairs. Thus I am e-mailing this to those Chapter presidents to remind them to fill the position. I will continue to keep these Presidents on the e-mail list until they fill the position.

Now for your actions. On August 21 in Sturbridge, the Region will be hosting a leadership workshop day. I will be presenting a workshop from 10:45 am to noon that Saturday. I hope to be able to present the Region's needs, concerns, new thoughts, wants, etc. on how to make the Chapter's Technical committee a valued asset to the Chapter. Attached is a memo from Mark Kalin, Institute's Technical Committee Chairman. Unfortunately Mark will be away on other Institute business so will not be at our workshop. His memo will be part of our workshop agenda.

Hope to see those within striking distance of Sturbridge. For those who will not be there, please e-mail me with your thoughts and any actions that has worked for your Technical Committee in the past and perhaps your future plans.
Regards,

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