



Rapport

"Connecting the Greater Cincinnati Construction Community"

October Program <

Stormwater Management at the Cincinnati Zoo



The Cincinnati Zoo recognizes that combined sewer overflows (CSO's) are the number one environmental problem facing our community. From billions of gallons of sewage being dumped annually into the Ohio River to sewage backing up into people's basements, our inability to deal with heavy rainfall events is having a negative impact on everyone. The Zoo is committed to helping solve this problem ...[more>](#)

Wednesday, October 14, 2009 Kingsgate Conference Center

Registration: 11:30 am - 12:00 pm
Lunch & Program: 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Cost:
CSI Members: (Cost included in Dues)
Non-Members:\$25.00
Students (Non-member):\$10.00

Reservation Deadline is Monday, October 12, 2009

RESERVATIONS: Please RSVP via the [chapter website](#), or contact TJ Dunhoft, 513.685.2353 tj.dunhoft@tntroofingproducts.com

Upcoming Events <

October 1-3, 2009 AIA Ohio Valley Region Convention
October 12, 2009 CSI Cincinnati Board Meeting
October 12, 2009 USGBC LEED Tour - Cincinnati Fire Station 9
October 14, 2009 Chapter Program – Stormwater Management at Zoo
October 20, 2009 AIA Green Homes Summit
March 10, 2010 CSI Cincinnati Construction Products Showcase
May 11-14, 2010 Construct 2010, Philadelphia, PA

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www.csicincinnati.org

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The Presidents View <



"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting and autumn a mosaic of them all." - Stanley Horowitz

With all this talk about green why do I see everything turning shades of brown, yellow and red? Fall must not be an environmentally friendly time of year. Green is however with us all year long with all the new developments in sustainable design and emerging

technologies to improve our environmental impact. The next CSI meeting will be focused on one of the strategies being used to promote a healthier, green environment. Please plan to join us on October 14 for our CSI program at Kingsgate Conference Center on the UC campus, parking is free. Our program this month will be about stormwater management at the Cincinnati Zoo. See the website www.csicincinnati.org for details and to register.

Other news around CSI, our chapter now has a Linked In site and a Facebook site. I'm not really sure how to describe to you the attributes of these new social networking sites, but the CSI Cincinnati chapter has them. In an age where information transfer is almost instantaneous and the need for improved communication becomes more important these tools are the next means of staying connected. Check them out on our website.

Congratulations to Bev Jacquez our President Elect for passing her CCS certification exam, way to go Bev! Our chapter supports many certification study groups to help our members attain valuable industry certification. Watch the website for upcoming study classes.

We have opportunities for members that are interested in becoming more active in our chapter. We have openings on several committees and can use your ideas and your energy. I assure you it will help you in both your personal and professional growth. Don't just be a member, **Get Involved.**

Please join us at our next meeting. If you are not a member of CSI and would like to see what we have to offer you may join us as my guest. I think you will find membership in CSI to be a rewarding and educational experience. Our meetings are excellent opportunities to network with the architects, manufacturers' reps and construction personnel that attend. Our programs are typically focused on construction industry related issues and include tours, presentations, roundtables, panel discussions and an occasional social event or two. Come see what CSI can offer you.

I look forward to seeing you at the October meeting. Call me if you have any questions.

Bob

Bob Schrock- CSI Cincinnati Chapter President

"Autumn, the year's last, loveliest smile." - William Cullen Bryant

CSI Career Center <

Looking for a job? CSI's Career Center was created to connect CSI members with job opportunities posted on the CSI Institute website.

To access this service go to the CSI website at www.csinet.org and click on the CSI Career Center.

October New Members, Welcome! <

Matt Proudfit, CSI

Firestone Building Products



'Get Involved' in CSI Cincinnati <

Why did you join CSI? Was it for the available standards? The networking? The programs? For whatever reason you have joined, you are not taking full advantage of your membership until you become an active member. You will get much more when you give a little of your time and energy to the chapter.

We need you to become an active member and we have many opportunities for you to get involved in our chapter. Once you become active and participate, I guarantee that you will find it to be a rewarding and educational experience and it will be a big plus for your career in the construction industry.



Download the "Get Involved" form from www.csincincinnati.org and you will find a list of the volunteer opportunities we have available at the Cincinnati Chapter. We ask that you go through the form, choose an area of interest and return the form to Bob Schrock at bob.schrock@ppg.com or bring it with you to the next meeting.

The chapter is only as good as its members. We ask that you carefully consider the volunteer opportunities below and become an active member of CSI Cincinnati now, either as a leader or a committee member.

Thanks in advance for your participation,

Bob Schrock

Chapter President

Jack Roth was 'Most Generous' <

Jack Roth was a self-made man, a man of virtue and generosity, his family said. Mr. Roth died Sept. 14 at age 79.

Mr. Roth was born and raised in Cincinnati. After serving in the Army in the early 1950s, he married Nellie Franklin and opened Janell Concrete & Masonry on Cornell Road in Blue Ash in 1964. Since then, the company has expanded into Columbus and Lexington, with four locations in the Greater Cincinnati area. His son, Andy Roth, is now the president.

"He was the most generous man I know," Andy Roth said. "He continued teaching me up to the end. Not jusme but all of us."

Janell Inc. has always been a staunch supporter of CSI Cincinnati, sponsoring many events, giving of their time and employees to support CSI, and actively supporting the CSI Annual Product Show.

A Mass of Christian Burial was held on September 18, 2009 at Guardian Angels Church in Mount Washington. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to the Jack Roth Fund at Guardian Angels School, 6531 Beechmont Ave, Cincinnati, OH 45230.

MasterFormat on your iPhone <

CSI is putting MasterFormat on your iPhone!

CSI's MasterFormat Converter allows you to enter a MasterFormat 95 number and search for its MasterFormat 2004 Edition equivalent number and description (if a description exists). Download this \$2.99 App in the [iTunes Store](#).

CSI's MasterFormat 2004 Search allows you to search for MasterFormat titles and descriptions by keywords, and returns results with highlighted search terms. Download this \$19.99 App in the [iTunes Store](#).

CSI will cease to license and support MasterFormat 95 on December 31, 2009. [Learn more and make the switch!](#)



Highest Level of Workmanship <

I recently reviewed a client's set of drawings and one of the "general notes" on the cover sheet stated, "The work shall be performed to the highest level of workmanship standards of the building trades working under this contract." What does that mean?

First, let us start with a basic review of what a "general note" on the drawings should be. Foremost, general notes, as CSI's Uniform Drawing System (UDS) states, "do not repeat specification content on the drawings nor are they repeated within the specifications." General notes should be able to stand on their own to assist the user of the drawings in interpreting the *entire* set of drawings--not just one discipline's drawings. If it sounds like a specification requirement, it probably is.

At first blush, one would say that the general note in question might comply with that basic requirement since the General Conditions (A201-2007) do not mention "workmanship" and neither do properly prepared Division 01 sections. The fact that "workmanship," or its cousin "workmanlike," are missing is not by accident, but by design. These words, although defined in almost every dictionary, are not terms to be used in construction documents because they alone cannot be quantified.

There is no doubt that specifications should address workmanship, but the use of phrases such as "install in a workmanlike manner" or "provide the best workmanship" are too vague and are open to interpretation. Workmanship requirements should be specific to that work result and establish a set of criteria that can be measured.

To flip the tables for a moment, let us assume that a design professional is awarded a project by an owner. The owner hands the design professional a contract that states the design professional shall perform services at the "highest level of standard of care." The design professional then takes this contract to the design professional's attorney and professional liability insurer for their review. After recovering from the verbal tongue lashing and wrist slapping, the design professional approaches the owner with a revised contract that deletes "highest level." Design professionals who have even the slightest understanding of common professional standard of care laws would know not to sign a contract with such language.

Now, I understand that the legal system does not treat design services the same as construction services, but why would design professionals insert such language in a construction contract document if design professionals themselves have been indoctrinated not to sign contracts with similar verbiage?

"Highest level of workmanship" is an expectation that may vary significantly between owner, contractor, and design professional. Additionally, it may be contrary to other requirements in the contract documents. What if "custom" quality woodwork installation per AWI is specified--does "highest level of workmanship" now require "premium" quality?

The bottom line is not to insert language in the contract documents--drawings, specifications, general conditions, supplementary conditions, etc.--that the owner or design professional cannot enforce.

Ronald L. Geren, CSI, CCS, CCA, AIA, SCIP

About CSI <



Knowledge for Creating and Sustaining the Built Environment

CSI is a national association dedicated to creating standards and formats to improve construction documents and project delivery. The organization is unique in the industry in that its members are a cross section of

specifiers, architects, engineers, contractors and building materials suppliers. The organization has 146 chapters and more than 15,000 members. Monthly Chapter meetings allow members the opportunity to communicate openly with their counterparts and exchange information for successful project management. CSI is renowned in the industry for its rigorous certification programs for professionals seeking to improve their knowledge of accurate and concise construction documents. CSI provides continuing education, professional conferences, and product shows. For more information, visit www.csinet.org, or call 800-689-2900.