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Newsletter of the Northern Virginia Chapter Construction Specifications Institute

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**EVENT DETAILS****Schedule**

**4:30 pm to 6 pm:** Two tours will be held on the 16th and only one on the 23rd.

**Location**

Constitution Avenue NW between 14th & 15th Streets, Washington, DC (between Washington Monument and National Museum of American History)

**Travel**

Street parking is located nearby with parking garages available north of the site. Nearest Metro is Federal Triangle on the Silver/Orange/Blue Lines.

**Cost**

The event is free but everyone is asked to bring a cash donation for the Paralyzed Veterans of America.

*Due to limited capacity, only NOVA and DC Metro Chapter members are invited*

**CHAPTER MEETING TOURS - TWO TUESDAYS****SEPTEMBER 16, 2014 and SEPTEMBER 23, 2014**

*Note: There will be no meeting at the Washington Dulles Airport Marriott Hotel on the regular 2nd Wednesday this month!*

## Smithsonian National Museum of African American History & Culture Tour



This is an active construction site, so safety will be of primary importance. Everyone will be required to bring Personal Protective Equipment (vest, hard hat, goggles and gloves). If these are not available to you, let us know so we can make provisions. Everyone attending must also have sturdy foot wear. Open toe shoes are prohibited.

Following the tours on September 16th only, NOVA chapter members are invited to join the Washington DC Metro Chapter happy hour as a meet and greet, after which DC Metro will hold their monthly meeting.

**Those who received invitations need to register for the tour on the Chapter website at [www.csinova.org](http://www.csinova.org) as soon as possible.**

**Questions???** Contact CSI NOVA Chapter at <http://nova.csinet.org/>

## Schedule of FY2015 Chapter Meetings and Presentations

### September 2014

SNMAAHC Museum tour  
*Cynthia Heimann/Henry Doyle*

### October 8, 2014

Form Based Codes  
*Eric Aelustia*

### November 12, 2014

Solar Reflectivity Analysis for  
Curtainwall Buildings  
*Vicente Montes*

### December 10, 2014

Radio-Frequency Identification/  
Logistics  
*Patrick Thomas*

### January 14, 2015

Laser Leveling Earth Moving  
*Tom McConnell/Jesse Oak*

### February 11, 2015

Value Engineering  
*Deborah MacPherson*

### March 11, 2015

Trends in Architectural Education  
*Randy Ott, Dean Catholic Univ.*

### April 8, 2015

Donald Trump Post Office Hotel  
*William Pegues*

### May 13, 2015

Air Quality Control  
*Mike Clancy*

### June 10, 2015

Trade Show, Hors d'Oeuvres,  
Desserts, & Awards  
*Mike Clancy*

### July 2015

Board Transition and Summer  
Planning Meeting

Meeting Programs subject to  
change of topic or date.

Alternate topics include BIM, LEED  
Health Declaration Statements,  
Shipping Container Base Architec-  
ture, and Top-Down Construction  
Method.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### Luigi Grande, *NOVA CSI President*



Dear CSI Members,

On July 23, 2014, the Board of Directors and Committee Chairs met at the President's residence for the Summer Planning Meeting. I am happy to report that 15 people were in attendance and the meeting was a very productive one. The main focus of the meeting was to establish viable programs for the year 2014-2015.

I am also happy to report that we obtained positive feedback from our June trade show and awards event. The participation was good, approximately 30 members. There was a lot of interaction between our table top sponsors and our members while they enjoyed tasty tidbits and were cruising to the different displays with soft background music provided a relaxing atmosphere. We plan to repeat this event free of charge to our member for next year. Put it on your calendar. We hope to see you there.

Another topic of discussion was our monthly meeting location. This is a topic that continues to concern the Board, and although located in a convenient location it requires some additional monetary contribution from our membership due to the cost imposed by the establishment for each event and additional inflation increases on a yearly basis. Hopefully we will find a successful compromise this upcoming year keep costs down as much as possible.

We have made some progress updating our NOVA Web Site. Many thanks goes to Jesse Oaks and Tatiana Gloukhoff Petros for their collaboration and for their dedication to this challenging task.

Did you registered for "CONSTRUCT2014" in Baltimore September 9 through September 12? CONSTRUCT is the only dedicated national event specifically designed to provide the commercial building team real-world, practical products and education solutions. This event will offer accredited education program, an expansive exhibit hall floor filled with the latest services, products and technologies, as well networking opportunities. This event will also offer technical tours, activities, and special events.

Because of this important event, and to ascertain that our members can participate without restrictions, the NOVA Board decided to postpone our regular monthly meeting on September 10th and join the DC Metro Chapter on Tuesday, September 16 for a construction tour of the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture construction site on the Mall in Washington DC. There will be a follow up tour one week later on September 23.

We are looking forward to see you in September. ❖

Sincerely,

Luigi



## NOVA MEMBER ANNIVERSARY DATES

### August

James Wickham Jr. .... 4 years  
*Spec Consultant, ASSA Abloy*

### September

James Bethel ..... 38 years  
*Bethel Specifications  
Consulting (recently relocated  
to Texas)*

Diane Pittman ..... 12 years  
*Torti Gallas and Partners*

## ADDITIONAL AWARDS NOT SHOWN ON PAGES 7-9

### Certificate of Appreciation

Robert E. Trafton  
Korey R. Phipps

### Chapter Citation Award

Chuck Henry

### Chapter Commendation Award

Michael Montgomery

## CDT CERTIFICATE EXAM DATES

Sept 29 - October 25.

Final registration was August 31, 2014.

For CDT Exam Prep resources, visit:

<http://www.csinet.org/Main-Menu-Category/Certification/CDT/CDT-Exam-Prep>



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## CODES AND STANDARDS CORNER

### Daniel Cammer

*NOVA CSI Membership Chair and Director*



A few weeks ago, I attended a well-focused and articulated code update on the 2012 Virginia Uniform Statewide Building Code (USBC), and discovered that Virginia introduced some very significant code changes.

Virginia looked at the ICC IBC 2015 code edition for guidance and decided to delete Chapter 34 - Existing Structures. Chapter 34 is currently in Part I of the VUSBC 2009 edition or the Virginia Construction Code (known as the VCC). In effect, Virginia incorporated or moved Chapter 34 from the VCC to the VRC (Virginia Rehabilitation Code - Part II of the VUSBC) for existing structures. The 2009 VRC is actually the 2009 International Existing Building Code (IEBC), adopted by reference with amendments. Having known that ICC chose to delete Chapter 34 from the 2015 IBC and place it in the 2015 IEBC, eliminated a future code update effort. When the time rolls around for a 2015 code update, the work will have already been accomplished. Kudos to Richmond! ❖

## CSI NOVA EDUCATION/CERTIFICATION OPPORTUNITIES

### John Geniesse

*NOVA CSI Education/Technical/Certification Committee Co-Chair and First Vice President*



### Construct 2014 and Annual CSI Convention Baltimore Convention Center - September 9-12

Take advantage of **Networking** opportunities.

See the latest services, products and technology on the **Exhibit Hall Floor**.

See new **Educational Offerings and Events** at [www.constructshow.com/](http://www.constructshow.com/) ❖

## PROGRAMS ON TAP FOR FY2015

### Cynthia Heimann

*Programs Committee Chair and Director*



Radio frequency identification (RFID) on job sites, solar reflectivity's impact on surroundings, trends in architectural education, and current DC projects are just some of the exciting program topics on the agenda for this year's Northern Virginia membership meetings. We strive to strike a balance for industry-related programs in technology, design, building science, and general interest.

For our kick-off event this fall, rather than compete with CSI Construct in Baltimore for our usual second-Wednesday-of-the-month date, we are teaming up with the DC Chapter the following week to tour the site of the new Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture. Regular board and membership meetings at the Dulles Marriott will begin in October with a presentation of Form Based Codes, by Eric Aulestia from Torti Gallas and Partners.

As always, our objective is to provide quality, AIA accredited programs to help you obtain the necessary CEU credits to maintain your licensure and certification requirements, so be on the lookout for your Eventbrite invitations to all of the 2014-2015 events. ❖

01 SOCIAL - PHOTO ALBUM OF 1ST ANNUAL HORS D'OEUVRES DESERTS & AWARDS EVENT IN JUNE



*The 1st annual hors d'oeuvres desserts & awards event is under way.*



*Ken Lyons, William Pegues, Jesse Oak, and Henry Doyle*



*Brian Trimble, Dan Cammer, and Gregg Borchelt*



*Mike Clancy and Luigi Grande*



*Attendees meeting with exhibitors (Solatube table at right)*



*Brian Trimble, Dan Cammer, and Diane Pittman*

02 EXHIBITS - PHOTO ALBUM OF 1ST ANNUAL HORS D'OEUVRES DESERTS & AWARDS EVENT IN JUNE



*Isolatek rep Jason McKay with Cynthia Heimann*



*Stanley Security rep John Geniesse*



*Kallwall rep Midian Evans*



*Sherwin-Williams rep Bill Rains*



*Connors Sales Group reps Paul Connors and Chris Rimoldi*



*ASSA Abloy reps David Hamilton and Alexander Howe*

02 EXHIBITS - PHOTO ALBUM OF 1ST ANNUAL HORS D'OEUVRES DESERTS & AWARDS EVENT IN JUNE



*Hadrian Partitions rep Michael Wilcox*



*Bobrick rep Gerald Wilcox*



*KnaufInsulation rep Gerry O'Keefe*



*Syntheon rep Ernie Kortvely*



*AS Hanging Display rep Scott Ewing*



*Atas International rep Allan Monello*



*Mid-Atlantic Construction Specialties owner Dell Ewing*



*The Joyce Agency rep Jonathan Sargeant*

**03 AWARDS - PHOTO ALBUM OF 1ST ANNUAL HORS D'OEUVRES DESERTS & AWARDS EVENT IN JUNE**



*President Luigi Grande preparing to present awards*



*John Geniesse receiving Certificate of Appreciation Award*



*Tom McConnell receiving Certificate of Appreciation Award*



*Dianne Pittman receiving Certificate of Appreciation Award*

03 AWARDS - PHOTO ALBUM OF 1ST ANNUAL HORS D'OEUVRES DESERTS & AWARDS EVENT IN JUNE



*Ken Lyons receiving Certificate of Appreciation Award*



*Dan Cammer receiving Certificate of Appreciation Award*



*Bill Rains receiving Certificate of Appreciation Award*



*Mike Clancy receiving Chapter Merit Award*



*Cynthia Heimann receiving Chapter Merit Award*



*David Lorenzini receiving Commendation Award*



03 AWARDS - PHOTO ALBUM OF 1ST ANNUAL HORS D'OEUVRES DESERTS & AWARDS EVENT IN JUNE 2014



*Jesse Oak receiving Chapter President's Award*



*Deborah MacPherson receiving Chapter Technical Award*



*Gregg Borchelt receiving Distinguished Service Award*



*Bill Rains presenting Institute President Award to Luigi Grande*



*Jason McKay display his Certificate of Appreciation Award*



*Gregg Borchelt proudly displaying the Chapter's highest award*

04 FOOD - PHOTO ALBUM OF 1ST ANNUAL HORS D'OEUVRES DESERTS & AWARDS EVENT IN JUNE



*Bar Service with a Smile*



*Cheese Platter and Desserts*



*Chips and Cheese Dip*



*Tasty Garnishes*



*Vegetable and Cheese Platter*



*Drinks on ice*

## HIGHLIGHTS OF JUNE SUMMER PLANNING MEETING NOTES

This meeting is not an official board meeting, so no quorum is required. Luigi Grande, President of the NOVA Chapter, commenced the July 23, 2014 planning meeting of the Directors and committee members at the Grande Residence in Herndon, VA.

### June Trade Show Event:

Overall: Positive feedback was received from vendors and members alike. The atmosphere was relaxed, but energetic and positive. The room suited was very suitable. The estimate for attendance was about 30 people.

- Vendors:  
All 15 vendor tables were 'bought', which resulted in a full house. Many were new to CSI, so both the members and the vendors had an opportunity to meet new people. Next year, we need to make an effort to incorporate new vendors to minimize repeat (consecutive) attendance
- Food: Mike Clancy suggested not charging for wine next year, if the budget allows.
- In the Future:  
All agreed that next year we need to increase the attendance. Advertising and reaching out to firms nearby the venue is one strategy to implement.  
It was suggested that we explore the possibility of having four vendors commit to 15 minute presentations worth a 1/4 AIA Credit. If attending all presentations, a member could leave event with one full credit.



### Monthly Meeting Location:

- Bob Trafton reported that in his last effort to find another venue for monthly meetings, he found there were no other conference/party rooms in the airport property that were available for us.
- It was agreed that the commute to the meetings remains a priority and is the main challenge. Use of the access road adds great value to the members and other attendees when traveling from the Arlington/DC area. Not having access to this road (and the time it saves) may be enough to sway some people to miss meetings.
- Jason will be asked to revisit the menu options with Marriott - can they reduce portions? Eliminate dessert? Provide an additional option for vegetarian meals?

### 2018 Middle Atlantic Region Conference (MARC):

- Bob Trafton is leading the effort to plan the event. He has received the Region Host Conference Guide from Dave Lorenzini, Region Conference Oversight Chair. Ken Lyons agreed to assist, but many people will be needed for several committees.
- Venue options need to be explored soon and one should be secured ASAP. Target date should be established at next couple of meetings. Dave said that the number of attendees at the 2002 Conference hosted by NOVA was about 90 people.
- Several people suggested the venue should be in an 'urban' location that has close proximity to other activities and shopping. Tyson's Corner was discussed and recommended it should be explored due to new plans for high density development after the opening of the Silver Line Metro stops. It should be a very urban area by 2018.
- A theme/topic for speakers and programs could include urban planning, master planning, and a keynote about the Tyson's Corner development plan. Jesse thought he might have a contact to get the process started.

### NoVa CSI Website:

- Luigi made a commitment to see that our website be revamped and updated. He and Tanya added a group photo of the Board from our May meeting.
- Luigi will publish the list of board members this month. Updates of the table top companies needs to be an ongoing effort. Our agreement with them is that they will be on the website for 12 months.
- Tanya showed us an example of the New York Metropolitan area newsletter, which included a column with common links to local and national CSI pages. We agreed this is a direction we should go also. Our banner image should also be updated to reflect a more current and forward thinking image.
- Kudos went out to Jesse and David for the newsletters that have been published this year.

### September 2014 Meeting:

- Since CSI CONSTRUCT2014 is the second week of September (our normal meeting week). The board had voted In June to push the meeting to the next week, which coincides with the DC Chapter's usual date.
- Cynthia, Jesse, Henry Doyle, and Julian Master (from the DC chapter) have been in communication to plan this meeting.

Meeting Minutes continued on page 12.

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*Attendees Tour Air & Space Museum during 2002 MAR Region Conference.*

## Editor's Corner

Comments regarding this newsletter and original contributed articles are welcome. Submit them in Word DOC format to [deloren@scip.com](mailto:deloren@scip.com) by the third week of the month prior to the next chapter meeting. Articles should be concise and to the point, accompanied by graphics, if applicable, in JPG format. ❖

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## BOARD MEETING MINUTES (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 11)

- The September meeting will be held jointly with the DC chapter, on Tuesday, September 16th. There will be no cost to the NOVA members. Due to the limited size of the tour groups, two concurrent tours will be held on the 16th, and one on the 23rd.
- The activity will be a tour of the Smithsonian National Museum of African American History and Culture, beginning at 4:30 pm by Henry Doyle and/or other members of his organization. It will be followed by a social gathering at the Elephant & Castle restaurant on Pennsylvania Avenue.

### Newsletters:

- The Editor has done a great job with the rebirth of the NOVA Chapter newsletter (NOVASPEC). The membership must continue to submit material. Some possible topics were suggested.

The meeting adjourned to dinner hosted by Luigi Grande. ❖