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- Lunch SeminarNov 18/15
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- Lunch Seminar Jan 20/16
Dispute Resolution
- Lunch Seminar Feb 17/16
Silo Systems for Mortar/Grout
- Lunch Seminar Mar 23/16
Fire Rated Alum Framing/Glazing
- Connections Café . May 19/16
@ The Pines from 5pm-8pm
- Golf Tourney..... Jun 15/16
Details TBA

CSC GRAND VALLEY CHAPTER 2014-2015 YEAR IN REVIEW

It was an incredible year for our Chapter with new initiatives, strengthening of our Chapter Executive, and recognition for the incredible work that we have done. This edition of our Specifier highlights some of these events, announcements, activities, and achievements. Below are a few teaser photos of what we experienced last year. See more on Page 4 of this Specifier.

On a side note, thank you to everyone who has supported us in making our Chapter successful as we continue with our purpose to add value to our local construction community.



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CATHIE'S CHATTER

MUSICAL CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Humility is something that we, as Canadians for the most part, practise.

We're not one for braggadocio or bombast, as it is not in our collective nature. We're polite, apologizing before we know exactly what happened. We typically understate the obvious. For example, "It's a bit nippy out there" when it is minus 40 degrees. "No kidding"!

But sometimes, and I'm saying, just sometimes....it's OK to let people know great news even if it means touting your own horn. We should be proud of an achievement long in the making and not be afraid to shout it from the rooftops. Of course, in good Canadian form, it also provides the springboard for thanking and acknowledging people who stepped up to the plate.

So.....at the top of my lungs.....

WE DID IT! OMG!! The Grand Valley Chapter won the 2015 **Lloyd Boddy Chapter of the Year Award** at the 2015 National Conference in May. It's like the little indie film winning the Academy Award for Best Picture at the Oscars. I'm not kidding! What a buzz!

We were up against some pretty big chapters. But just to be mentioned as qualifying for the honour was an absolute rush!

When the big moment came to announce the winner, Nick Franjic, CSC Executive Director, began describing the attributes of the chapter. The winning chapter had increased membership, offered educational courses, they were financially stable, hosted a Connections Café, and had a creative newsletter. At this point, he mentioned that the winning chapter was one of the three co-hosting chapters of the 2014 National Conference. (Must tell you, at this point my heart started to beat a little faster because we were one of those three) He went on to say, "Created and implemented the CSC Student Design competition", that's when I knew... our little hard-working chapter had won the Lloyd Boddy Award.

There were lots of hugs going around the ballroom, high-fives, handshakes and grins that extended from ear to ear.

It takes a truly amazing group of people working together to make things happen. The Executive of the Grand Valley CSC demonstrated synergy at its best. They are some of the best people I have ever had the pleasure with which to work. They are creative, diligent, hard-working and....oh yeah did I mention fun? Thanks also go to the guys at the Association office too. They fielded many of our questions, and requests. Offered support and guidance and really embraced the design competition initiative.

I would be remiss, if I didn't give a shout out to our friends from other chapters who supported our journey. You know who you are.....

I encourage you to come out to our luncheon seminars and Socials. We even have a couple of openings on the Executive.

OK, now I'll go back to my quiet and shy self....well maybe next newsletter.

Whoot! Whoot!

Cheers,

Cathie Schneider, CTR

Chair, CSC Grand Valley Chapter

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AREN'T SPECS CONTRACT DOCUMENTS?

Written by David A. Stutzman, CSC, AIA, CSI, CCS, SCIP, LEED AP
 Founding Principal of Conceptus Inc., Tuckahoe, NJ

<http://conspectusinc.com/swblog/2015/06/arent-specs-contract-documents/>

What statements below do you believe to be true?

1. I hate writing specs.
2. Specs are only used as door stops.
3. No one actually reads specs.

The first is generally true, especially for architects trained as designers. The second and third are commonly held beliefs by those in the construction industry. Recently a principal of an architect client firm admitted that they did not read the specs Conspectus writes for them. Amazing! Frightening!



Architects and engineers are obligated to deliver two instruments of service: drawings and specifications. Both instruments of service become legal documents of significant importance when the construction contract is signed. Drawings, as graphic information, and specifications, as non-graphic information, are given equal importance under the contract. Both are created, specific to each project, to ensure the construction outcome matches the owner's expectations.

By providing the drawings and specifications to a contractor, the owner warrants the documents accurately represent what is required to be built. If the contractor builds what the instruments of service require, he has met his contractual obligation to the owner, even if the documents are wrong. The Spearin Doctrine, established by the courts, upholds this position and becomes one of the "tests" to determine resolutions, should a dispute between the owner and contractor arise during construction.

Would architects deliver drawings they never reviewed? Doubtful. Do architects labor extensively to produce the drawings? Absolutely! The vast majority of the design phase fee is spent producing only one of the instruments of service – the drawings. This was confirmed in a study of the construction industry about specifications conducted by the Alberti Group. A majority of the respondents indicated less than 5% of the design fee is dedicated to specifications, and often specifications are allotted less than 1% of the fee.

So why the cavalier attitude toward specifications? Why are they hated, and why are they not read? Can it be the graphic (design) vs. non-graphic (technical) mindset? Undoubtedly, there is no single answer.

Drawings and specifications both have their own unique language that requires training and knowledge to understand. Architects are immersed in graphic design in school and throughout their careers. They constantly communicate graphically – sketching, drawing, rendering. They are rewarded with design awards. There is tremendous incentive to learn and become competent in drawings. Not so, specifications.

More importantly, what is the consequence of the attitude toward specifications? Risk! Risk for the architect and even more risk for the owner. Every word can affect cost, time, and quality. Specifications are a carefully orchestrated balance among all three. The specifications and drawings must be carefully coordinated. Both must accurately depict what is required to transform the owner's project requirements into a constructed facility. With careful consideration and proper attention specifications will set the expected quality, within the available budget.

Where is the Pritzker Prize for specifications?

About the Author

David has over 38 years of experience in the construction industry as an architect and specifier focusing on construction specifications and quality assurance reviews for architectural, engineering, and process industry projects. Conspectus Inc. is one of the largest independent Specifications consulting firms in the United States. David is actively involved in the Construction Specifications Institute at chapter, regional, and national levels having served on and chaired committees responsible for the current CSI formats. David also joined CSC this spring and is a Grand Valley Chapter member.



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Selecting Corrosion Resistant Coatings

With Guest Speaker

Joel Sullivan – Court Galvanizing Ltd.

Have you ever wondered what galvanizing is? How it differs from other methods of corrosion protection? What all those strange G, Z, and AZ codes mean? Well, here is your opportunity to find out.

For over 18 years, Mr. Sullivan has been the Sales and Marketing Manager for Court Galvanizing Ltd., a firm specializing in hot dip galvanizing for over 55 years in the Guelph and Cambridge areas. Currently located in Cambridge, Court Galvanizing's facility includes a kettle that is 55 feet long, 8 feet wide and 11 feet deep, allowing them to galvanize larger materials.

Mr. Sullivan's presentation will focus on the design and fabrication of material for galvanizing, touching on:

- Material suitable for hot dip galvanizing,
- Pitfalls of combining different or dissimilar sized materials,
- Welding,
- Oversizing, and
- Proper venting and drainage.

When: November 18, 2015

Time: 11:30 Sharp

**Where: Grand Valley Construction Association
 25 Sheldon Drive, Cambridge, ON**

\$20 Members * \$25 Non-Members * Students \$10

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Share your knowledge with your peers while gaining recognition for your contribution to the betterment of the construction profession in your community.

We would love to hear from you if you are interested in publishing any technical articles, upcoming events, or announcements in the Grand Valley Specifier. Ideas are also always welcome.

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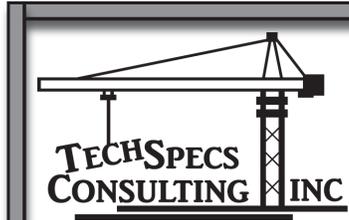


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Additional Tickets \$ _____

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* Student - is an individual undergoing training in a school of architecture, engineering, or technology- Photo ID is required at the registration desk - space is limited and must be registered prior to the conference

** One Companion for every Delegate registration; each additional Companion will be at Delegate rate.

Elephants In the Room Series



In **October** we hosted a frank discussion between GC's and Subs about Tendering, Accountability and Payment.

In **November**, in a joint venture with CCA, GVCA will host a discussion on the quality of construction documents.

Join us in **January**, when GVCA will dig into RFP's, RFI's and owners evaluation processes.

Session 2 - CCA Presents Quality of Construction Documents

When: Monday November 23, 2015

Where: Deer Ridge Golf Course, Kitchener

Time: 1 pm - 4:30 pm

The quality of construction documents was cited as the **#1 frustration by General and Trade Contractors, the Buyers of Construction and the Design consultants.**

We invite you to attend this workshop and to provide invaluable feedback to help the industry move forward in addressing this very important issue.



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