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CHAIR'S MESSAGE



Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. The year is quickly coming to an end, and I want to thank all our members and especially our Vancouver Chapter Board for a great 2023 year. There have been plenty of challenges as we navigate the world, we are in now coming out of COVID and we are looking forwards to 2024 with a great calendar of speakers and events we are planning.

I would also like to announce that after a 5-year hiatus do to COVID the Vancouver Chapter will be hold our Chapter General Meeting in April 2023. This is an opportunity for you to get involved in the chapter's activities and make a difference. We encourage all members to participate in the election process and make their voices heard. If you are interested in helping or just want to know more, please reach out to one of the chapter board members for additional information. As we get closer to the event more information will be realised.

As we approach the end of the year, I would once again like to take this opportunity to wish you and your loved ones a happy holiday season. May this festive season bring you joy, peace, and happiness. We look forwards to seeing you in 2024.

Chapter Chair, John Alley, john.alley@cbpmail.net

Oktoberfest Trade Show Recap



The CSC Vancouver Chapter was pleased to hold our Annual Oktoberfest Trade Fair on Thursday, October 19th, 2023.

It was great to see all the local manufacturers and design community get together to socialize, network and learn.

The event was held at the Italian Cultural Centre which offers delicious appetizers and treats for all who attend.

The attendees were an assortment of Architects & Design Professionals, Specification Writers, Engineers, and General Contractors.

We appreciate the support of all the manufacturers who had tabletop displays:

- Allied Technical Sales (ATS)
- Armstrong Ceiling & Wall Solutions
- Construction Specialties Canada
- Crown Building
- Custom Building Products
- Div07
- Dryvit
- Dyson Canada
- ERV Parent
- Georgia Pacific Gypsum
- Harbinger
- IKO
- Interior Technology Canada Ltd.
- Kawneer Company Canada
- Kryton International
- PPG
- Rieger Architectural Products
- Rockwool
- Soprema Canada
- TORMAX Canada Inc.
- Vitro Architectural Glass
- Vitrum Glass Group
- Tarkett
- Mapei
- Schluter
- W.R Meadows
- VicWest
- Canadian Stone Industries Ruben Caporusso
- Quietco Acoustics and Soundproofing
- Tec Agencies Ltd.

Bert Carver with Apex Building Sciences presented the AIBC accredited presentation “**Responsible Procurement – IIs to Avoid.**” This presentation provided an overview of best practices and common pitfalls for procurement.

To cap the evening off, we gave away a fabulous gift basket valued at \$250, a \$100 Amazon Gift Card, and two wine draws.

Many thanks to all the exhibitors who participated this year, the volunteers the day of the event, the sponsors, and finally the Trade Show Committee responsible for countless hours of work throughout the year to make it all happen. If you would like to participate in next years Trade Fair, please contact us at vancouver@csc-dcc.ca


Reported by Mikhala Vail, Vitrum Glass Group, CSC Executive Committee, Vice Chair

Some pictures... Have your company register to next year's Octoberfest event!



More pictures... Have your company join the tabletop display next year!





Welcome New Members

Welcome to the new members who have joined in 2023.

Trevor Bowkett

Western Canada Sales Manager at Allied Technical Sales

Ethan Hudhud

Intern Architect at Henry® a Carlisle Company

Eloise Diquet

Internationally Trained Architect at Station One Architects

Jaimie Stroomer

Senior Technologist at Station One Architects

Aaron Millar

Senior Technologist at Station One Architects

Johannes Smit

Internationally Trained Architect at Station One Architects

Otto Ward

20412 Active

Senior Estimator at Garibaldi Glass

Helina Vanessa Prentice

Senior Construction Contract Administrator at VPM Consulting Services

Reported by Tammy Diniz, CTR, CSE,
Tarkett Commercial / Tarkett Hospitality,
CSC Executive Committee, Membership Officer

CSC ANNOUNCEMENT

Retirement: A Career to Remember

David H. James - A.Sc.T. (Retired)

Joined the Vancouver Chapter of the Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) - formally the Specification Writers' Association of Canada (SWAC) May 29th., 1970.

David H. James Ltd., Specifications Consultant was established in August of 1976 to provide contract services to architectural firms.

CSC Vancouver Chapter involvement has included:

- Technical Officer Vancouver Chapter 1977-1982.
- Specifications Officer Vancouver Chapter 1978-1979.
- Vice Chairman Vancouver Chapter 1980-1982.
- CSC Representative to BCIT Building Technology Advisory Board 1984-1985.
- Vice Chairman CSC Conference '86 Committee 1985-1986.
- CSC Vancouver Chapter Trade Show Committee 1988.
- 50 Years Continuous Membership - May 2020.

Project involvement has included the following:

- Multiple Residential: Highrise, Garden Apartments, Townhouses and Condominiums.
- Commercial: Office Buildings, Retail Stores, Shopping Centres, Motels, and Hotels.
- Industrial: Warehouses and Manufacturing/Processing Plants.
- Institutional: Nursing Homes, Retirement Homes, Colleges, and Civic Buildings.
- Transit: Advanced Light Rapid Transit Projects.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sommelier Wine Event

When: February 8th
Where: The Sandman Hotel – Vancouver
5:00pm till 8:00pm

March Luncheon – Building Tour

When: To Be Announced
Where: To Be Announced

April Chapter General Meeting

When: April 11th 2024
Where: To Be Announced

May – National

When: May 22nd till 26th, 2024
Where: Montreal, QC

September Luncheon – Meet the Board

When: September 12th 2024
Where: To Be Announced

October – Trade Fair

When: October 10th 2024
Where: To Be Announced

November Luncheon

When: November 14th 2024
Where: To Be Announced

December Holiday Gathering

When: To Be Announced
Where: To Be Announced

CSC EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS



CSC Workshops are announcing periodically each year and usually available Virtual and Online.

If you need to find out more about any of the courses or have other inquiries, please do not hesitate to contact the following.

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Courses Descriptions

Principles of Construction Documentation (PCD) (Pre-requisite course)

The PCD is an introductory course that will enable the student to have a better understanding of construction documentation (specifications, drawing and schedules), products, bidding procedures and contracts. It is also a prerequisite to all the other CSC education courses.

Having the experience and knowledge will give you leverage in the fast-paced construction industry.

The course will also provide a solid base for future skills acquisition, job efficiency, position advancement, and pay increases in a convenient and easy to follow format.

Course Outline:

- Construction Process
- Production of Construction Documents
- Forms of Contract
- Codes and Standards
- Risk Management Issues
- Legal Issues
- Building Science
- Contract Administration
- Communications
- Trends in the Construction Industry

Specifier (SP)

The CSC Specifier course is a comprehensive overview of the construction specification profession in Canada. At the completion of the course, students will have a solid grasp of a specifier's role, legal issues including contracts, bidding and disputes, writing style used in the profession and how to close out a project. A wide range of professional scenarios are explained, often using real-life examples.

Skills acquired in this course include:

- Understanding legal contracts
- Understanding the function of the project manual and associated drawings.
- Developing the basis for good specifications
- Improved writing skills
- Understanding the process of researching and selecting products

The CSC Specifier course continues from where the PCD course ends and is a more in-depth education on the special techniques and skills required to write the procurement and contractual requirements of: Division 00; the administrative, procedural and temporary requirements of Division 01; and the technical specifications of Division 02-49.

Completion of this course is mandatory in the process of becoming a Certified Specification Practitioner (CSP), or a Registered Specification Writer (RSW).

Course Outline:

- Introduction
- General Review
- Types of Construction Contracts and Project Delivery Methods
- Procurement and Contracting Requirements
- Lien Legislation, Bonds, Insurance and Dispute Mechanisms
- Specification Writing Basics: Grammar, Spelling and Conventions
- Specification Writing – Getting Started
- Writing From a Master Specification
- Writing Original Specification Sections
- Product Selection, Research and Assessment
- Codes and Standards
- Division 01 – Administrative and Procedural Requirements
- Division 01 – Temporary Facilities and Controls
- Division 01 – Performance Requirements and Life Cycle Activities
- Relationships and Coordination – Divisions 00, 01 and Technical Sections
- Specifying Quality and Performance Requirements
- Specifying For Special Requirements

Students Should have:

- Experience reading construction drawings;
- Experience reading construction specifications;
- Experiences researching construction materials;
- Experience researching construction reference standards
- Or, Construction related Certification from a Technical College or University

Technical Representative (TR)

The TR course will provide a better understanding of contract documents and bidding procedures, product representation, professionalism, and ethics, and will provide a new depth of understanding and explanation of concepts beyond what was previously introduced in the PCD course. The course is designed for the individual involved in the supply section of the construction industry such as manufacturer representatives, agents, or distributors of products. The student will have successfully completed the PCD course.

This course is a requirement for the Certified Technical Representative (CTR) designation.

Course Outline:

- The Project Manual and Drawings
- The Technical Representative and Consultants
- Construction Product Selection Process
- Materials Selection and Substitutions
- Construction Product Representation
- Effective Technical Assistance
- Information Management and Product Literature
- Product Presentation Techniques
- Contract Liability and Warranties
- Bonds and Insurance
- Material and Product Standards
- Workmanship, Quality, Codes and Standards
- Liens and Liens Legislation
- Contract Administration and Field Services

Construction Contract Administrator (CCA)

The course is designed for those individuals involved in construction administration, including Contract Administrators, Property Managers, Architects, Engineers, Interior Designers, Specification Consultants, Building Authorities, and Bonding and Insurance Agencies.

This course is a requirement for the Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) designation.

Course Outline:

- Construction Industry participants
- Bidding Requirements and Process
- Alternatives and Substitutions
- Standards and Regulatory Influences
- Site Activities
- Execution of the Work
- Certification of Payment
- Changes in the Work
- Dispute Resolution
- Construction Insurance
- Construction Surety Bonds
- Guaranties and Warranties
- Project Submittal
- Field Services and Quality Control
- Clerk of the Works
- Contract Close-Out
- Commissioning
- Definitions and Resources

A NEW LOOK

Let us know what you think!

We are trying out a new format for the Vancouver Chapter E-Specifier, but it is a work in progress.

If you have comments or suggestions, or would like more information about the newsletter, please reach out to Johnson Teodocio, CTR at johnson.teodocio@tormax.ca

WE ARE CSC!!



PROGRAM COMMITTEE

DO YOU HAVE A PRESENTATION IDEA?

Please feel free to reach out to me.

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