

# S Nashville SPECIFACTS

Nashville Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute Newsletter

**April 2026 Edition**

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## **Previously on CSI Nashville:**

### **March CSI Nashville SpecHeads**

Thank you for joining us, Harry J. Lubitz.

Date: March 10, 2026

### **Managing Exterior Cement Stucco Moisture Vapor Drive in Warm, Humid Climates**

The challenge posed in the warm, humid climate of the south US region causes significant water management and vapor drive issues on the exterior envelope of stucco clad structures. There are several methods to manage the water and moisture vapor, and we will examine each to understand which provides the best option for both mass walls (i.e. Block or Precast Concrete) and framed walls (i.e. OSB sheathing on wood studs for residential structures and glass-mat sheathing on steel framed commercial structures). We will also examine the specific IBC, IRC and State Building Code language and requirements for exterior water management in both residential and commercial applications and provide guidance to minimize intrusion and prevent customer complaints, potential health issues and litigation."

Following this course, attendees are able to:

- Understand the specific challenges of using cement stucco in warm, humid climates versus dry climates by examining the water resistance and moisture vapor drive of common applications.
- Examine water management options as described in the IBC, IRC and State Building Codes.
- Note which water management systems work in warm, humid climates and tropical storm/hurricane prone regions and which may not.
- Design and detail stucco cladding for code compliance, occupant safety and limiting of liability.
- Research new moisture vapor permeability management options and best practices to address the potential shortfalls of exterior stucco cladding installations.

Want more information? Please click [here](#) for our chapter website's information page.

## **March CSI Nashville Chapter Meeting**

John Potter, Jr., we appreciate your commitment to this session.

Date: March 24, 2026

This one-hour program provided an in-depth historical overview of how construction specifications have evolved from ancient Western civilizations to the complex systems used in the United States today. Beginning with early written, oral, and symbolic building directives in Mesopotamia, Egypt, Greece, and Rome, the course traces how specifications, standards, and building codes developed alongside societal, technological, and industrial changes. Participants explored key milestones such as the influence of the Code of Hammurabi, medieval guild traditions, early U.S. building standards, the formation of CSI and AIA specification systems, and the technological transition from handwritten documents to digital, cloud-based, and A.I. supported specification production. This session strengthened understanding of how historical precedents shape modern professional practice, safety standards, and project delivery processes.

Participants now know how to:

- Understand the historical origins of construction specifications.
- Identify major developments that shaped modern specifications and building codes.
- Analyze how technological changes transformed specification production.
- Recognize the relationship between specifications, standards, building codes, and professional responsibility.

Please click [here](#) for more information about this event.

## **New Business:**

### **April CSI Nashville SpecHeads**

Date: April 14, 2026

Time: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (CST)

Location: SESCO Lighting at 636 Grassmere Park, Suite 150, Nashville, TN 37211

Please look for an invitation in your email from Eventbrite, or click [here](#) to be redirected to our chapter's information page.

### **April CSI Nashville Chapter Meeting**

Date: April 21, 2026

Time: 11:15 AM - 1:00 PM (CST)

**Board Meeting: 10:30-11:30 AM (CST)**

**Chapter Meeting: 11:30-1:00 AM (CST)**

Location: SESCO Lighting at 636 Grassmere Park, Suite 150, Nashville, TN 37211

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