

S Nashville SPECIFACTS

Nashville Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute Newsletter

October 2026 Edition



Chapter President's Corner

By Harry Harris

Greetings, All,

Happy Fall! It has finally come at last to break the 54 straight days of 90+ degrees days. Cooler days and nights are ahead.

This month I wanted to talk about the current state of CSI membership specifically related to the Nashville Chapter. The problem is nationwide, including the Gulf States Region. The problem being that chapters are losing members.

The information below was sent out to all GSR Chapter Presidents recently. I have already shared it with the chapter Board and Committee Chairs. You will notice a decline in membership across the board. The chapters with "n/a" in recent years are no longer with us. As you will notice below Nashville has had some periods of consistent membership levels. This year we are at an all-time low. I have been told by long-term chapters members we may have had upwards of 200 members many years ago.

The problems can be attributed to many causes; employers no longer paying member dues, personal financial reasons, and decisions made Nationally in recent years that did not set well with some. We have lost a number of longtime members due to the last item, including a CSI Fellow.

We need to find a way to stop the bleeding. We have talked about trying to attract younger members, which is very important. Equally important is working to keep the membership we currently have from leaving.

We need to find ways to keep membership engaged. Some options could be to provide some community volunteer opportunities, more social events, and provide quality content in programing. Another idea is to send out a survey to membership to find out what they expect to get for their membership.

We provide good technical training monthly with Specheads. I also try to find interesting programs for monthly chapter meetings, which is not easy. I rely on help sometimes, which I greatly appreciate.

Between now and the October chapter meeting please try to think about this and let us know your thoughts on this. We can have a quick discussion after the program before everyone has to rush off.

Take Care,
Harry

Chapter	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
	714	641	626	581	576	524	489	463	388
Acadiana	39	36	35	32	31	37	36	30	27
Baton Rouge	25	17	16	15	14	13	17	36	26
Birmingham	33	25	24	22	22	22	20	23	24
Chattanooga	67	58	59	50	47	42	38	34	29
Gulf Coast	18	13	12	10	10	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Huntsville	27	28	34	32	28	17	15	16	12
Knoxville	50	60	56	54	49	49	58	62	51
Little Rock	60	54	47	42	48	45	39	34	36
Memphis	85	71	73	70	75	79	58	48	40
Mississippi	66	60	67	60	55	55	56	57	44
Mobile Bay	14	15	11	8	9	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Montgomery	14	11	14	13	15	10	8	15	10
Nashville	112	115	104	105	106	102	97	91	76
New Orleans	53	42	37	32	35	28	26	n/a	n/a
Pensacola									
Florida	39	31	32	31	27	25	21	17	13
Shreveport	12	5	5	5	5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Previously, on CSI Nashville.....

September SpecHeads

We are grateful to Noah and Shelby Capuano of Mid-TN ICF Supply in Murfreesboro, teaching us about ICF construction!

- Date: Tuesday, September 8th from 11:30 AM - 1:00PM CST at Sesco Lighting

Another successful Board Meeting!

- Date: Tuesday, September 15th at 10:30 AM CST at Sesco Lighting

*Sept. 29, 2026 CSI Product Show
highlights on the next pages;
thanks to everyone for showing up,
and to all our sponsors!!*

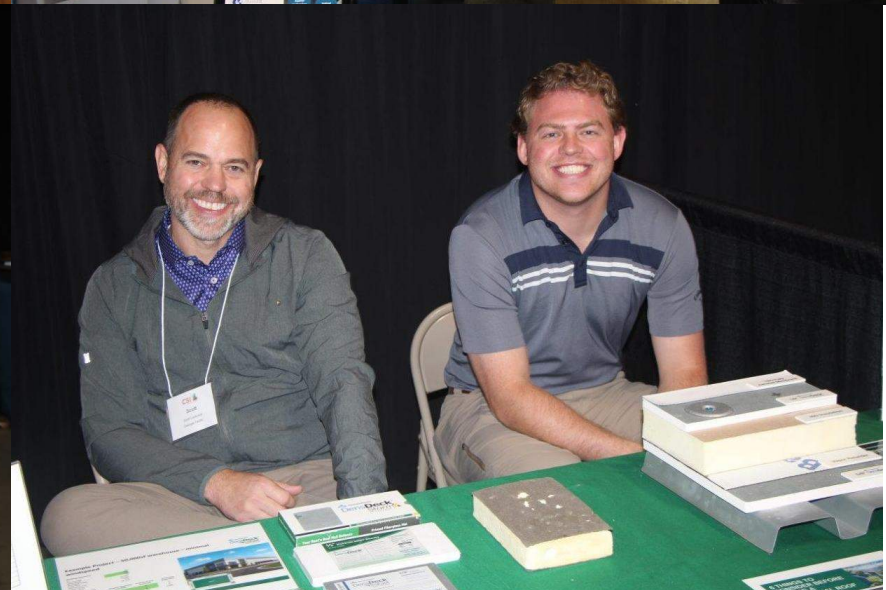
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October SpecHeads

MAXIMIZING THE LIFE AND QUALITY OF YOUR ROOFS:
WHEN TO SPECIFY COATINGS

LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

1. Define when and how roof coatings should be used under various situations: new construction, repair and renovation situations
2. Explain the different types of roof coatings and chemistries available, including acrylic, silicone, urethane and PMMA/PMA and the benefits of using each
3. Review the benefits of reflective roofs, including how they contribute to higher energy efficiencies for building owners and reduce urban heat islands
4. Explain the most common errors that are made when specifying roof coatings and how to overcome them

AIA Course: AIA1023003

Credits: 1.0 AIA LU/HSW; 1.0 IIBEC CEH

Presented by:

Brad Diaz with SOPREMA

- Date: Tuesday, October 13th from 11:30 AM - 1:00PM CST at Sesco Lighting

October Board meeting

- Date: Tuesday, October 20th at 10:30 AM CST at Sesco Lighting, *then.....*

October Chapter Meeting

THE DESIGN AND DESIGN PROCESS FOR THE NEW NASHVILLE
FIRE DEPARTMENT HEADQUARTERS, Presented by: HASTINGS

Detailed information will follow in the meeting invitation.

- Date: Tuesday, October 20th from 11:30 AM - 1:00PM CST at Sesco Lighting



Special Interest

This is a call out to any CSI members who have any published articles from themselves or their companies that they would like to include in future Specifacts newsletters. Please submit for consideration before the end of each month, to:

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The following page is another example of the “4-up” (printer’s term) arrangement of an October 1969 Specifacts! Note the article on Kindness at the top right, well worth the read.

Morris Werner, Architect - Subject: Payments

- 1) Architect in judicial capacity (not as owner's agent)
- 2) Article 9 of general conditions
 - 9.1 Contract Sum
 - 9.2 Schedule of values
 - 9.3 Progress payments
 - 9.4 Certificates for payment
 - 9.5 Payments withheld
 - 9.6 Failure of payment
 - 9.7 Substantial completion and final payment
- 3) Schedule of values
 - a - In form specified or as agreed upon
 - b - Supported by data as regarding architect
 - c - Compare with quantity survey
- 4) Progress payments
 - a - Application for payment by contractor
 - b - Work completed and stored at site - Require warehouse receipt for materials stored away from project
- 5) Certificate for payment
 - a - Architect to issue within 7 days of receipt (unless justified as below)
 - b - Architect must satisfy himself of following:
 - Value of work (and materials) is accurate as of date of certificate
 - "Proportionate to amount of contract" (if applicable) - not absolute.
 - Correct total of previous certificates has been depicted
 - No reasons exist for withholding payment
 1. Defective work not remedied
 2. No indication of probable filing of liens
 3. No failure of contract or to make payments
 4. No reasonable doubt contract can be completed for unpaid balance
 - c - Certificate for payment by Architect is not an acceptance of any work not in accordance with contract documents (partial or entire occupancy of project by owner not acceptance)

- 6) Failure of payment
 - a - If architect fails through no fault of contractor to issue certificate, or if owner fails to make payment within 7 days of issuance of certificate, contractor may stop work upon 7 additional days written notice.
- 7) Substantial completion and final payment
 - a - Contractor prepares a list of items to be completed or corrected, and requests inspection by Architect.
 - b - If Architect concurs, he may issue a certificate of substantial completion, fixing responsibilities of Owner and Contractor for maintenance, insurance, utilities, etc. Also specifies a time in which items listed are to be completed (within contract time unless extended under article 8.3)
 - c - Contractor gives Architect written notice when work is ready for final acceptance. If Architect concurs, he will issue final certificate for payment.
 - d - Contractor to submit affidavit that all bills are paid or otherwise satisfied consent of surety (if any) to final payment
 - Receipts, releases and waiver of liens if required by owner
 - If any subcontractor refuses to sign a waiver, or receipt, contractor may be required to furnish a bond to owner as indemnification.

(CONTINUED)

- e - If final completion is delayed at no fault of contractor, owner may pay balance due if work not completed or corrected is less than retainage.
- 8) Final payment is waiver of all claims by Owner, except:
 - a - unsettled liens
 - b - Faulty or defective work appearing after substantial completion
 - c - Failure of work to comply with contract documents
 - d - Terms of special guarantees required by contract documents

SUMMARY

- 1) Architect acts in judicial capacity.
- 2) Payment of certificate by owner automatically transfers title to Owner by Contractor
- 3) Issuance of certificate is not acceptable of work not in accord with contract documents
- 4) Final payment is not due until affidavits and/or receipts, waivers, etc. are submitted by Contractor.
- 5) Final payment waives all claims by owner, except:
Questions and Answers
 - 1) Time limit for claims against project is sixty (60) days from time building is accepted by Owner. No time limit on private work.
 - 2) Question of liability on the part of the architect for an inaccurate estimate of brick stated in the allowance proposal which is accepted by the Architect.
 - 3) Question of liability on the part of the Architect for an approval of material stored away from job site if it is damaged. Proper responsibility should be established with certificates, binders, receipts, etc.
 - 4) Point made allowances prolong decisions which work hardship on manufacturer, sub and general contractor.

Batey Gresham

KINDNESS

The greatest lever to move the hearts of men is by acts of kindness. Kindness is the prime factor in overcoming friction and in making human machinery run more smoothly. If a man, mistakenly, is your enemy, you cannot disarm him in another way - so surely as by doing him a kindly act.

Yes, if we are strong enough to do a kindness to someone who has wronged us, there is no more certain way of bringing about restitution - than by an act of sincere kindness, either by word of mouth - or by hand.

As Shakespeare would have said it: "It is twice blessed - it blesses him that gives and he that receives." Further, the man who may have wronged him, increases his own moral and spiritual strength - by rising above himself!

Kindness is one thing that you cannot give away: it always comes back!

William C. Blaine

Why didn't somebody make a motion, at the October meeting, to form a committee to work on eliminating the problem of cash allowances for our Chapter. This could include not only brick but landscaping and hardware.

OUR PEOPLE

George Gaffney, specification writer (Yearwood & Johnson), visited the Victor Oolitic Limestone, Bloomington, Indiana. Gene Tynes, specification writer (John Charles Wheeler & Associates), recently spent two days in Chicago at a Specification Clinic sponsored by the Chicago CSI Chapter.

ATTENDANCE

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Kenneth Bailey
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Bonitz

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NEW MEMBERS

Lawrence Wilson
Geologic Associates

Alonzo Westbrook
Kurzynske, Green & Associates

OUR NEIGHBOR CHAPTER CELEBRATES

Nashville's CSI member-at-large, Kirby Stringer, was recently an honor guest, as a Charter Member, of the Memphis CSI Chapter for their tenth anniversary celebration. He was presented a miniature copy of the original charter.

He gave a glowing account of the entire meeting and activity from the time he was picked up by Regional Director Don Manley until well past formal adjournment of the meeting. FCSI Dempale B. Morrison, known to many in our Chapter, was Master of Ceremonies for the presentation.

Best wishes to the Memphis Chapter for their next decade!

THERE WAS A
RECORD ATTENDANCE
AT OUR SEPTEMBER
MEETING !!!
WHAT HAPPENED IN
OCTOBER??

THIS SPACE IS RESERVED FOR 21
ADDITIONAL NAMES
FOR OUR NOVEMBER
MEETING -

DO NOTHING BY
NOT SHOWING UP
NOVEMBER 4th

The GHOST

P.S.

BRING SOMEBODY !!!

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The CSI Nashville Chapter sincerely appreciates the kindness of Sesco Lighting for the chapter's meeting accommodations. The CSI Nashville Chapter recognizes the importance in creating and maintaining strong relationships.

Stay Connected

CSI is built on the relationships we make. Connect and grow with us!

"God is in the details."

-- Ludwig Mies van der Rohe

"The devil is in the details."

--anonymous

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