



BOARD REPORT

Northeast Region Board Meeting – August 27, 2009

DATE: March 23, 2009

TO: Northeast Region Board of Directors

FROM: Kenneth R. Gehringer, AIA, CSI, CCCA, FY2009 Conference Co-Chair

SUBJECT: Report of FY2009 Region Conference Co-hosted by Metro NY & Long Island Chapters

A. Report Summary

This report includes the final report summary, highlights of the conference, information on how the Committee organized the Conference, major or unusual problems encountered, number of guests attending and suggestions for improving the Conference.

B. Conference Highlights

This past Northeast Region Conference co-hosted by the Metro New York and Long Island Chapters in Manhattan was somewhat of an enigma and can be summed up as both a success and a failure. Our list of distinguished guests included CSI Institute Executive Director and CEO Walter Marlowe, PE, CSI, CAE, Institute President Gilman Hu, FCSI, RA and Institute Vice President David Proudfoot. The conference kicked off on Thursday, August 14 with the Host Chapters Welcome Reception and Dinner at the host hotel the Radisson Martinique on Broadway, an original Beaux Arts style hotel just blocks from Times Square and the Theater District.

The Annual CSI Metro New York Chapter Trade Show and Education Day took place on Friday, August 15 and was attended by more than 300 people including Conference attendees. The event took place in Gotham Hall, the old Greenwich Savings Bank building designed in the 1920's by McKim, Mead & White. Attendees were able to visit over 50 booths on the show floor to view the latest products and services in the industry, have lunch and choose from 12 CEU seminars. Mayor Bloomberg's Office arranged for our Keynote Speaker, NYC Planning Commissioner Amanda Burden. The morning speakers included Bill DuBois, AIA, CCS, CSI, LEED AP of Gensler speaking on Introduction to MasterFormat 2004, Darin Johnson, VP of Strategic Initiatives on Bette Midler's Million Trees NYC Project, Walter Marlow, PE CSI, CAE on Building Information Modeling, Manna Jo Greene, Director Clearwater on The Natural Step of greening communities, and Kris Shaw, LEED AP of Crescent

Energy on the Construction Side of Sustainability. Afternoon speakers included Linton Stables, CSI, CCS, LEED AP, Sr. Associate with Perkins Eastman and Susan Kaplan, CSI, CCS, LEED AP Specifications Director for HLW International on Specifying Sustainable Materials, Dr. Dickson Despommier, PhD of Columbia University on Vertical Urban Farming, Dana Gumb, Director Staten Island Bluebelt, Ross Spiegel, FAIA, FCSI, CCS, CCA, LEED AP of Fletcher-Thompson on LEED for Existing Buildings and Barry Lewis, Architectural Historian for PBS on Original New Urbanism, Historical Precedence for Green Design. The evening was topped off with a wine and cheese reception immediately after the show.

Also on Friday spouses and children went on a full day tour based on the responses to our pre-conference questionnaire. The morning started off with a tour of Lower Manhattan with a coffee break at Veniero's, shopping on SOHO and NoLita and lunch at Ellen's Stardust Diner. The tour bus proceeded up the Upper West Side on the way to spend the afternoon in the Metropolitan Museum of Art.

On Saturday morning the CSI NER Annual Meeting, Institute Update and Region Forum took place at the hotel while spouses and children enjoyed backstage tours of NBC Studios and Radio City Music Hall and had a bird's eye view of the city from over 70 stories up on the Top of the Rock. The climax of the Conference took place on Saturday evening when we sailed off on the tri-level mega-yacht Atlantica for the Annual Region Auction and Awards Dinner Cruise. The evening's events featured a cocktail reception, the scholarship auction, a sit down dinner and presentation of the Region Awards. On the observation deck we enjoyed a 360 degree panoramic view of the city at sunset and night for what was a truly memorable experience.

C. Conference Committee Organization

1. The Committee met at a restaurant centrally located between both Chapters starting just over a year in advance. At the first meeting the CSI Administrative References and information form the previous Conference was reviewed.
2. Meetings were held monthly in the beginning and more frequently as the Conference neared. Meetings averaged between 8 and 12 persons.
3. Minutes were taken at each meeting and a list of action items were assigned to different members of the Committee to complete for the next meeting.
4. All topics started with a brainstorming session then narrowed down to the best ideas for further investigation.
5. Once the outline for the Conference was developed the event planner was brought in to work with us at the meetings.
6. The subcommittees worked well together and were in constant communication via phone and email and updates were given at each meeting.

D. Problems Encountered

1. The Conference was held as the Country was in a recession. To try to encourage attendance in tough economic times we tried the "everything's included" in the registration price approach. Unfortunately attendance still slipped from the previous year and there were not enough sponsorships to make up the difference. The

Conference was a success as we received great reviews from all who attended, it was a failure financially as the Region needed to contribute additional money.

E. Guests Attending

1. Fifty seven (57) CSI members registered for the Conference.
2. Twenty eight (28) member spouses and seven (7) children attended.
3. Two (2) student members attended.

F. Suggestions for the benefit of the Region

1. Set sponsor fees right away and begin sponsor hunting immediately. Formulate a list of potential sponsors and divide the list between Committee members.
2. If you can afford it the event planner helped tremendously; for doing a lot of the legwork, negotiating better deals and making suggestions for events.
3. The spouse questionnaire for the day trips worked well and everyone was very happy.
4. We held a logo contest in the beginning to try to increase awareness and interest in the Conference but we did not receive a lot of participation.

Respectfully submitted;

Kenneth R. Gehringer, AIA, CSI, CCCA
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Cc: Region Secretary

SEE ATTACHMENT FOR LIST OF ATTENDEES

| ID | Last Name | First Name | Chapter | City | State |
|----|------------------|------------|----------------------|---------------|-------|
| 1 | Howard | Robert | Student | Jersey City | NJ |
| 2 | Raikowski | Kenneth | Long Island | Westbury | NY |
| 3 | Rosamond | George | Metro NY/ Housatonic | Valhalla | NY |
| 4 | Olsen | Roy | Housatonic | Hartford | CT |
| 5 | Tobias | Scott | Metro NY | Rock Tavern | NY |
| 6 | Eustis | Richard | Maine | Old Town | ME |
| 7 | Crane | Bob | Metro NY | Allentown | PA |
| 8 | DuBois | Bill | Metro NY | New York | NY |
| 9 | Lewis | Matthew | Hartford/ Housatonic | East Hartford | CT |
| 10 | Page | Guy | Long Island | Melville | NY |
| 11 | Gehringer | Kenneth | Long Island | Melville | NY |
| 12 | Decker | Bobbie | Syracuse | Auburn | NY |
| 13 | Gruccella | James | Buffalo-Western NY | Orchard Park | NY |
| 14 | Marlowe | Walter | Outside Region | Alexandria | VA |
| 15 | Newman | David | Hartford | Hartford | CT |
| 16 | DiGregerio | Frank | Rhode Island | Exeter | RI |
| 17 | Bernard | Vincent | Buffalo-Western NY | Buffalo | NY |
| 18 | Bean | Michael | Metro NY | New York | NY |
| 19 | Allen | William | Rhode Island | Warwick | RI |
| 20 | Bodane | Richard | Eastern NY | Albany | NY |
| 21 | Proudfit | David | Outside Region | Cincinnati | OH |
| 22 | Geiger | Chris | Long Island | Melville | NY |
| 23 | Johnson | Harry | Rhode Island | Westerly | RI |
| 24 | Bowne | W. | Syracuse | N. Syracuse | NY |
| 25 | Levine | Howard | Boston | Everett | MA |
| 26 | Hosley | Mary | Metro NY/ New Jersey | Oak Ridge | NJ |
| 27 | Healy | Edward | Worcester | Shrewsbury | MA |
| 28 | Lomanaco | Guy | Rochester | Rochester | NY |
| 29 | Som | Ruma | New Jersey | Ridgewood | NJ |
| 30 | Pedreira | David | Long Island | Shirley | NY |
| 31 | Ostrum | John | Vermont | Montpelier | VT |
| 32 | Battle | Charles | Rochester | Victor | NY |
| 33 | Barrett | Roland | Worcester | Milford | MA |
| 34 | Bannon | Don | Boston | Wenham | MA |
| 35 | Russell | Margaret | Vermont | Alpharetta | GA |
| 36 | Comnesso | Paul | Long Island | Beach | NY |
| 37 | Owen | Michael | Rhode Island | Warwick | RI |
| 38 | McGorty | Michael | Hartford | Brookfield | CT |
| 39 | Scott | Mark | Rochester | | |
| 40 | Hearl | Steven | Long Island | | |
| 41 | Bochynski | Zdzislaw | Metro NY | | |
| 42 | Collins | Matthew | Metro NY/ New Jersey | | |
| 43 | Kavarnos | Lisa | New Hampshire | | |
| 44 | Gerulak | Bohdan | Metro NY | | |
| 45 | Stables | Linton | Metro NY | | |
| 46 | Hu | Gilman | Outside Region | | |
| 47 | Schidzig | Elizabeth | Maine | | |
| 48 | Borne | Susan | Boston | | |
| 50 | Rosario-Lliveras | Luis | Metro NY | | |

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| 51 | Lawrence | Andrew | Long Island | |
| 52 | Debiak | Mike | New Jersey | |
| 53 | Schramm | George | Long Island | |
| 54 | Powell | Tracey | Rhode Island | |
| 55 | Matles | Jeffrey | Metro NY | |
| 56 | Dillon | Stephanie | Metro NY | |
| 57 | Costello | Milton | Long Island | |
| 58 | Casper | Douglas | Metro NY | |
| 59 | Axelrod | Stuart | Rochester | |

Totals

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| Metro NY | 14 |
| Boston | 3 |
| Buffalo/Western NY | 2 |
| Hartford | 3 |
| Syracuse | 2 |
| Rochester | 4 |
| Rhode Island | 5 |
| New Jersey | 4 |
| Maine | 2 |
| Eastern NY | 1 |
| Vermont | 2 |
| Worcester | 2 |
| Housatonic | 3 |
| Long Island | 10 |
| New Hampshire | 1 |
| Outside Region | 3 |
| Student | 1 |
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