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CSI KNOXVILLE CHAPTER MEETING TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

LEADERSHIP

Presented By: Wes Stowers, Chairman and CEO Stowers Machinery Corporation



CSI Knoxville Virtual Meeting!

Wes Stowers, Stowers Machinery, Leadership
Tuesday, September 8th 2020
11:30 AM - 1:00 PM (EDT)

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CSI Chapter Meeting - Tuesday, September 8th

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

SEPTEMBER 2020

- 03 CSI Board Meeting** - Tuesday, September 1st
Meeting from 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm
Location: ZOOM MEETING
- 10 CSI Chapter Meeting** - Tuesday, September 8th
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KNOXVILLE CHAPTER: SEPTEMBER 2020

47 PROFESSIONAL

1 EMERGING PROFESSIONAL

2 STUDENT

2 EMERITUS

2 RETIRED

54 TOTAL



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THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

PRESIDENT REPORT SEPTEMBER

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CSI Knoxville Chapter President
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Our last monthly meeting we were fortunate to learn about Acetylated Wood from Structura's Shannon Yust. This wood product is sustainably grown softwood from New Zealand that goes through the acetylation process that increases the usable life of the wood. Often treated wood can be toxic, but this process is safe, not only for humans, but the environment as well. I will be keeping this product in mind when I want a real wood product in an outdoor setting. Thank you, Tennessee Lighting Sales for helping set this up so we could get some continuing education.

This coming monthly meeting is going to have guest speaker Wes Stowers, Chairman and CEO at Stowers Machinery Corporation. He will be speaking about leadership and allow for questions and discussions. This will be via zoom, but please log in around 11:30 for some casual networking and catching up.

Our annual golf tournament is coming up and we have more room for sponsors and teams; please contact Wes Crow if you are interested. A portion of our profit will be going to our existing scholarship at the UTK College of Architecture.

We continue to be wary of the COVID-19 virus and meet exclusively through digital means. I look forward to gathering in the same space with you all. If we can all continue to be cautious and considerate, that will be sooner rather than later. I will be doing my part by wearing my mask and limiting my interactions with others. I hope we can all do the same.

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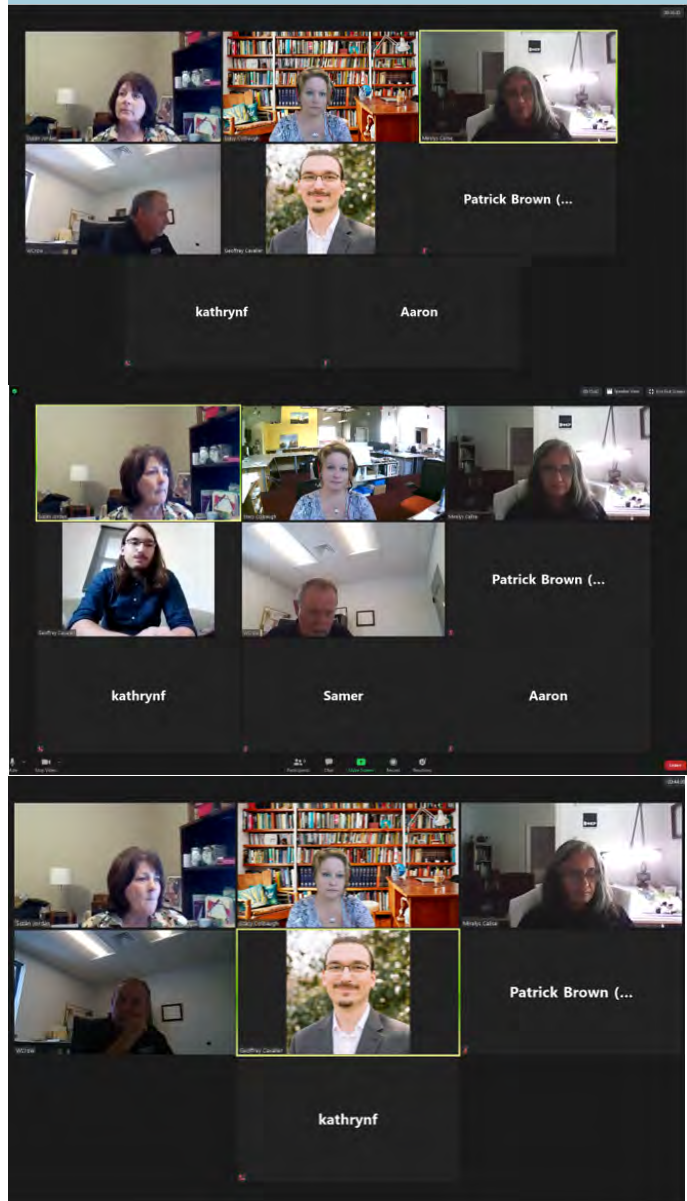
CSI HIGHLIGHTS

Summary from Tuesday, August 4th Board Meeting

The board met in a Zoom Meeting to discuss CSI events

The CSI student group is organizing and is seeking speakers, site and office visits.

Planning for the October 30th, 2020 Golf Tournament at Egwani Farms is underway and we are seeking more sponsors! See www.csiknoxville.org to register.



SEPTEMBER PRESENTATION

WES STOWERS

Wes Stowers
Chairman and CEO
Stowers Machinery
Corporation



Stowers Machinery Corporation began in 1960 with three brothers: Bud, Dick and Harry Stowers. The company originally had three locations in Knoxville, Chattanooga and Johnson City. Beginning with just 70 employees, Stowers Machinery grew steadily in the 1960's as the interstate highway program came to East Tennessee, and the company built new facilities in all three locations. The 1970's was a decade of rapid growth, fueled by the mining industry and highway construction. The company weathered the recession of the early 1980's, when most of their local competitors went out of business or changed ownership. Founder Bud Stowers retired in 1982. Wes Stowers, son of founder Harry, joined the company in 1988 after a career in the Air Force, and founder Dick Stowers retired in 1990. The 1990's were another decade of rapid growth, with Caterpillar continuing to broaden its line of products. Stowers Machinery doubled their volume, built additional facilities and started a new rental subsidiary in 1998, Stowers Rents. The company continued to grow in the 2000's, adding additional branch locations. The bitter recession of 2008-2009 saw the East Tennessee market for construction equipment decline by over 40%. Like most companies, this recession was one of the most difficult times in Stowers Machinery's history; however, it also demonstrated their cultural and financial strength. Stowers was able to weather the long recession retaining the majority of their original team and their financial stability. During this time, Stowers committed to improving their internal efficiencies and training their people to be an even stronger organization when the market improved. As the industry grew, the company's efforts resulted in record growth for Stowers Machinery. In 2012, Wes' daughter, Lisa Stowers Rottmann, and her husband, Ed Rottmann, joined Stowers Machinery as the third generation of ownership at Stowers Machinery.

Joined Stowers Machinery in 1988 (Caterpillar Distributor for East Tennessee)
Chairman & CEO (2020 – Present)
President (1993 – 2020)
Vice President of Sales (1991 – 1993)
General Sales Manager (1989 – 1991)
Sales Operations (1988 – 1989)

Education:

1976 – United States Air Force Academy – Bachelor of Science in Management
1986 – Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Institute – Master of Science in Aeronautical Science

Military Service:

U.S. Air Force – Lt. Colonel (Active Duty 1976–1988 and Reserves 1988–1998); Retired July 1, 1998
Active Duty Assignments: Continental United States, Western Europe and Middle East
Fighter Pilot, Maintenance Test Pilot, Instructor Pilot and Check Pilot in F-4G, F-4E, F-4D and T-38A Aircraft
Chief of Scheduling, Chief of Training, Flight Examiner, Major Command Staff Officer

Affiliations:

Local/State/National:

Board of Directors:

- Home Federal Bank (1998 – Present)
- Tennessee Road Builders Assoc. (1993-1995; 1998-2001; 2002-2005; 2007-2015, President 2014)
- Tennessee Mining Association (1992-2004; 2008 – Present, Vice President)
- Webb School of Knoxville (1997-2003, Treasurer 2000-2003)
- Holston Gases (2001 – Present)
- Knoxville Area Chamber Partnership (1998 – 2003; 2020 – Present, President Elect)
- East Tennessee Veterans Memorial Association (2004 – Present, President 2015-2017)
- East Tennessee Economic Development Agency (2004 – Present)
- Boy Scouts Great Smoky Mountain Council (2007 – Present, President 2014- 2016)
- Metropolitan Planning Commission (Commissioner 2008 – 2014)
- National Museum of the United States Air Force Foundation (Trustee 2010-2019)
- University Health Services (2016 – Present)
- Leadership Knoxville (2016 – 2019, Chairman 2017 – 2018, Graduate 1996)
- United Way of Greater Knoxville (2020 Campaign Chairman)
- Boys & Girls Clubs of the Tennessee Valley (2019 – Present, President Elect)
- USAF Academy Foundation (2019 – Present)

Professional:

- President – Southeastern Caterpillar Dealers Association (2003 – 2004, 2016 – 2018)
- Director – Cooperative Association of Tractor Dealers (2000 – 2006)
- Director – Associated Equipment Distributors (2008 – 2011; 2014 – Present, Chairman 2017)
- Member – Rotary Club of Knoxville (1994 – Present, President 2012 – 2013)

Personal:

- Active pilot (ATP rated with over 11,000 hours)
- Hunting, Hiking, Camping

Family: Married to Liz Stowers forty-three years with two married daughters and five grandchildren

Stowers



Come out and Play!



October 30, 2020

XVII Annual CSI Golf Tournament

It's time to come out and play with us.
Learn new swing techniques, win some cash prizes,
eat, drink, and let's have fun!

At CSI Knoxville Chapter, we are committed to promoting education in construction related fields. Proceeds from this event benefit the University of Tennessee, College of Architecture and Design, the CSI Scholarship and other local construction and design educational programs.

Date: October 30, 2020
Time: 1:00 PM Tee Time
Lunch: Served at 11:30 AM
Egwani Farms Golf Course
3920 S Singleton Station Rd
Rockford, TN 37853

Contact

Wes Crow, CSI
wcrow@johnsongalyon.com
Phone: (865) 770-0727

Cost

Individual \$120.00
4 man team \$450.00

Please make check or money order payable to CSI. Mail payment & entry form back to: CSI Golf Tournament c/o Wes Crow Johnson & Galyon Construction
1130 Atlantic Avenue, Knoxville, TN 37917

ENTRY FORM: (Entry Deadline: 10/26/2020)

Team/Company Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____
Team Captains: _____ #Teams: _____ x \$450 = _____

Players: _____ # Players: _____ x \$120 = _____

TOTAL = _____

EVENT SPONSOR FORM: (Entry Deadline: 10/26/2020)

☐ **Cart Sponsor:** \$400.00 ☐ **Long Drive Sponsor:** \$200.00
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Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
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MEMBER NEWS

CSI STUDENT LEADERS

Article By Mrs. Katherine Proctor, RA, FCSI, CDT

Aubrey Bader, CSI-S



Let me introduce you to one of our student leaders, Aubrey Bader, CSI-S. Aubrey came to Knoxville from Charlotte, NC to study architecture at Tennessee. She is currently in her 5th year of architecture and starting a graduate degree in landscape architecture concurrently. When she graduates with both degrees, she hopes to work in an interdisciplinary firm where she can use both her architecture and landscape architectural educations.

The COVID situation had curtailed her plans to study at the Bauhaus in Weimar this past spring, but she hopes to join a program in Finland in the Summer of 2021. Her second major is German and she has had the opportunity to study in Lueneburg, Germany to develop those language skills. She was also able to study in Edinburgh, Scotland as part of the Haslam Scholars Program.

In the Summer of 2019 she was an administrative assistant and architectural intern at Studio Four Design in downtown Knoxville. Aubrey said that she thoroughly enjoyed her time there and learned much about the profession.

Aubrey joined CSI in her third year at UT. She was interested in joining a community that reached beyond architects and brought together people from all the building industries. She currently serves as Co-President of the student group. In addition to this she is active in AIAS, Freedom By Design, the Dean's Student Advisory Council, the German Club and UKirk, the Presbyterian Ministry Center.

When asked what she likes about CSI, she replied, "I have really enjoyed making connections with professionals, particularly through our CSI-S lunch and learns. Through these, I have been able to see a greater range of potential professions I could enter."



Kari Essary, CSI-S

Kari Essary, CSI-S is one of the student chapter leaders. She currently serves with Aubrey Bader as co-president. Kari came to Tennessee from Tallahassee, Florida in 2016. She is seeking a Bachelor of Architecture with a minor in Industrial Design (new program within the College of Architecture and Design). She is currently entering her 5th (and last) year in the architecture program. Once she graduates she plans to continue at UT to work on a graduate degree in Landscape Architecture.

In the summer of 2019 Kari worked as a project manager intern at John W. McDougall in Nashville. Kari explained, "During this internship I was able to learn a great deal about the construction industry, specifically regarding the working dynamic between architects, engineers, construction managers and subcontractors."

While studying at UT she has been able to take advantage of some of the off campus programs. In the fall of 2019 she studied in Barcelona at the Institute of Advanced Architecture of Catalonia where she was able to take classes in architecture, technology and art history. What a GREAT city!

Kari joined the CSI student chapter in the fall of 2018. Besides her involvement with the CSI student affiliate, she has also been active in AIAS and served in many leadership roles. As a result of her outstanding leadership efforts in student design and construction organizations, she was awarded the CSI Leadership Prize in 2020. This scholarship was established and endowed by the Knoxville CSI chapter from profits generated by our annual Golf Tournament. The UT scholarship committee selects the student for the award based on our defined criteria.

When asked what she likes about CSI, Kari replied, "I appreciate that CSI allows students to start learning about architecture-adjacent fields outside of the curriculum."



WHAT I LEARNED FROM CSI...

ARE YOUR DUCTS HAVING COLD SWEATS? GET A CHECK UP!

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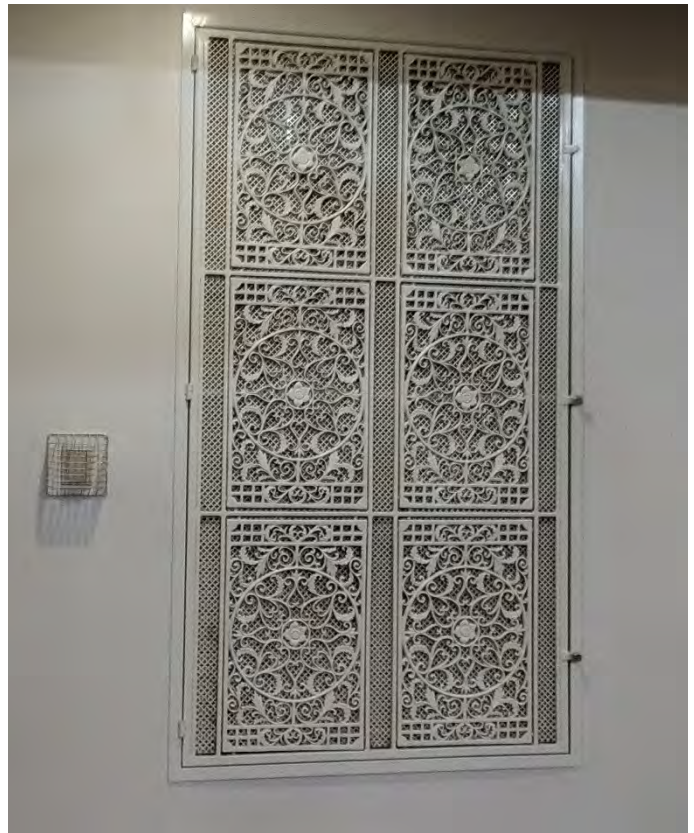


Summer heat is upon us and your air conditioning system should get a check-up. Many in the building design and construction industry have observed sweating ducts, but some of the reasons are not always evident. The colder the air temperature in the ducts, the greater the chance of sweating ductwork. This is similar to the manner an ice-cold drink glass sweats in the summertime. Most of us use coasters to prevent water damage to the furniture. The cold drink is similar to the cold air in the duct and the drink glass surface is analogous to the metal ductwork surface.

We were called to a recent building renovation jobsite to look at some proposed pipe routing and were also asked to review the sweating ductwork which was exposed in the ballroom. For several previous summers, this ductwork had a history of sweating. The building is an event center with a large two-story ballroom, a wood floor, and pitched shingled roof. An adjoining flat roof building is where the ballroom HVAC unit is located



Ballroom building with adjacent flat roof addition



Fancy Vents return air grille

and includes a commercial kitchen. The commercial kitchen features a large cooking rangehood and a conveyor dishwasher with a condensation removal hood. The exterior walls of the building are painted concrete block with the window sills indicating signs of moisture intrusion. The building was built in several phases and started life as a church, which was expanded several times. Our recommendations are listed below in order of complexity:

1. Check the HVAC unit air filter(s) for routine filter changes. The “Fancy Vents” return air grille has evidence of dust buildup. Dirty air filters reduce airflow and make the supply air temperature in the ductwork much cooler which can cause sweating ductwork.
2. Check the HVAC unit condensate drain pan and condensate drain line. If the drain pan is dirty and allowing standing water, the water can re-evaporate into the air stream which causes higher humidity and sweating ductwork.
3. If the condensate drain line is partially blocked with “slime” build up, the condensate can back up into the drain pan. A drain pan tablet, chemical sock, or some periodic maintenance can resolve many condensate drain issues and reduce duct sweating. Do not use household bleach since it can corrode the HVAC coil.
4. Check the rooftop HVAC unit’s setting for the outside air intake damper. If the outside air quantity is set too high, more humid air is introduced into the space

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which can cause the sweating ductwork. If the HVAC unit is equipped with an economizer, ask yourself if the outside air and relief air dampers are operating correctly.

5. Check the refrigerant charge on the HVAC system. If it is low on refrigerant, the coil might not be operating at the coldest temperature and not de-humidifying correctly; which causes sweating ductwork.

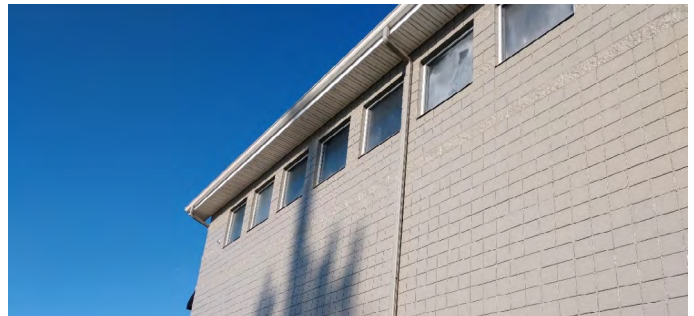
6. Change the thermostat fan setting to the “on” position during occupied periods. The fan running “on” will reduce the stratification of the warmest air rising to the roof/ceiling and reduce the duct sweating. The fan setting in the “auto” position turns the fan on only when the unit’s cooling compressor is running.

7. Check the programmable thermostat “setback” temperature and time schedule. If the HVAC system is completely “off” instead of a setback mode of 10 degrees from the summer setpoint, the ductwork will sweat due to the temperature extremes and the hot humid air rising to the roof/ceiling. https://files.nc.gov/ncdeq/Environmental%20Assistance%20and%20Customer%20Service/IAS%20Energy%20Efficiency/Opportunities/Setback_Temperature_Control.pdf

8. Check for a building negative pressure relationship with the kitchen cooking hood and dishwasher hoods



<https://servicechampions.com/how-does-condensate-drain-pan-work/>
HVAC unit condensate drain line



Windows showing signs of moisture damage



<https://hvacbeginners.com/air-conditioning-condensate-drain-line-clogged/>
HVAC unit condensate drain pan full of debris



Exterior painted concrete masonry block



Dishwasher with large condensate removal hood

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running. Crack one of the ballroom exterior doors partially open about 1" and put a piece of toilet paper in the door crack. If the toilet paper rushes in, the make-up air system for the hood(s) is not balanced correctly. A negative air pressure will result in more humid outside air to be drawn into the building every time the loading dock door is opened or guests are entering the building; and the ductwork will sweat.

9. If the cooking rangehood switches have separate exhaust and supply fan switches, re-work them so that one switch turns on both fans. Connecting the two switches will result in a better air balanced (not negative air balance) building and less ductwork sweating.

10. Insulate the ductwork with sheets of closed cell Armaflex insulation. The insulation is normally matte black which would be well disguised in the space. Insulated ductwork will sweat less because the cold duct surface is not exposed to the humid air.

11. Remove the sheet metal ductwork and replace with fabric ductwork such as Ductsox <https://www.ductsox.com/resources/photo-gallery> or Hero Fabriduct <http://herofabriduct.com/completed-work/gallery/>. If the correct manlift and installation method is used, the wood gym floor will not be damaged.

12. The exterior Concrete Masonry Unit (CMU) walls were originally painted with air barrier/epoxy, but it was not applied at a thickness great enough to seal the CMU. The exterior was repainted, but the window sills are still showing signs of water intrusion. If the CMU is still "leaking", then the HVAC system might never be able to de-humidify the space correctly.

13. Insulate the roof with rigid sheets of insulation as part of the new roof, as the architect recommended, to reduce the heat gain from the roof surface. This measure can also reduce duct sweating.

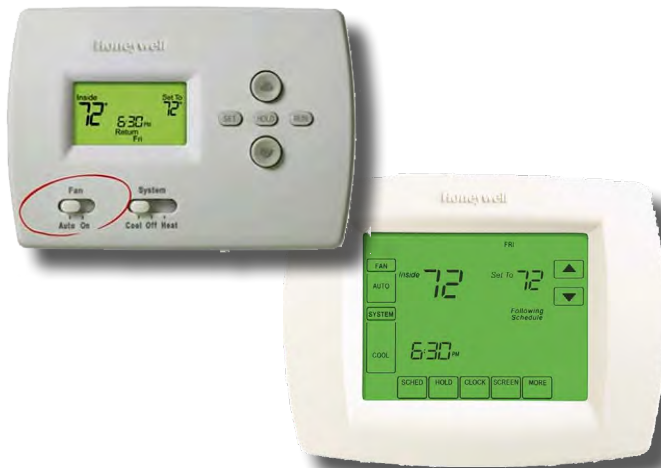
If you want to know more about these systems and other design and construction issues, come to the next CSI chapter meeting to discuss them with other members.

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Thermostat fan switch in "auto" position



Fabric duct work

HINDSIGHT

PHOTOS FROM CSI VIRTUAL CHAPTER MEETING ON TUESDAY, AUGUST 11TH

Photos By Mrs. Katherine Proctor, RA, FCSI, CDT



Presented By: Shannon Kyle Yust, National Sales Manager Structura, Inc.
Sponsored by Accsys Technologies, the manufacturer and owner of the Accoya brand. Accoya is a modified (acetylated) pine wood source that can be utilized in many different exterior applications, including decking, window framing, doors, cladding, poles, bollards and outdoor furniture.

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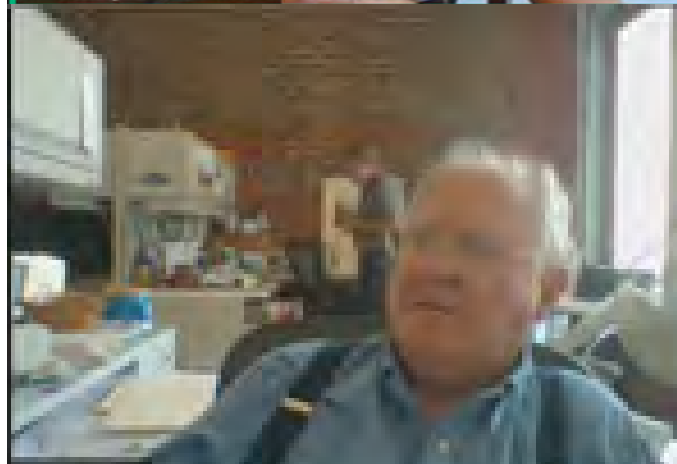
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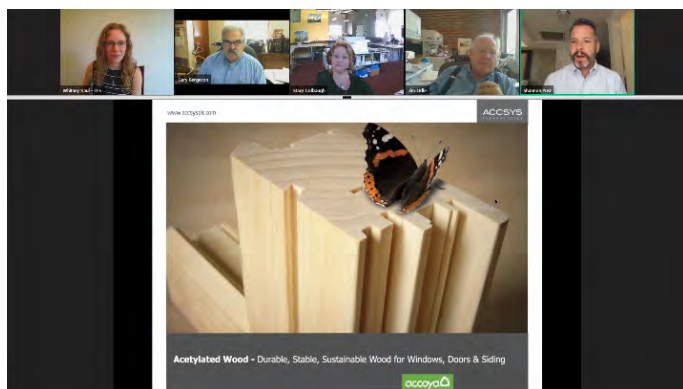
•Tests conducted at Mississippi State and Louisiana State University

•“No-choice test” – 3-5 times better than untreated pine

•“Choice test” – 12-24 times better than alternative

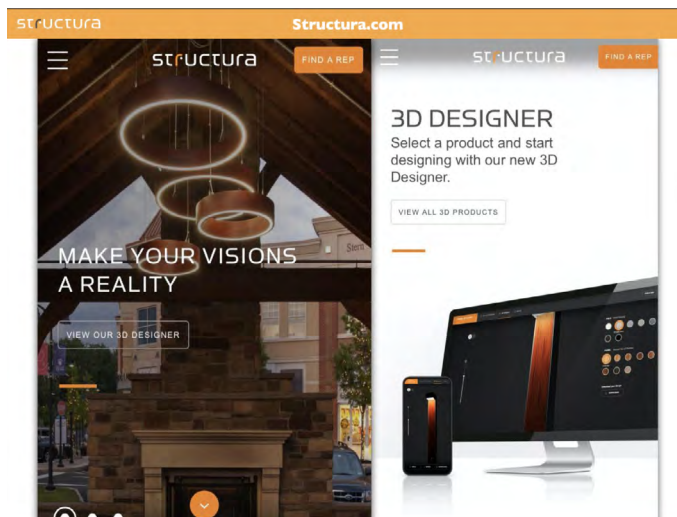
Louisiana State University Formosan termite test

99 Days



History of Acetylated Wood

- Has been studied by scientists around the world for more than 80 years
- First commercial attempt occurred in 1980
- Until recently, commercialization failed due to:
 - High cost of the “acetyl cycle
 - Abundant supply of quality tropical timbers
 - Unregulated chemical treatments
 - Lack of focus on sustainable forest management practices



HINDSIGHT

CONSTRUCT 2019

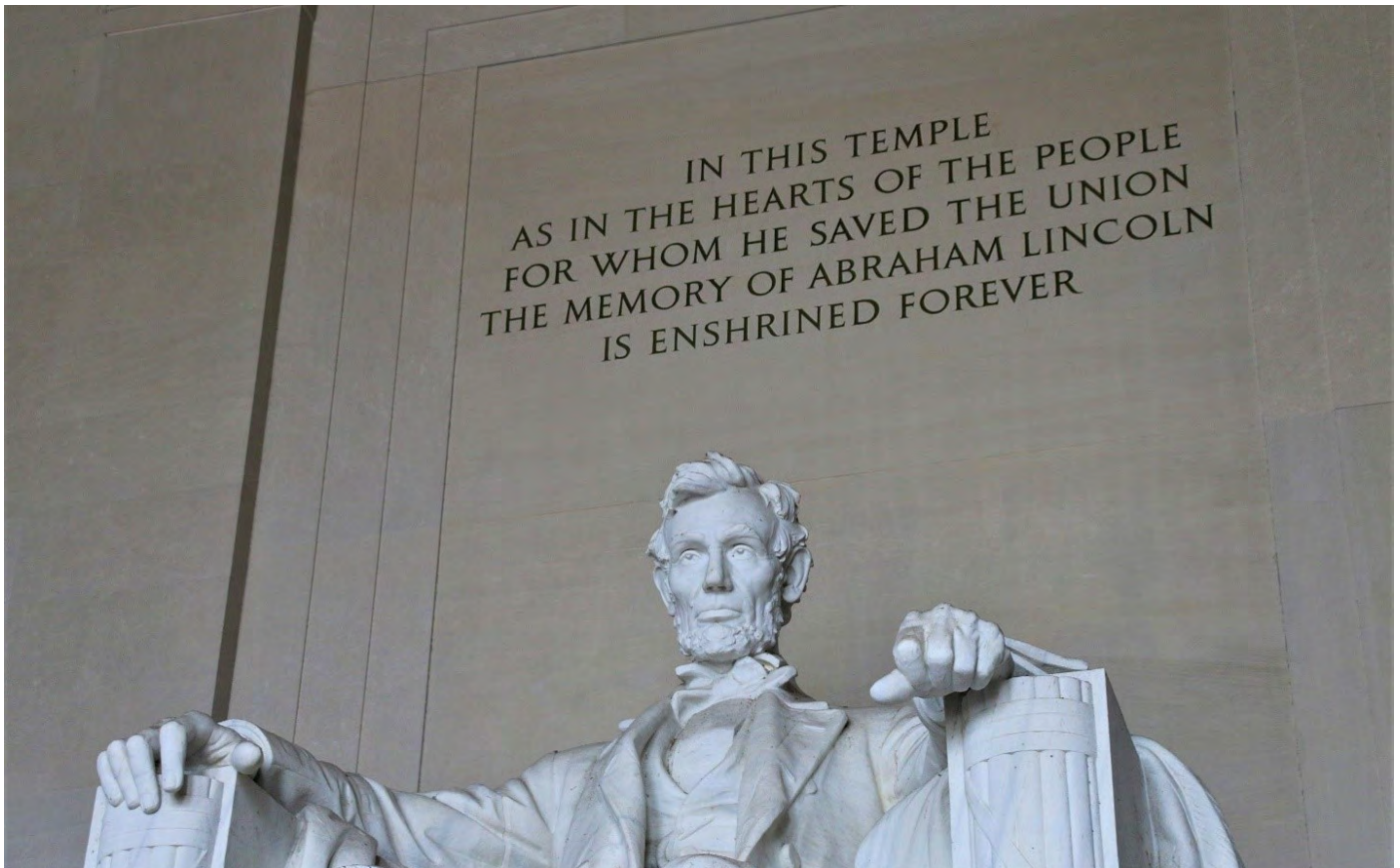
By Ms. Kathryn E. Fuller | AIA, NCARB, CSI CDT



C. S. Lewis said, “We read to know we are not alone.”

CSI’s national conference, entitled CONSTRUCT, is much the same for me. In the past, I was the sole

specifications writer in an architectural firm of over 60 employees. In addition, many of my fellow designers viewed specifications as dark and mysterious. The fear of the unknown. Specifications, and the writer thereof, were to be avoided at all costs. This makes for a very lonely and contentious professional existence. That past is far behind me, now. Thank God! But still, my main reason for attending CONSTRUCT is for validation. To mingle with those just like me who love architecture, specifications, engineering, and construction. For the following reasons, this year was my favorite of the four to which I have been: 1. I attended with professional and amazing colleagues from Knoxville CSI Chapter. 2. I have now been in the business long enough for information in my brain to be organized, and easily retrieved. This makes my questions, and experiences if one should ask, more intelligent and to the point. 3. It may be a cliché, now, but we really do have the entire construction team, and Owners, present at this convention. What better way to learn than to share a drink or meal with one of the experts??? I’m not only speaking of the presenters, but EVERYONE at this event has a nugget of wisdom that would make another’s job easier or more efficient. So, go to CONSTRUCT; mingle and talk to people from all across this beautiful country; and make sure to set aside a few hours to take in the sights. See you next year in Grapevine, TX!



Lincoln Memorial

My overarching goal is to gather knowledge pertinent to my company's work, and take it back to share. Below are a few nuggets of information I personally learned this year at CONSTRUCT:

Why is the fire rating for a door 75% less than that of the adjacent wall? Because there is no added fuel load against the door. All fire exit hardware should have labels left intact – not removed or painted over. Do not attach anything to the fire door that is not of the same, or greater, fire rating as the door; and labeled as such. Many install coat hooks, signage, etc., to fire doors. This is not allowed.

Stucco-Pocalypse: In a very engaging and entertaining way, Joe Lstiburek blew our minds with the following idea: This system has been around for thousands of years, and the truth is we have "improved" it so much that we screwed it up. This system needs to breathe, and we have installed it on impermeable substrates. Upon my return home from the conference, I asked the speaker to send me his white paper on the subject. It is a great read, and also provides a window to Joe's unique personality. If anyone would like a copy, please let me know!

Roofing and Parapets: Think about why we construct buildings the way we do: There is no need for pressure-treated lumber inside parapets if the building is constructed correctly. Water will not reach the substrate (from inside, or outside) – if it does, there are bigger problems than a wet 2x8. Roof warranties only come with a 55mph rating, but one can usually get the 72 mph rating at no extra cost.

Bonus #1: Get in line first thing in the morning at the Washington Monument ticket booth, because tickets immediately sell out to go up inside this obelisk.

Bonus #2: One must submit a request form for permission from a member of congress to go on the White House tour. Definitely on my list!

Bonus #3: Wear comfortable, and lightweight, shoes in

Washington DC. TV shows make the National Mall look like it's less than 1,000 miles long. It's 1,000 miles long and will take at least two weeks to explore! Or at least take the hop on hop off bus!



Washington Monument



Gaylord National Resort & Convention Center, National Harbor, Maryland



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