Schonox products were used to level and repair floors while converting the Memphis Commercial Appeal Building to a healthcare facility for Covid patients. The subfloors throughout the extensive facility required a comprehensive, time-sensitive plan.
Greetings Mississippi CSI,

This year continues to be one for the books! Our MSCSI family has undergone several triumphs this past month as we continue the great work on hand of building this great Chapter even in the midst of adversity.

I want to personally recognize and say congratulations to Mr. Phillip McDade on receiving CSI’s highest honor of Distinguished Member, becoming only the 54th person to receive the prestigious award. Phil has truly played a pivotal role in the organization on national, regional and local levels for many seasons.

I especially appreciate all the candid and open talks with Phil about ways to strengthen and broaden our Chapter’s focus, awareness and diversity. Phil would place his hands on my shoulder and say whatever you need from me, I support you! This is one of the many reasons he is distinguished because of his natural ability to just be human.

Also, I would like to congratulate this month’s spotlight member, Adam Haver. Adam is a bright and talented young architect who is destined for an amazing journey in this profession. I like to say that I am the one who trained him, but in reality, he actually was able to sharpen me with his willingness to learn and ask pointed questions about architecture and construction.

Again, a great congratulations goes out to each of you for the work you are doing! Let’s make sure we celebrate each other while we are alive and present.

Now, with our continued triumphs, it would be remiss of me to not acknowledge some of the challenges that we face as a Chapter and CSI family. Over the last 30 days, I have received notifications of death, cancer diagnosis, and unemployment related to some of our members. First, let me say that my heart and prayers are with each you! Having similar experiences in my family over the past year, I know that it can be overwhelming and sometimes we place ourselves alone on these emotional islands. Please know that you are not alone and we are here to support in any way we can.

Many of you know that I am a man of faith. It is through faith that I believe and know that we are strong and resilient in all we do in our lives. So be encouraged! This too shall pass and you are on your way to a great testimony of faith, endurance and strength. Remember that every setback is just a setup for your comeback!

Finally, we are through three quarters of this year; hence, we are in the proverbial home stretch. I challenge each of you to make the rest of the year as impactful as you can. Adopt a family for Thanksgiving, check in on your loved ones, become a mentor or donate your time to a worthy cause. Be the difference you want to see in your communities. Be the person that people will remember.

The incomparable Maya Angelou stated, “At the end of the day, people won’t remember what you said or did, but people will never forget how you made them feel.” Make someone feel special TODAY!

We are MSCSI! Blessings and Onward!

Greg Durrell, CSI, AIA

President’s Message

The September meeting of CCC (Construction, Cocktails, and Camaraderie) was one of our largest in recent months. We met at Scrooge’s again this month. They have been very accommodating for our group. Attending this month were Chapter members John Dunaway, Nick Gibson, Gerard Hansen, Phil McDade, Jim Vinson, Dennis Walters, Paul Tauchar, Cindy Tauchar, Lantz Kuykendall, and guest and honorary member, Charlene Dunaway.

Conversations were lively and often times a little loud. I’m afraid we ended up having multiple conversations due to the seating distance, but we ALL had fun. The range of topics including everything from construction issues to our favorite western movies. These are not necessarily technical meetings, just a chance to get together and enjoy the company of CSI friends no matter what we discuss.

I did get everyone’s attention to remind them that CSI is hosting a special virtual Awards Ceremony, honoring Phil and other award winners on November 5, from 3:30 to 4:20 PM EST. I hope you can join the event that day from wherever you may be. Be looking for more in the November Speculator.

Thanks to Charlene for snapping the photo.

Join us on October 22 at 5:30. It’s always fun!

John Dunaway, FCSI, CCS, CDT, AIA

CCC Meeting

The Mississippi Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute
Phil McDade elevated to Distinguished Membership in CSI

Phillip L. McDade FCSI, CCS, FASLA, DTM is to be recognized as the 54th Distinguished Member of the Institute.

CSI’s highest honor, the Distinguished Member, is being awarded on November 5th to Phillip L. McDade FCSI, CCS, FASLA, DTM for his accomplishments within the CSI community. Phil will become the 54th Distinguished Member inducted into this elite group with the first inductee dating back to 1954.

Phil has more than 38 years of involvement with CSI, with a reputation of encouraging others to get involved, working smarter, and always stressing the importance of mentoring others. He earns this prestigious award by demonstrating tremendous support for CSI and the principles of the organization through his leadership, written and oral communications, and personal interaction with other CSI members of all ages.

He continually inspires the members to participate at the Chapter, Region, and Institute level and encourages them to use their skills and talents to work toward the betterment of CSI. Phil truly believes the construction industry is built on relationships. Phil continues to encourage members to communicate beyond personal preferences and to work with people from every facet of the design and construction industry.

Distinguished services shall be “over and above” that expected of a similar member performing those duties within the organization, and the nominee’s entire body of work, including this distinguished work, is considered when reviewing the nomination. Click here to read Phil’s thoughts on what it means to become a Distinguished Member.

Member Focus

This month’s member focus is on Adam Haver, CSI.

Adam has been a member of CSI for two years and has become increasingly involved with Chapter activities.

- He has worked with JH&H Architects for the last 11.5 years and received his architect’s license 6 1/2 years ago.
- As a registered architect Adam is involved with most all MasterFormat specification divisions.
- He is an active member of Fondren Church.
- Adam says that CSI membership has benefited him through building strong connections and relationships with other industry professionals and gaining a better understanding of the individual specification sections.
- Adam’s expertise is in Design, Planning, Rendering, and Architectural Detailing.
- Adam has served the Chapter as an active member of the Product Show Committee and is currently a Board Director.
- Adam’s favorite hobby is wood working.

Adam with his wife and children.
The SCHÖNOX® name is synonymous with quality products for the building and renovation industry and has been for many years, as well as being one of the leading suppliers to the German and French markets.

The company develops and manufactures quality products for installing all types of floor tiles and coverings for professionals. The range includes levelling compounds, floor adhesives, tile adhesives, primers and waterproof membranes under the Schönox brand name.

Schönox GmbH was purchased by Sika AG in late 2013, and is part of the extensive Sika group of companies. Schönox products are distributed in more than 20 countries throughout Europe and North America from their Rosendahl site in Germany. All of the Schönox products are developed and produced to the highest quality using state of the art manufacturing facilities; they also have extensive R&D capabilities and constantly work to ensure that innovation is always at the forefront of the products they bring to market.

This month’s presenter is James Corbin - Schonox Regional Business Manager
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James is a floor covering industry professional dedicated to improvement of installation methods and practices by utilizing his 30 years of previous experience in the floor covering industry. His main goal is to provide technical assistance as well as continuing education to all trades and phases of the floor covering industry. As a previous flooring installer and technical support specialist James has been a part of a wide array of floor covering challenges. James can find a Schönox solution to answer every project challenge.

James has had multiple roles in this industry. He consults with general contractors, flooring contractors, subcontractors, and architects. Being a trusted technical advisor/consultant is his number 1 goal. Constant training and education are a large part of what Schonox does. James lives in Louisiana and has worked on multiple projects in the New Orleans and Baton Rouge area as an installer and has worked on several challenging projects throughout his life. He is technically proficient so attends multiple classes and trainings to improve his performance and quality as an installer. As a technical support representative now he is able to help more people in more communities. When not working you will likely find James fishing somewhere as that is a passion of his.

Join us in welcoming James and hearing this important information he has to share with us.

The Mississippi Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute
Date: August 31, 2020

Call to Order: Greg Durrell called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Board members and chairs unable to attend participated via Zoom meeting.

Greg Durrell, President
John Murray, President-Elect
Lacie Gibson, Vice President
Keith West, Secretary
Randall Lewis, Treasurer
John Dunaway, Past President / Zoom
Dennis Walters, Director
Adam Haver, Director
Phil McDade, Director
Leland Hinton, Director
Cassie Parker, Committee Chair / Zoom

August meeting minutes were reviewed by the Board and approved.

Treasurer’s Report: Treasurer’s report for August was emailed prior to the meeting by Randall Lewis. There were a number of annual meeting meal payments this month along with the normal monthly house meeting intake in the income category. Expenses included the invoice for the August meeting and member name tags for monthly meetings. The report approved by board.

Randall then discussed the updated insurance information with the board and explained the coverage and what was modified in this year’s quote. Insurance charge increased this year and exceeded the budget line item. The Board approved the additional cost.

Committee Reports:

Product Show: John Murray reported that the first meeting was held via Zoom for the upcoming Product Show. He has emailed last year’s exhibitors list and nine have confirmed that they will be attending this year. Another Zoom meeting is scheduled for 9/17 at 7 pm. The menu, event insurance, and possible restrictions to comply with CDC guidelines will be discussed.

Programs Committee: Lacie Gibson reported that she has scheduled programs for the upcoming meetings. Greg Durrell requested that we research having the monthly meetings broadcast so that those who chose not to attend the monthly meetings can sit in.

House Committee: Keith West reported that 6 people have registered for the upcoming meeting. Another announcement will be sent.

Membership: Keith West reported that the current roster number is showing 67 members.

Communications: Randall Lewis reported that he will post the Product Show information on the website when provided.

Certifications: No report.

Education: No report.

Golf: No report.

Publications: John Dunaway reported that the deadline for Speculator content is September 25th.

Planning Committee: No report.

Academic Affairs: John Dunaway reported that he attended a Zoom meeting with the USM students last week. He will provide additional information about student activities as it becomes available.

Cocktails, Construction & Camaraderie: Phil McDade reported that seven (7) made last month’s meeting. Please plan on attending the upcoming meeting on September 24th at Scrooge’s.

Awards: Lacie Gibson reported that the Chapter has once again received the Outstanding Chapter Commendation. The virtual awards ceremony is scheduled for November 5, 3:30 to 4:20 PM EST. Phil McDade will also be presented Distinguished Membership at the virtual awards ceremony.

Marketing / Social Media: Greg Durrell shared that he wants to promote a “Got Certification?” campaign on the website. In addition, he has asked that members provide a short description or testimony for “Why CSI?” for the website.

Technical Committee: No report.

Old Business:

Member/Firm focus and Members on the Move articles were discussed and additional information shared. These articles will begin next month after the selection of the member and the firm. He asked everyone to consider providing names for consideration.

New Business: Discussed previously in meeting.

Remarks for the Good of the Chapter: Discussed previously in Board meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 6:16 PM CST

Prepared by:
M. Keith West, FCSI, CCPR - Secretary

Next Board Meeting: October 5, 2020
The Mississippi Chapter CSI values you as a member and the experience and skills that you bring to CSI. Please renew your membership and participate in the Chapter. This information is based on the Institute roster so please check with them to verify that their records are up to date.

If you know someone on this list, please call them and encourage them to renew their membership.

Thank you
Membership Chair
Keith West, FCSI, CCPR

Your Membership has expired! Please rejoin.
Daine Covey Davidson Forester

Membership expired in September
Jeff Brunner Gerard Hansen
Nick Gibson Russ Perkins

Membership expires in October
Leland Hinton Kimberly Matthews
Randall Lewis David Mockbee

Membership expires in November
John Dunaway Thommy Schultz
Sean Dunaway Cindy Tauchar
Buddy Grantier

Membership expires in December
Walter Cooper Dana Little
Betina Latiker Rodney Reeves

Members who recently renewed.
Thank You!
Julie Fleming Lacie Gibson Paul Tauchar

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Membership Reminder

Fiscal Year 2021 Calendar

The CSI fiscal year begins on July 1, 2020 and ends on June 30, 2021. The following is our calendar of events for this fiscal year.

Board Meetings are held from 5:30 PM until 6:30 PM at the AGC Building on Lakeland Drive (Monday before the first Wednesday of the month, unless noted otherwise).

October 5, 2020
November 2, 2020
November 30, 2020 (December Board Meeting)
January 4, 2021
February 1, 2021
March 1, 2021
April 5, 2021
May 3, 2021
June 7, 2021
July 12, 2021

Monthly Meetings take place from 11:30 AM until 1:00 PM at Manship Wood Fired Kitchen, Jackson, MS. Temporary location is The Rickhouse until further notice.

October 7, 2020
November 4, 2020
Thursday, December 3, 2020 (Christmas Party)
Evening meeting 6:00 - 9:00. Location to be determined. Always the first Thursday of December unless changed by Board
January 6, 2021
February 3, 2021
March 3, 2021
April 7, 2021
May 5, 2021
Thursday, June 10, 2021 (Awards banquet)
Evening Meeting 6:00 - 9:00

July 14, 2021 (first meeting of next fiscal year)

Other events
Mississippi Chapter Product Show and Seminar
February 24, 2021

Gulf States Region Conference 2021
Date to be determined

Transfer of Power for fiscal year 2021: June 2021. Exact date/location to be determined.

Mississippi CSI Monthly Meeting

Our meeting spot, will temporarily be The Rickhouse, 717 Poplar Boulevard, which is located in historic Belhaven just around the corner from the Manship.

Meal choices for this month are posted on the Chapter website. Click here to visit the site to register for the meeting and make your lunch choice and payment.

Come join fellow CSI members to learn and grow in our professions.
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