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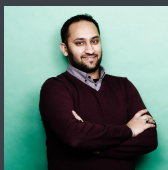
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Message from the Chapter Chair



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Toronto Chapter Executive Committee

Matthew E. Roberts
Chapter Director

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Chapter Chair

Nellie Vila-Legare
Vice Chair

Mark Clemmensen
Past Chair

Iain Stuart
Treasurer

Greetings!



After a year publishing lapse, I welcome you to the revived CSC Toronto newsletter, the Specifier, in its new format. The Specifier will now be regularly published as an e-blast five times per CSC 'season' (September to June) with an issue (almost) every two months: September, November, February, April, and June. Your Specifier will bring you updates on what is being planned, what is under way, and what has happened with the Toronto Chapter, along with various industry related musings and notices - all written by the Toronto Chapter Executive & Sub Committee members. Since the last Specifier was published, there have been many role changes with new & old members taking on various positions - as such, in this issue you will find a mix of introductions along with the updates.

Happy reading!

Ashely McKay
Specifier Editor

Director's Report Matthew E. Roberts

On October 24 and 25, 2015, the Board of Directors held their semi-annual meetings in Mississauga. During the meetings, many items were discussed on Saturday and further ratified on Sunday. Following is a few of the issues discussed.



Strategic Plan: The item that was discussed and ratified which would be the most important to CSC and its future direction, is be the "Strategic Plan 2016 and Beyond". This important document had been years in the making and will continue to

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evolve. It outlines our "Vision", "Values" and "Mission" followed by the "Strategic Action Plan". A copy of this document is attached to this Specifier.

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A No Frills Intro from the Vice Chair Nellie Vila-Legare

Hi, my name is Nellie Vila-Legare and I am the Vice-Chair for CSC Toronto Chapter. At this point some of you are thinking...Nellie who? Well for those of you that don't know me, I am the Architectural Representative for Sika Canada, Flooring Division in Ontario.



In my prior life, I was a Sales Representative for over 14 years in the Electrical Industry working for companies such as Thomas & Betts Ltd., and Stelpro Heating. In that time, I was a member of the Board of Directors for the Ontario Electrical League. As a member I became involved in many complicated facets that face any industry and was able to provide a manufacturers perspective and insights on issues impacting the industry.

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CSC EDU - Winter 2016 Semester

Secure YOUR spot today!

Construction Contract Administration
Course Starts January 11, 2016
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Specification Writing 2 Course
Course Starts January 6, 2016
Last Offering of this Course
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Technical Representative Course
Course Starts January 11, 2016
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Manufacturers Specifications: Content + Format = Usefulness & Acceptance

By Mark Clemmensen

Legal Corner: Does Delay by Contractor Justify Termination by Owner?



By: Bill Preston, Q.C.
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Throughout the years, I have been involved in many discussions with technical representatives about the importance of manufacturer's specifications and how they can get a Client (Architect / Consultant / Spec Writer) to use their Specification as a resource, when the products in question are required on a project. I believe that the answer is a simple two part equation



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Important Dates

January 12, 2016
Dinner Meeting &
Annual Celebration Night

February 2, 2016
Dinner Meeting

March 3, 2016
No Frills Trade Show

April 5, 2016
Dinner Meeting

May 3, 2016
Dinner Meeting &
Annual Chapter Meeting

May 25-29, 2016
National Conference in Halifax

August 11, 2016
29th Annual Golf Tournament
Registration Opens: Jan. 1

January 2016 Dinner Meeting Notice

January 2016 Dinner Meeting
New CSA Wind Uplift Standard
Presented By: Dr. Bas Baskaran,
Ph.D, P.Eng

Date:

January 12, 2016

Location:

Toronto Skating, Curling and
Cricket Club
141 Wilson Ave., Toronto
(1 block east of Avenue Rd.)

CSC Student Design Competition

By Isabelle Champagne, Competition Co-Chair

For a third year in a row, Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) Grand Valley and Toronto Chapters are delighted to present students at architectural and interior design schools in Ontario with the opportunity to participate in the 2016 Construction Specifications Canada Student Design Competition.



We are very excited about this year's competition. We have chosen 8 Queen Street, N in the heart of downtown Kitchener as the site of the competition. The building was once part of the Goudies Department store, a historic and cherished landmark at...

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Membership Renewal

It's that time of year again!

Renewal notices have been issued to members and the Association Officer is eagerly waiting your renewals!

Payment can be made online by visiting <http://www.csc-dcc.ca> or by mailing in a Cheque!



Designation holders are reminded to complete the Continuing Education/Professional Development Forms and to return them to the Association Office.

If you have renewal related questions or concerns, please contact Mr. Brad J. Noble at bjnoble@csc-dcc.ca

Time:

17:15 - Cocktails

18:00 - Dinner

19:00 - Presentation

Cost:

\$44.25 + HST = \$50.00 - Member

\$48.67 + HST = \$55.00 - Non
Member

\$53.10 + HST = \$60.00 - Cash at
the Door

\$221.24 + HST = \$250.00 -
Booklet of 6 Dinner Tickets

More info visit <http://toronto.csc-dcc.ca> or [click here to register!](#)

No Frills Tradeshow

March 3, 2016

Exhibitors: Early Bird

**Rates in Effect till Dec 31,
2016!**

