

The Construction Specifications Institute West Region
Nomination of John Guill for the
Wilbur L. Johnson Memorial Award

Notable Achievements and Honors

Over the last twelve years John Guill, CSI, CCS, CCCA, SCIP, AIA has emerged as one of CSI's premier educators. A licensed California architect since 1987 and currently a specifier and technical consultant for DTR Consulting Services, John has never said no to an opportunity to share his vast and extensive knowledge about construction specifications, contract administration, and CSI formats and principles. He started teaching in the Redwood Empire Chapter and Sonoma State University, and since then has presented multiple programs to other chapters and the Institute at the annual convention and CSI Academies, and in national webinars.

The total of more than **400 hours** of instruction, (excluding preparation and travel time), or 2.75 hours per month for 12 years, that John has given to others is a tremendous example of consistent, dedicated, and frankly selfless and passionate commitment to education about CSI and specifications. The highest level of the invitations he receives is a testament to his ascendance as a top level of CSI and specification educator. John's stunningly stellar record as an active CSI member for more than five years in making notable contributions to improving specifications, the advancement of construction sciences, and education about specifications at all levels of CSI is one that truly exemplifies the honor this memorial award commends.

The following is a summary of John's educational activities, achievements, and teaching experience in the last twelve years.

I. Educational Activities and Achievements:

1. John served as Redwood Empire Chapter – CSI Technical Committee Chair, for two years. The first year, he organized the traditional "Tech Talks" by inviting outside speakers to provide a short topic before the dinner, sometimes related or compatible with the evenings main program. For the second year, he went on to research and producing the second series of nine "Tech Talks" delivering each talk by himself on a different topic each month, ranging from "Signage and Graphic Readability Standards" to "Weathering Steel Specifications" to "Metamerism as a Factor in Color Selection of Paint". Many members and guests still recall these unusual and interesting topics as highlights of the year's meetings.
2. After earning the CDT certification himself, John has been a regular presenter for the RECSI chapter CDT training sessions over many years.
3. John got his start in educational presentations by working with the Redwood Empire Chapter Education Chair on Chapter programs. RECSI has a strong tradition of providing at least one major education event each year. John recruited

Henry Berg FCSI from East Bay Oakland chapter to provide programs two years running. Henry's programs were successful and well received. The third year, a different speaker was brought in from outside the area, at great expense to RECSI, and the chapter lost money on the presentation. John offered to teach the next event himself at no cost to the chapter to ensure that RECSI would not lose money. The program, subsidized as it was, was modestly successful. John went on to produce many presentations for RECSI events.

4. John was recruited into the faculty of Sonoma State University' School of Extended Education in 2000, by Michael Caldwell, CSI, first as a guest speaker, then as an instructor, in the Construction Management Certificate Program. Beginning with a class in Construction Contract Administration based on the CSI CCCA curriculum, and later adding a class in Construction Specifications based on the CSI CCS curriculum. Teaching these classes on a recurring three year cycle, John has taught industry-standard skills and methods and the CSI message of Industry Partnership to hundreds of university students over the years. Many of John's students have gone on to join the Redwood Empire Chapter of CSI and now serve as officers and reliable volunteers at local chapter events.
5. John organized and hosted a series of informal brown-bag lunch meetings with local architects and engineers (outside of CSI) to discuss local community adoption of MasterFormat 2004, with intent to reduce stress and confusion between different firms with different standards by having all the A/E firms move to MF2004 together.
6. John organized and hosted an "Architect's Roundtable" coordinated with Redwood Empire Chapter CSI meetings to discuss topics of interest to the design and construction community.
7. John has been invited as guest speaker from time to time in classes in the Santa Rosa Junior College architectural-preparatory program.
8. John has been invited by several chapters in the West Region, (some repeatedly) to produce education presentations for chapter events. John has served East Bay Oakland, Sacramento, San Francisco and Santa Clara Valley chapters with programs that were well-received by their audiences.
9. John was invited to present to the Consulting Engineers and Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC) at their annual convention in 2006. He produced two presentations for this event, showcasing the benefits of the (then) new MasterFormat 2004 for the civil engineering and waste water engineering specialties, as well as the use of industry-standard construction administration methods and techniques based on the CSI CCCA curriculum and documents of the EJCDC.
10. John has also prepared custom specification and contract administration training programs based on CSI principles for construction product manufacturers and government agencies. These have been presented both via live webinar to multi-national audiences with hundreds in virtual attendance, and live in the offices of

the agency for team managers.

11. John has provided educational programs at the West Region Conference as a representative of the SectionFormat™-PageFormat™ Task Team, to update and inform the membership of the progress of the Task Team and the conclusion of the effort with the introduction of the new technical formats. The presentations he prepared were also presented by other task team members at other Region Conferences around the country.
12. As part of his assignment to the SectionFormat™-PageFormat™ Task Team, John also produced educational programs for the National Convention to update and inform the membership of the progress of the Task Team and the conclusion of the effort with the introduction of the new technical formats. One was a solo performance in the CSI booth on the convention floor outlining progress; and the following year, a team presentation with the Chairman of the Task Team to introduce the new document. John prepared both presentations.
13. John volunteered in 2010 to provide a program for the CSI “Virtual Chapter”, a chapter meeting held on-line via GoToMeeting webinar format. The successful reception of his work for the Virtual Chapter led to an invitation from Institute Education to produce webinars for the CSI On-line Education program
14. John went on in 2011 to produce several programs for the CSI On-line Education program, eventually running to ten separate webinars. These are available today via CSI’s on-line ordering system. These webinars were well received, attended by 20-30 firms or individuals at each session, often with groups of attendees at each sign-up. Firms and individuals from Anchorage Alaska to Amman, Jordan and Saudi Arabia have attended these virtual sessions. Institute staff has requested a follow-up series in 2012 which are in preparation at the time of this writing.
15. John was invited in 2011 to participate in the Institute’s CSI Academies 2012, held this year in San Diego, CA. He produced three programs for the Specifications track which were well-received by the attendees. The organizers of the Academies have invited John to participate in Academies 2013 in Charlotte, NC.
16. John was invited in 2011 to present some of his award-winning specifications presentations to the Third-year architecture students at California Polytechnic University at San Luis Obispo. This invitation from the University was repeated in 2012, providing another opportunity to present an academic introduction to specifications and technical topics to the next class of future architects.

II. Instructional Efforts, Classes, Seminars and Presentations: (Items shown in gray text are scheduled in the future at the time of writing)

1. 2012: CSI National Webinars – New Topic(s) and schedule TBA (Requested by Institute staff)
2. 2012, CSI National Convention, September, Phoenix AZ, "Division 01 - Hub Of The

Wheel" (Scheduled), 1.5 hrs.

3. April 2012: Cal Poly University, College of Architecture & Environmental Design, Third Year Practice, - Introduction to Specifications, 1 hour (Scheduled)
4. April 3, 2012, Sacramento Chapter CSI,:"Your Design Is Worth A Thousand Words" (Scheduled), 1.5 hrs.
5. March 1-3,2012, CSI Academies, San Diego CA: "BIM & Specifications"; "Division 01 - Hub Of The Wheel"; "SectionFormat™: The Code of Specifications", 4 hrs total.
6. February 16, 2012 San Francisco Chapter CSI: "Your Design Is Worth A Thousand Words", 1.5 hrs.
7. Spring 2012: Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education: Construction Contract Administration Class, 30 hrs.
8. February 2011: Redwood Empire CSI - CDT Sessions 3 hrs.
9. August 25, 2011: CSI National Webinar - Construction Contract Administration PART 3, 1 hour
10. August 18, 2011: CSI National Webinar - Construction Contract Administration PART 2, 1 hour
11. August 11, 2011: CSI National Webinar - Construction Contract Administration PART 1, 1 hour
12. 2011: CSI National Webinar - Division 01 - Hub Of The Wheel, 1.5 hrs
13. April 2011: Cal Poly University, College of Architecture & Environmental Design, Third Year Practice, - Introduction to Specifications, 1 hour
14. March 2011: Thomas and Betts Corporation, online webinar for International Sales Staff – “Introduction to Specifications”, 3 hours
15. February 2011: Redwood Empire CSI CDT Sessions 3 hrs
16. 2011: CSI National Webinar - Specification Writing PART 3, 1 hour
17. 2011: CSI National Webinar - Specification Writing PART 2, 1 hour
18. 2010: CSI National Webinar - Specification Writing PART 1, 1.5 hrs
19. 2010: CSI National Webinar - Green Requirements for Division 01, 1.5 hrs
20. 2010: CSI Virtual Chapter Webinar – Specifications, Can Less Be Enough?, 1 hr
21. Spring 2010: East Bay Oakland CSI, Intro to Specifications 6 hours
22. Spring 2010: Santa Clara Valley CSI, Division 01 Editing for Project Delivery, 3 hrs.
23. Spring 2010: Santa Clara Valley CSI, Intro to Specifications, 6 hours

24. Spring 2010: Redwood Empire CSI, CDT Sessions, 3 hrs
25. Spring 2010: Sacramento CSI BIM & Specifications, 1.5 hrs.
26. Spring 2010: Sacramento CSI, Green Requirements for Division 01, 1.5 hrs.
27. Spring 2010: Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education: Construction Specifications, 30 hours.
28. February 2010: Redwood Empire CSI, CDT Sessions 3 hrs,
29. Fall 2009: Redwood Empire CSI; "Specifying Division 01", 6 hrs.
30. Fall 2009: Redwood Empire CSI, Advanced Specifications 6 hrs
31. Fall 2009: Redwood Empire CSI, Intro to Specifications 4hrs
32. Fall 2009: Santa Rosa Junior College, Architectural Specifications Class; Intro to Specifications, 1.5 hrs
33. Spring 2009: Redwood Empire CSI, CDT Sessions 3 hrs.
34. February 2009: Redwood Empire CSI, CDT Sessions 3 hrs
35. Fall 2008: Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education: Construction Specifications, 30 hours.
36. Spring 2008: Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education: Construction Contact Administration, 30 hours.
37. Spring 2008: Redwood Empire CSI, CDT Sessions 3 hrs.
38. Fall 2007, Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education: Construction Specifications 30 hours.
39. Fall 2006, Sonoma County Water Agency, "Introduction to MF2004", 6 hrs
40. Fall 2006, Redwood Empire CSI, "Specifying Division 01", 6 hrs.
41. Spring 2006, Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education, "Construction Contact Administration", 30 hrs.
42. February 2006: Redwood Empire CSI, "CDT Sessions", 3 hrs
43. Fall 2006: West Region Conference, "SPUTT SectionFormat Update", 1 hr.
44. Spring 2006: East Bay Oakland CSI, "Construction Contact Administration", 6 hrs.
45. Fall 2006: CSI National Convention, "SPUTT SectionFormat Update", 1.5 hrs, (David Lorenzini Co-Presenter)
46. Fall 2005: CSI National Convention, "SPUTT SectionFormat Update" (Floor Presentation), 0.75 hrs
47. Spring 2006: Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education,

- “Construction Contract Administration”, 30 hrs.
48. Spring 2005: Redwood Empire CSI. “Introduction to MF2004”, 3 hrs.
 49. Spring 2005: Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC) Convention, “Introduction to MF2004”, 1.5 hrs.
 50. Spring 2005: Consulting Engineers & Land Surveyors of California (CELSOC) Convention, “Introduction to Construction Contract Administration”, 1.5 hrs.
 51. Spring 2005: Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education, “Construction Specifications”, 30 hrs.
 52. Fall 2004: Redwood Empire CSI, “Survey of SectionFormat”, 7 hrs.
 53. Summer 2004: Redwood Empire CSI, “Construction Contract Administration -Part 3”, 6 hrs
 54. Spring 2004: Redwood Empire CSI, “Construction Contract Administration -Part 2”, 6 hrs
 55. Fall 2003: Redwood Empire CSI, “Construction Contract Administration -Part 1”, 6 hrs,
 56. Fall 2002: Redwood Empire CSI, “Introduction to Construction Contract Administration”, 6 hrs.
 57. Fall 2001: Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education, ”Construction Contact Administration”, 30 hrs
 58. Spring 01: Redwood Empire CSI, “CDT Sessions”, 3 hrs
 59. Fall 2000: Sonoma State University - School of Continuing Education, “Construction Contact Administration”, Guest Speaker, 3 hrs.

III. Honors and Awards For Educational Activities

“**Chapter President's Award**”, 3 June 2010, Construction Specifications Institute – Redwood Empire chapter for Distinguished Service in Construction Education.

“**West Region Citation**”, 8 October 2010 Construction Specifications Institute – West Region for Outstanding Service in Construction Education.

“**Ben John Small Memorial Award**”, 14 May 2010, Construction Specifications Institute, Special Proficiency and Outstanding Stature as a specifications writer.

“**Certificate of Merit and Appreciation**” 24 June 2005: Construction Specifications Institute – Redwood Empire Chapter.

“**Best Of The West Award**”, 2 October 2004, Construction Specifications Institute - West Region, Distinguished Service in Construction Education.

“**Michael P. Caldwell Education Award**”, 25 June 2004, Redwood Empire Chapter, Outstanding Service in Construction Education CSI.