



Report to CSC Board of Directors

Date: _____ October 5, 2015

Chapter: _____ Grand Valley _____

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Chapter Director: _____ Colin Goheen _____

Topics:

1. Chapter Executive: *(list all elected and appointed executive members separately, edit the following list to suit your Chapter).*

Chairman: Cathie Schneider, CTR

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Program Chairman: Chris Johnson, FCSC, RSW, MAATO, CCS

Newsletter Editor: Carlos Alegre, P.Eng., CSC

Marketing Chairman: Sue Cunha, CSC

Officer – Social: Doug Pinnell

Officer-Website: David Boyle, CTR

Past Chairman: Dave Boyle, CTR

2. Financial:

- Our Chapter continues to be in a positive cash flow position with the majority of our income coming from our monthly luncheon seminars. Our first Connections Café proved to be profitable as well with excellent results.
- As of March 31, 2015 we had \$11,108.80 in the bank plus a 1 Year GIC for \$15,000.

3. **Membership/Communications:**

- Communication and marketing become stronger each month
- Our website is monitored and updated regularly.
- Our e-newsletter was sent out a total of 4 times in the last 18 months.
- We have communicated to our members that we are now set-up with Karelo for ease of payment. We had 5 registrations done this way for our “Toys for Boys and Girls” event on Sept 23rd.
- Membership grew by 2 members and as of Sept 2nd we had a total of 45 members.

4. **Professional Development/Education**

- We hosted a total of 6 luncheon seminars between April 1, 2014 and March 31st, 2015.
- April 2014 – Electronic Plans Room. 15 attendees. Mike Murray of the GVCA and Sourabh Dhawan of Reed Construction Data.
- October 2014 – The Next Generation of Access Control. 12 attendees. Terry Fish, AHC-Assa Abloy.
- January 2015 – HVAC Seismic Design. 19 attendees. Richard Leveque, HTS Engineering.
- February 2015 – Cross Laminated Timber Design & Construction. 14 attendees. Raymond Ing, Nordic Engineered Wood Products.
- March 2015 – Working at Heights – proposed changes to OSHA Regulations. 10 attendees. John Knecht of Battlefield Equipment Rentals

5. **Technical/Programs:**

- We hosted a PCD course at the Grand Valley Construction Association fall of 2014.
- 3 people completed the course.

6. **Awards:**

- Lloyd Boddy Chapter of the Year award received May 2015 at the Annual Conference in Winnipeg.

7. **Chapter Marketing Strategy:**

- *Following the recommendations of our Program Officer, we **increased the percentage of luncheon seminar topics (30%) that target “underserved” members, specifically engineers and contractors with a increase in attendance including new members and inactive members from those sectors:** [HVAC Seismic Design for non-structural members](#)*
- ***Continued to build relationships with SW Ontario Design School faculty and Students with regular correspondence and site based activities related to the Students Design Competition. Furthered communications and visibility with local government and community based organizations to **demonstrate understanding of collaborative city building** and commitment to corporate social responsibility, a growing theme in both public and private sector infrastructure bid documents and pre-qualification statements.***
- [Ryerson Students Visit FHM Site](#)
- ***Increased visibility in the online community of CSC-GV activities using various social media channels. Example:** [wordpress](#), [grandsocial](#) & [Google+](#)*
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Susan Cunha Creative Director at ssstudio.ca

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Grand Valley Chapter**

Big Toys for Girls & Boys

Have you ever wanted to hop into an excavator and take it for a spin? Well here's your chance!

Come join us September 23 for a BIG and the opportunity to operate various types of construction equipment including skid steers, excavators, backhoes etc.

Cost: \$15.00 per person
When: September 23, 2015
Time: 6:00pm - 8:30pm
Where: Industrial Equipment Rental
260 Industrial Road
Cambridge, ON
www.justriteequipment.ca

RSVP: Jane Fish - No later than September 22, 2015
www.thetravelout.com

Save the Date

October 31 - TBD
November 14 - TBD
December 9 - Christmas Party

BATTEFIELD

Grand Valley Executive
Cynthia Schreiber, C18
President
Kathy Gorman, C18
Chapter Director & Treasurer
Alicia Hedges
Nominating & Engineering Officer
Sharon W. Allen, C18
Marketing Officer
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Sonia Zouari CPHD, OAA, OAG, CSP, CCCA, GGP, LEED
Senior Architect / Passive House Designer & Spec. prof. Proud Recipient of CSC 2...

Please join us on September 15th at the Ottawa Construction Association for a light lunch and a great presentation on Air Barrier Systems.
Free admission to CSC and ORSA members. Feel free to email me for coupon code

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John Lake All the best to The Ottawa chapter. From the Hamilton/Niagara Chapter. 9d

- **Members spread the word through their own personal and professional networks when the topic/venue is right!**

- **A more consistent, channel branded approach to a social media strategy would be an improvement here but generally beyond the scope of volunteers. Chapter communications through facebook/ linkedin groups and twitter feeds could be better, but require more resources (volunteer or otherwise)**

- **Strengthened member relationships by having fun:**
- **Golf Tournament! Connections Café!**

- **Built capacity to align CSC Corporate Sponsors & Affiliates with the community goodwill generated by Chapter initiatives through participation in the inaugural Connections Café event. Positive feedback from participants and sponsors suggest a desire to continue local informal networking events in a setting that brings together a variety of construction industry stakeholders (design professionals, contractors, students, manufacturers, real estate developers, government, etc.). The committee chose a lovely setting with good food and music without trade booths and with minimal yet tasteful sponsor branding:**
- **[Connections Café Slideshow](#)**

- **Promoted chapter events hosted by neighbours Toronto, Hamilton-Niagara, London & Ottawa to our membership and, while attending such event whenever possible, were able to raise awareness of Grand Valley programming, provide updates on the Design Competition and promote social events to the broader membership. Our social officer brings new energy to Grand Valley and we look forward providing more opportunities to strengthen member relationships with fun and informal events**

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- **[CSC LinkedIn Group post - re Ottawa Connections Cafe](#)**
- **Promotion of Grand Valley activities continued right to the National Conference, where news of the success of the Student Design Competition had inspired CSC friends from across the country to form committees and start a competition in their own Provinces. To that end, a compiled set of *template documents and recommendations based on the Design Committee's experience has been prepared to share with the National membership.***
- **Link [here](#) to beta version download of Student Design Competition template documents.**

8. Nominations:

- Chapter Executive and officers are stated in Section 1.
- Elections were held at our June 2015 Executive meeting.

9. **Liaison:**

- Grand Valley Construction Association
 - They continue to allow us to use their facilities for our monthly luncheon seminars and executive meetings.
 - Through their generosity of not charging us for the facilities we have been able to strengthen our financial position.
 - We hosted our PCD course as well at the GVCA fall of 2014.
 - We have had a couple of GVCA members attend our seminars
- AIRDO
 - Karen Wilson continues to promote CSC locally to their members. We continue to see ARIDO member participation at monthly luncheon seminars.
- Grand Valley Society of Architects
 - We continue to reach out to the GVSA members for our various social events and seminars. Attendance varies depending on the topic.
- Universities & Colleges
 - Through the Design Competition we are strengthening our relationships.

10. **Other Activities:**

- Annual Golf Tournament was held June 17th. 22 attendees. A very successful event.
- 1st ever Design Competition was hosted in 2015. The next event is already scheduled for 2016. (see notes below). The 2015 event was an overwhelming success. The response from the Colleges and Universities was beyond our expectations.
- Construction Specifications Canada (CSC) Grand Valley and Toronto Chapters are delighted to once again 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. This year's focus will be to design an open office concept for the High Tech industry. Think Google type office space. After all, Kitchener Waterloo is home to Blackberry, Open Text, Sybase and many other start-up High Tech firms. This space, consisting of 3 floors and 40,000 sq. ft. could include a restaurant, playroom/planning room etc. The exterior needs a face lift and the roof has amazing potential for a lounge/patio etc. The sky is truly the limit. There is no set budget, it's all hypothetical. Of course we have some parameters for the competition, but the goal is to let the students dare to dream while learning.
- This year's competition continues to embrace the context of being current and relevant. The building was once part of the Goudies Department store, an historic and cherished landmark at the intersection of King and Queen Street with the physical (brick and beam) and authentic cultural character that is in high demand. What's even better is that the owners of the building, Voisin Capital, have agreed to partner with us. Our competition will run parallel to the actual transformation of this building to suit an open office concept for their new tenant, Vidyard. Frank Voisin is very supportive and enthusiastic about the competition and will be personally available to take students on a tour of the facility (appointment made of course) in addition to providing electronic drawings and photos.
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- Students want two things: recognition in their chosen field and to a lesser extent money. We have partnered with Kenilworth Publishing to address the issue of recognition. Prizes: 1st place - \$2000.00, 2nd place - \$1,000.00 and third place \$500.00. The top five entries will be recognized at the awards ceremony.
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- I'm hoping that this project will entice you to consider the value of incorporating the competition into your curriculum. Please let us know if you are interested and we will be happy to provide you with more details as to the competitions requirements, access to drawings and contact information/logistics for the site visit.
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- We are in the process of updating our website to reflect this year's location etc. I just wanted to get the word out to professors before school starts in hopes that you might be able to fit the competition into your curriculum. It will be up shortly..... <http://www.cscdesigncompetition.com/>

- Check out the site and media links below for a little more in depth information on the location, the owners and their vision.
- <http://www.8queen.com/>
- <http://www.marketwired.com/press-release/voisin-capital-and-brick-by-brick-developments-acquire-8-queen-2025737.htm>
- <http://news.communitech.ca/columns/8-queen-marks-voisins-first-foray-into-downtown-office-market/>
- <http://www.therecord.com/news-story/5664040-original-goudies-location-getting-new-life-as-high-end-office-space/>
- <http://www.therecord.com/news-story/5789210-goudies-vault-offers-curiosities-but-no-big-surprises/>
- <http://www.therecord.com/news-story/5687111-tech-startups-enjoy-vibe-in-downtown-kitchener/>
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