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## Carbeck Structural Components Institute Update Putting the "FUN" Back into Fundraising

*The Carbeck Structural Components Institute (CSCI) discusses fundraising goals with the intent of allocating these funds to new research projects for the benefit the structural building components industry.*

The [Carbeck Structural Components Institute \(CSCI\)](#) has had many successes since it was granted IRS classification as a 501(c)(3) charitable organization, and is looking forward to continuing its work and focus on its mission as outlined below.

CSCI was formed to raise funds with the purpose of accomplishing the following objectives:

- Education of building professionals and homeowners regarding techniques and issues with respect to the safe handling, installation and bracing of structural building components used in residential housing and commercial buildings.
- Undertake and/or promote research and education regarding improved quality and quality control in the structural framing part of construction.
- Undertake and/or promote research and education of structural building component manufacturers with respect to safety and quality control within their manufacturing facilities.
- Undertake research and testing with respect to improving housing technology.
- Provide the fire prevention sector with information concerning how to effectively and safely to put out fires in structures that include structural building components.

Each objective is designed to improve the safety, efficiencies and technology that currently exists with respect to the structural framing of buildings, and/or to reduce the frequency and severity of construction defects in design or workmanship with respect to the structural framing of buildings.

- CSCI was formed to raise funds and accomplish work to complete these objectives. This work is only possible through generous contributions and grants from those who believe in CSCI's education and research purpose.
- To this end, the WTCA Board of Directors has made it a policy to contribute up to ten percent of the net revenue from BCMC to advance the purposes of CSCI. In 2002 this contribution was \$35,500. The motion to propose this policy to the Board was made by Kendall Hoyd and seconded by Mike Ruede. The motion passed unanimously. It was then approved by the Board at the February 28 meeting as part of the Treasurer's Report/budget.

## FUNDRAISING

Fundraising is the key to any non-profit organization's success. One key to raising funds is to make it fun and valuable all at the same time.

CSCI will undertake a fundraising activity this year at BCMC in Phoenix, AZ, on October 8-10. The silent auction featured at BCMC 2002 in Columbus, OH, was a wonderful success thanks to the many individuals who contributed auction items and cash (see photo above). To help stimulate your creative flow for auction support, sports memorabilia (i.e. autographed baseballs, equipment, posters or trading cards) contributions was popular CSCI Update at the 2002 auction.

Please remember, any individual contribution to CSCI is tax deductible and, most importantly, it will be applied to research and educational programs for the structural building components industry.

This year, the CSCI fundraising committee of Eric and Pat Lundquist, Gary Sartor and Ken Cloyd have a goal to raise a net of at least \$50,000 in order to fund the many educational projects and research that CSCI has in store for the future.

## CURRENT & FUTURE PROJECTS

Contributions received to date have made The Fire Performance of Wood Trusses CD a reality. The positive value of this program on changing the myths about the fire performance of trusses has proven to be priceless. The generous contributions and donations to CSCI have made it possible to distribute over 2,000 programs to firefighters and building officials across the nation since the CD's inception in Fall 2002. Many WTCA chapters, individual members and corporations have helped us achieve the goal of getting this CD into the hands of every fire service educator in the North America. For example, the [Truss Manufacturers Association of Texas \(TMAT\)](#) donated \$1,000 to CSCI. With these funds, 80 CDs have been requested and distributed to individual fire departments and colleges in Texas.

## PLANNING FOR FUTURE PROJECTS

We are currently working with Captain Neal of the Houston Fire Department to define the next CSCI/HFD project. The project will likely be an educational program on analyzing fires in structures containing trusses and defining all the issues surrounding each fire that firefighters ought to be aware of. Additional CSCI projects that may be undertaken this year depending on CSCI Board priorities include:

- Working with a video of a test taken in New York and preparing an analysis.
- Working with Firehouse Magazine on articles and the online Fire Performance of Trusses CEU program.

We need the industry's help to ensure that we meet the very important goals that CSCI has set out for this foundation. We genuinely appreciate all of the support we have garnered to date. For more information on CSCI, how to contribute or how you can make a donation to CSCI's fundraising activity at BCMC 2003, please contact CSCI staff at 608/271-1176 or send an email to [info@carbeck.org](mailto:info@carbeck.org).

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