



THE LIBERTY BELL

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A special thank-you to Rob Robinson for obtaining Steve Markley of Driscoll Construction to be our guest speaker at the November Chapter Meeting. Steve gave us a very informative presentation on Driscoll's construction of The St. James Apartment complex at 8th and Walnut. The \$80,000,000, 45-story high-rise consists of 500,000 sq. ft. of apartments and 150,000 sq. ft. of on-site parking. Construction of this "Chicago style" structure began in November of 2001 and completed in May of '04. Steve attributed the following as keys to the success of the project: loading the building with construction materials off-hours through the use of 4 car-hoists, utilizing these hoists to remove trash on return trips to the ground level, and a strong project team. In addition, while it took close to a year for the building shell to reach the 11th level, the remaining 34 floors were completed in almost the same amount of time! Steve attributed this schedule acceleration to the repetitiveness of the upper levels as well as the construction trades learning curve with the exoskeleton concrete forming system.



As has been the tradition of Chapter #61, the December meeting will be our annual Holiday Social. For anyone who knows of a prospective member, this is a great meeting to introduce him or her to what ASPE has to offer. In addition, Tom Rowland, CPE will be providing a short presentation on the topic of estimating the cost of installing a standing seam roof system. While I am painfully aware of how busy this time of year can be, why not take a few hours out of your schedule to relax and socialize with your fellow estimators.

As the year comes to a close, let's take a moment to reflect on what our Chapter has

accomplished this year and where we're heading in '06.

While overall membership has decreased slightly, we have initiated several new associates who have already contributed to the good and welfare of our Chapter. Let's try and keep the momentum going. Surely, we all know fellow estimators who would benefit from membership in our Society. Have them visit our website (aspenational.org) to get an understanding of what we're all about. A membership application form is available on-line or they can call Lee Hartwig (membership chairman) for the personal touch.

Keeping with our credo of promoting education to the construction industry, several of our members continue to teach courses in the fields of estimating and construction management at both the college and continuing education levels. In addition, we plan on holding our annual Estimating Seminar this coming Spring (see below), where courses will be offered in various fields of estimating and construction scheduling.

Finally, your Board of Directors continues to explore ideas for increasing our attendance at monthly meetings. We believe the upcoming programs for '06 are first-class and appeal to everyone's interest. Take a moment to review the list and mark the upcoming meeting dates on your calendar.

Several reminders:

In April, we will hold a membership drive/open house meeting in lieu of our usual dinner/speaker format. To put it plainly, Chapter #61 membership has been decreasing the past several years and the Board feels it's time to try some-

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MEETING AT A GLANCE

"Annual Holiday Social"

DATE: Wednesday Dec. 21, 2005

TIME: 5:30 PM - Social Hour

6:30 PM - Dinner

7:30 PM - Program

SPEAKER: Tom Rowland, CPE

Estimating the cost of a Standing Seam Roof System

LOCATION: Double Tree Restaurant
Plymouth Meeting, PA

COST: \$30 MEMBERS

\$35 NON MEMBERS

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thing new. If any companies are interested in sponsoring this event, speak to Lee Hartwig – Membership Chairman.

Kelly Sigman, our Education Chairman, has set the dates of April 21st and 22nd for our annual Estimating Seminar. Topics to be presented include: Sitework Estimating (Jim Watko), Electrical Estimating (Sid Numerof), Mechanical Estimating (John Stewart), Construction Scheduling (Don Logan), Value Engineering (Terry McGeehan) and The Art of Preparing Winning Bid Proposals (Ron Trawinski). All classes will be CEU certified, so start getting the word out to your architect/engineer associates.

Regretfully, the Board has decided to raise the cost of our Dinner Meetings from \$30.00 to \$35.00, effective at our January meeting. While there may be restaurants willing to charge us a cheaper rate, the Board feels the Doubletree provides an exceptional value to our membership for the price.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, I wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and prosperous New Year. Hope to see you all on the 21st.

Go Liberty Chapter!



CHAPTER WEBSITE

Karla Wursthorn continues to update the website. It serves as an advertising tool for our chapter as well as a convenient reference to our membership on various topics of interest including a calendar of events, certification information, an archive for the monthly newsletter and various helpful links. It has helped recruit new members by providing information about "who we are" as an organization and information on how to become a member. As you will see our Annual Estimating Academy is advertised on the website. Additional areas being developed include a place to post technical papers written by our members, an employment opportunities page and a picture gallery. If you have any articles, employment requests or photos please send them in electronic format to Karla Wursthorn at kwursthorn@tnward.com. Great job Karla, keep up the hard work! You can access our website through a link on the National website (www.ASPENational.org).



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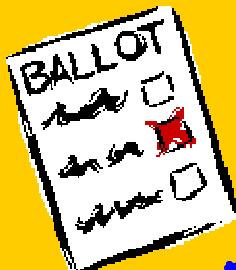
ATTENTION LIBERTY CHAPTER #61:

Two of our members will be running for National Chapter Office this Spring.

John Stewart, CPE (current 1st VP) – will be running for National President

Mike Lese (former National Treasurer) – will be running for National 3rd Vice-President

John and Mike would love to discuss with you their views on critical matters affecting our Society. Make a point of talking to them at an upcoming Chapter Meeting.



And

DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!!

December 2005

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31

- Chapter Board Meeting
Wednesday, December 21 - 5:30 PM
- General Membership Meeting
Wednesday, December 21 - 6:30 PM

PROGRAM:
Annual Holiday Social
DOUBLE TREE HOTEL / RESTAURANT
Plymouth Meeting, Pa.

Next Board Meeting:
Wednesday, December 21, 2005—5:30 PM
Double Tree Restaurant

Once again, Chapter #61 members are involved in the academics world. The following members are teaching Fall courses for the GBCA:

Terry McGeehan — Principals of Estimating

Don Logan — Construction Scheduling

John Stewart — Mechanical Estimating

In addition, Dean Sherwin continues to teach Cost Estimating I & II @ Philadelphia Community College

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"PROGRAM SCHEDULE"

2005–2006

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TOPIC</u>
August 24, 2005	Ethics & Convention Update
September 28, 2005	Change Orders
October 19, 2005	CSI Code Format Change
November 16, 2005	The St. James Apartment Complex
December 21, 2005	Holiday Social
January 25, 2006	Joint Meeting NAWIC / Cira Center
February 22, 2006	Site Work Estimating
March 15, 2006	Joint Meeting ACE / Best Engineering Project of Delaware Valley
April 26, 2006	Open House / Membership Drive
May 24, 2006	Masonry Estimating
June 28, 2006	Awards Banquet



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NEW MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

Unfortunately, we welcome no new members this month.