

Profiles published in past Maine Chapter Newsletters

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The following are "Profiles" of Maine Chapter Members that have been published in previous issues of the Maine Chapter Newsletter. Some individual show may no longer be members of the Maine Chapter or CSI.

The indicated month and year is the issue of the Chapter Newsletter in which this appeared.

Profiles are shown alphabetically by last name.

September 2004 - Brad Armstrong, CSI, CCPR

The core values of Bradford Armstrong's work ethic revolve around quality building products and excellent customer service. He has spent his life adhering to these values and building a name for himself in the world of construction sales.

After four years of service in the U.S. Navy, including a tour of duty in Vietnam, Brad returned home and enrolled in the University of Massachusetts. There, he earned a degree in Wood Science and Technology. After his graduation in 1975, he went to work for Gerrity Lumber Company in Readville, Massachusetts where he worked as a Millwork Specialist.

He moved to Maine in 1977 and got his next job in the field working for Saunders Brothers Dowel Company. At Saunders Brothers, he spent four years as the sawmill foreman, in addition to another four years working in the office as the product manager.

In 1985, he returned to Gerrity Lumber. The company had opened a lumberyard in Gorham, Maine. For three years he worked as an outside salesman, whose main clientele were contractors and homeowners. In 1988, his "love affair" with Marvin Windows began.

He went to Warroad, Minnesota to visit the Marvin Factory, and found himself enamored with everything that Marvin Windows stands for. He explains, "they were doing more than building windows; they were creating dreams." It was then that he realized exactly what he wanted to do. He told the company if they ever had an opening, he wanted to work for them. After this factory visit, Brad left a lucrative salary as a lumber salesman and went to work for North Atlantic Millwork Company (NAMCO). He worked as an architectural sales representative, selling and promoting Marvin Windows to area Architects.

In 1990, the Marvin Window line left NAMCO for economic reasons, and Brad followed, getting a job at DJ Millwork. At DJ, he continued to sell Marvin Windows and other wholesale building products. His job with DJ consisted of calling on architects, consulting with them on projects and budget pricings, as well as giving them updated literature and information about the different building products available.

DJ went through company name changes, but Brad continued to work for the company, maintaining the same position. In 1995 he took a five-month hiatus to help Dion Distributors
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develop the position of Architectural Sales Representative covering the states of Maine, New Hampshire, and Vermont. As he discussed the Corian products with different architects in his region, he realized that he related everything back to Marvin products. (His associates say if cut, he will bleed Marvin yellow!) He wanted to get back to selling and promoting the quality building products that had captured his heart years before.

In 1996, he went back to Rugby Building Products (formerly DJ Millwork) and worked as an architectural representative for two more years before moving to Hancock Lumber, where he is working today. While working for Hancock, Brad has assisted the company in becoming the leading Marvin Dealer in the Maine. He was the first manager of Hancock's Marvin Window Showroom on Marginal Way in Portland. He has established an Architectural luncheon program, offering informative luncheon seminars at the showroom to area architects that are looking to specify quality-building products, or those who are just looking for more information on the building products available to them.

He is a past president of the Maine Chapter of CSI (1997-1998), a CCPR (Certified Construction Products Representative) and has been awarded the Distinguished Service Award for the Northeast Region, CS I.

Brad is a very open and communicative person. He and his wife, Kathy, just celebrated their 32nd wedding anniversary. They have three adult children, and enjoy vacationing in Key West, Florida with friends and family.

December 2004 - Jim Beaulieu, CSI, CCCA, LEED

Jim Beaulieu, CSI, CCCA, LEED is originally from Veazie, Maine. He returned to the area after serving in the United States Air Force, graduating from the University of Washington with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Business Administration, and working in management on the TransAlaska Pipeline Project. He now lives in Falmouth with his wife and two daughters.

After completing his role on the Pipeline, Jim stayed on in Alaska to serve as a contract administrator and worked to complete over thirty public schools assuring a high level of quality. Upon his return to Maine he continued that interest and served as project clerk or owner's representative on numerous public school, library, and college projects. Jim's leadership style reflects an action-oriented energetic approach. He responds positively to complex problems and works with others in a supportive, participatory fashion. Jim values efficient systems and challenging opportunities. He is looking forward to his new role as a member of the CSI Board of Directors. Jim has been a member of CSI for many years and enjoys the broad range of individuals and companies who come together through the organization.

Jim's current position is Construction Administrator for Ledgewood Construction, South Portland, Maine. He works with others to bring the projects to completion with accurate, detailed documentation and organization. His recent certification as a Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) professional has brought an added dimension to his work and personal point of view. Jim is interested in all aspects of building design, the construction process, and historic renovation. In his free time, Jim likes to work on personal renovation projects, cross-country ski, play tennis, and enjoy time with his family and friends.

April 2002 – Scott Benson, CSI

Scott attended the University of Oregon, School of Architecture and Allied Arts, graduating in 1985. While at Oregon, he worked with Tom Hubka assisting with illustrations for Tom's study of connected farm buildings in Maine, later published as the book "Big House, Little House, Back House, Barn." Scott moved to Maine after graduation to work further with Tom on additional publishing projects, and on residential design projects.

Scott developed an interest in Stevens Associates and the relationship between John Calvin Stevens and Ellis Lawrence, the first Dean of Oregon's School of Architecture and Allied Arts, and the architect of the University of Oregon's campus plan and several of its key buildings.

Scott joined Stevens Associates in the Spring of 1986. He became principal of SMRT in 1996. His current responsibilities include corporate management - treasurer, design team management, project management and architectural design. His recent projects include implementation of the Maine Department of Corrections Capital plan, renovation of the historic Pineland Campus, and expansion of the continuum of care at Maine Veterans' Homes to include assisted living facilities at five sites.

Scott resides in Portland and in Center Lovell with his companion, Beth Gallie. Beth serves as legal counsel for the Maine Center on Deafness, and is active on the Boards of several not-for-profit organizations including the Greater Lovell Land Trust, and the Maine Animal Coalition. When not attending to business, Scott and Beth enjoy a life of quiet domesticity, gardening, reading and occasional travel.

February 2002 - Kenneth Brann, CSI, CCS

Ken received his degree from the University of Maine in Civil Engineering Technology in 1975. After graduating he worked in residential and light commercial construction for approximately 7 years.

Deciding to pursue a change in vocation, he worked for a short stint as an electrical and instrumentation draftsman. In 1982, he accepted a position at Harriman Associates writing architectural specifications for commercial projects.

In 1999, Ken left his position of 17 years to start Brann Specifications, Inc. as a specification consultant in independent practice. The business has enjoyed success with projects in Maine, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, New York, Pennsylvania, and Ohio. The business has expanded, adding Lori Rohr on staff as a specification writer. He has been a member of CSI since 1982.

Ken lives in Litchfield, Maine with his fiancé, Linda. He enjoys outdoor activities, including golfing, fishing, skiing and sailing.

March 2003 - Paul Beaudette, CSI

Paul Beaudette, CSI, is Director of Administration for Pella Windows & Doors, the local distributor of Pella products for Maine and New Hampshire. He is responsible for all
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operations, financial business functions and information technology for the parent company Bonair Enterprises, Ltd.

A former President of the Maine Chapter of CSI (1994-96), Paul first started as a sales representative in the Portland area having been recruited because of his visibility as President of the Maine Chapter. He sold for 3 years in that market and was then moved into the office to prepare the business for the growth that soon followed.

Paul's experience in construction dates back a few years to the late 70's when he moved to Ohio to attend the Ohio State University to obtain his masters' degree after having taught high school science for four years. While attending school part-time, he worked for an engineering and consulting firm that performed materials inspection and testing. The jobs involved large-scale industrial, institutional and high-rise construction projects. After jumping into this work with both feet, school went by the wayside and a new direction in his career took off.

Following that six-year experience away from Maine, Paul returned and worked in the residential construction market boom of the 80's for a Portland developer, then for a construction management company, which connected him with CSI. Dennis Pelletier and Denis Lemieux get the credit for recruiting him.

In 1994, Paul joined Jay Kay Sales and Century Floors with Peter Craig. There, he spent two years serving dual duty in sales and quality assurance in concrete construction. The materials testing of his past was again becoming a part of his career.

His professional affiliations have included ACI, Maine Concrete Technician's Certification Board where he served for four years, the International Concrete Repair Institute, Maine Homebuilders Assoc., and served as President of the Maine Chapter CSI. On his way to the presidency, Paul also served as First and Second Vice President and Director for six years. He had been publications chair where he and his wife, Jean, published the Maine-ly Spec newsletter for five years. In 1996, Paul served as co-chair of the Northeast Region Conference in No. Conway, NH, which was jointly, hosted by Maine and New Hampshire Chapters.

Paul makes his home in his native Lewiston with his wife and three kids. He has served as the Chair of the Lewiston High School Parent Involvement Committee, Drug Free Schools Committee and on the vestry of St. Michael's Episcopal Church. He is a graduate of the University of Maine at Fort Kent with a B.S. in Education.

January 2006 - Bill Charland, CSI, CDT

In June of 2006 I will have completed my twentieth year of service at the University of Maine on the Orono campus. I currently serve in the position of Associate Director of facilities Management for Construction Administration. That's the long way of saying I'm a Construction Contract Administrator. I've held this position since November, 2000.

Prior to this position, I've held several positions of increasing responsibility, as Director of Construction Administration in 1999, Project Manager 1997-99, Construction and Maintenance Project Manager 1994-97 and Assistant Director for Maintenance 1986-94.

Before joining the University of Maine Staff, I spent twenty years in the private sector Construction Industry working in the Mechanical Trades, Plumbing/HVAC projects. Project examples: Addition and Renovation of Deering High School, Portland 1981-82, Retail Store Expansion L.L. Bean, Freeport 1983-84.

Having held Plumbing Licenses in Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Maine, I currently retain State of Maine Master Plumber License #1777, held since 1973.

My construction experience has been in all phases of Residential, Commercial and Industrial work. I am a cum laude graduate of the University of Maine with a Bachelor of University Studies degree with a minor in Business Administration. I have recently attained CDT certification through CSI training and examination.

I maintain professional memberships in several organizations:

Construction Specifications Institute (CSI)
Association of Higher Education Facilities Officers (APPA) Construction Management
Association of America (CMAA)

I live in Brewer, Maine with my wife of 35 years, Cindy. She is a Registered Nurse specializing in Palliative Care. Together we have raised 3 sons Jason 32, Matthew 30, and Caleb 25. All three live in Maine. Jason is married to Dianne and they reside in Bucksport, Jason is a Graduate student at U M. Matt is married to Sarah and they have two daughters, Isabel 6, and Mariah 4, and as of this writing daughter#3, Josie is due to arrive in mid January 2006. Matt teaches Art in the Skowhegan school system SAD 54.

Caleb Graduated from Massachusetts College of Art in 2004 and aspires to become a professional photographer.

Cindy and I are currently renovating our fifth home and should be finished in time for our retirement. (Funny, we don't seem to move as quickly as we used to anymore!) We enjoy a bit of traveling several times a year. But, our first love is our camp on Hopkins Pond in Mariaville, (shhh, don't reveal our secret place), where we try to spend most of our free time from May through October, boating, swimming and generally laying around.

Over the years I've been involved in civic organizations as well:

1975-76 served as a member of the Holden Maine Planning Board, helped draft the town's first Comprehensive Plan.
1976-80 member of Eastern Maine Homebuilders Association Chapter of the National Association of Homebuilders (NAHB) served as Vice-president 1979-80.
1976-86 member Bangor Jaycees, Maine Jaycees and U.S. Jaycees held every elected office except President of Bangor Jaycees. 1980 served as State of Maine Program Manager for U.S. Jaycees Olympic Fund Program, ranked in the top 15 state programs in the country.
1986-95 coached Youth Soccer in Hampden Maine, 1994 12yr-olds team, Penobscot Valley Soccer Club Champions.
1994-95 coached Little League Baseball in Hampden Maine 1995 team,

Hampden/Newburgh Little League Champions.
1997-2000 member of the Penobscot Theatre Board of Directors, Chairman Building Committee

In my short association with CSI (3 years as a member) I've found some new friends and a tremendous amount of valuable information and experiences with application to my daily work pursuits. I thoroughly enjoy it and would encourage anyone in the construction industry who is interested in its future direction to join CSI. It's worth every cent and more.

June 2008 - Mel Cole, CSI, CCS

June 2008 - Mel has 40 years of experience in project management, the preparation of construction documents including contracts and specifications and construction administration.

He worked at Harriman Associates from 1968 to 1986 as an architectural specifications writer and project manager.

Looking for an opportunity to spend more time in the field, he then took a position with Allied Architects/ Engineers as an associate partner in charge of Construction Administration.

In 1996, Mel left Allied to form Northeast Building Consultants, Inc. where he has spent the last 12 years as a consultant to Building Owners and Facility Managers. His main focus has been on the building envelope including re-roofing, window replacement and masonry restoration projects.

Mel joined the Maine Chapter of CSI in 1969. Over the years he has served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice president, President and Director. He obtained his CSI-CCS certification in 1980. Other affiliations include the Roof Consultant Institute (RDI) and the Maine Indoor Air Quality Council. He has resided in Litchfield with his wife Nancy for the past 32 years where they raised their three children. Spare time is now spent sailing, golfing and enjoying their three grandchildren.

September 2010 - Richard A. Dolby, CSI

A Maine native, I was raised in Saco, graduating from Thornton Academy.

I can say I tried a year at Bentley College, (no fun at all, what ever made me think of being an accountant).

I offered my services to the Marines, (they were kind enough to train me as an electrical optical repairman). On returning to Maine I join the State Fire Marshal's Office as a Fire Inspector, attended the Maine Criminal Justice Academy and was assigned to Washington County. I came to Augusta to take on a position as "Plans Examiner", where I remained for most of my fourteen years with the Department of Public Safety.

I was fortunate to meet my wife Billiann in 1977, and soon after we built a home in Windsor and began raising our three children Josh, Andrew and Molly.

I accepted a position as the Director of Code Enforcement with the City of Augusta where I expanded my knowledge of fire codes to include building, plumbing and land use regulations unfortunately zoning was part of the program too. During my career I earned an associates degree in fire science from SMVTI in South Portland and have been an instructor with the community college system for over twenty years.

The Guard/Reserves program permitted me to remain active first as an Army Drill Instructor, and then as a senior leadership instructor eventually retiring with over twenty-two years of combined service.

All three of our children have attended USM earning degrees in Sociology, Philosophy, Communications and Economics.

Retiring from Augusta in 2009, I hit the books to become a weatherization technician and energy auditor instructor with KVCC. A temporary position with the Town of Kennebunk was soon followed with a return to state service, again with the Department of Public Safety, this time as Director of Building Codes and Standards.

My passion is and always will be the family my wonderful wife and children have created. A Master Maine Guide, if I am not in the woods, I am thinking of how and when to get back there; occasionally with a paying client....

My wife and I now reside in Hallowell, in a great neighborhood, Billiann is with Kennebec Savings Bank where she has enjoyed a career of just under fifteen years.

September 2000 – Steve Dunn, CSI

Stephen (Steve) W. Dunn is the Painter/Maintenance Representative for ICI Dulux/ Devoe Coatings, formally The Glidden Company. He has been employed with them since 1989. Steve has been in the paint industry since 1979 when he lived in Tucson, Arizona. While living in the west, he worked for Deer-O Paints and Universal Paints as their factory representative. He later moved to Worcester, Massachusetts and worked for California Paints before moving to Maine.

Steve has been a member of the Maine Chapter CSI since 1989. His professional affiliations include: CSI, Maine Chapter - Board of Directors 1998-2000, Technical Chair 1995-1998. CSI, Worcester Chapter 1998, CSI, Tucson Chapter 1982-1987. Maine Pulp and Paper Associate 1997-2000. Maine Water Works Member 1997-2000.

Personal: Married 21 years to Nancy B. Dunn, no children, Hobbies include, Sailing, Skiing, Golf Fishing. Attended Windham College, Putney , Vermont 1972-1976.