

MasterFormat Expansion Monthly Update: July 02

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(A clear, complete, concise, and mostly correct report of the MasterFormat Expansion Task Team activities for the month)

Creating a Stir: Task Team Publications

Articles on MasterFormat have been written in more than 20 national publications including *Architectural Record*, *Specifying-Consulting Engineer*, and the *Construction Specifier*. All articles have been very positive of the proposed concept for expanding MasterFormat to meet the needs of the entire construction industry. An article titled, "MasterFormat and You" written by Dennis Hall and Bob Johnson is available on the CSI website to be downloaded by Chapter and Region Publication Chairs for their newsletters. A PowerPoint presentation is also available for downloading for Chapter presentations or your own personal viewing pleasure.

Don't forget the online discussion forums where our members can really give it to us and we can't reach through the phone and ...

csinet.org

aecdaily.com

4specs.com

Tar and Feathering: Task Team presentations to CSI Regions/Chapters and other stuff this month (Yes, you too can get in on the fun of seeing your favorite MF Task Team member tarred and feathered at a Chapter or Region meeting. Just call 1.800.689.2900 and make your appointment with Greg Ceton. Remember, the phone call, is also on us.)

12 July	Canadian Construction Associations and other Canadian interest groups (cost covered by Chairman Hall)
13-14 July	OCCS Development Committee Meeting (cost covered by Chairman Hall)
24 July	LA Chapter (cost covered by LA Chapter)
30 July	Mid Missouri AIA/CSI Chapter (cost covered by Mid-Missouri AIA)
31 July	OCCS Development Conference Call

Was that Fun or What?: Task Team activities at the Convention

Having lost all our money at the crap tables early, the task team Convention activities included:

- Task team meeting with major stakeholders to discuss Level 4 numbering
- Chapter/Region Technical Committee Chairs presentation
- Presentation to the Army Specifications Steering Committee (Army, Navy, Air Force, and NASA)
- 2 CSI Showcase presentations
- Educational Session presentation
- Construction Formats Summit (to consult with our brethren format folks)
- 84 private meetings with members to explaining why we were changing MasterFormat
- The annual burning the Chairman at the stake ceremony (my personal favorite)

Been There, Should have Done That: Thing we are thinking of changing in the next draft

Yea, right! Like we would tell you that. OK, but don't tell anyone.

- Adding new Section titles to cover subjects missing from the current edition
- Possible reorganization of Division 1-14 to coordinate the NCS Discipline Sets
- Coordination with new MOP
- Level 4 and maybe Level 5 numbering

Well boys and girls, that about it for this month. But August is looking like a really spicy report. We have contacted over 800 professional and industry organizations for our first MasterFormat Symposium on August 2. I know I can't wait.