

## **MasterFormat Expansion Monthly Update: August 02** annual subscription \$2,000

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

### **First National MasterFormat Holiday a Success**

As one of his first acts in office, Institute President Phil-Boy McDade, Certified Dirt Decorator, declared July 5, MasterFormat Day. Fireworks in almost every community in this country welcomed this first national holiday in honor of CSI's organizational structure for construction information, in. Most specifiers celebrated the day by officially not working or even thinking about specifications. In a related story, Chairman Hall wishes to thank everyone who sent him cards, letters, and gifts on his birthday, July 5.

### **Creating a Stir: Task Team Publications**

The task team has begun a series of articles in the *Construction Specifier* each month, beginning this month, which will respond to common questions from the membership and industry organizations. Please see the Letters section of the *Specifier* for our first article, "MasterFormat Expansion: What and Why." Signed copies can be had for a small donation to the MasterFormat Expansion Task Team Relief Fund. A new MasterFormat power point presentation and downloadable articles are also available on the csinet.org website at no charge.

### **Tar and Feathering:** Task Team presentations to CSI Regions/Chapters and other stuff this month

Many of you are missing out 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. And remember, the phone call is also on us.

02 Aug	MasterFormat Major Stakeholders Symposium
03-04 Aug	MasterFormat Task Team Meeting
17 Aug	Gulf States Region Conference
20 Aug	CSI Fresno Chapter
28 Aug	OCCS Conference Call

### **If you thought Draft 1 was good:** Things we are thinking of changing in the next draft

Draft 2 is scheduled for publication for public comment next month and the fur is already beginning to fly, even before we know what we are going to say. Well, let's not let the facts get in the way of a good thrashing of the task team. Here are the latest rumors:

- 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
- All Section numbers will now be printed in roman numerals so as not to offend the aesthetic taste of some of our members

### **OCCS Numbering Established:**

The OCCS Development Committee voted to establish a numbering standard for the OmniClass tables at its July meeting. This numbering standard consists of pairs of digits, which make up each Level of the table identification. Each table will establish the number of Levels in the table identification. Table 5: Work Results, which will be based on the final version of MasterFormat 04 is exempt from this numbering standard and the table will follow the recommendation of the MasterFormat Expansion Task Team.

Well boys and girls, that about it again for this month. Some of you have expressed your objection to the annual burning at the stake of the task team chairman. Deputy Executive Director Keene has advised the task team that due to budget cuts this year; the Institute will not be able to fund the cost of the stake or the rope and has suggested that the chairman should just be set on fire and allowed to run around trying to put himself out. This should resolve the Institute Director's concern that the task team is wasting Institute funds. In a related story, some of you have not sent in your subscription price to the newsletter. Greg B. has indicated if we get 100% participation from the Board, he would personally kick in for the cost of the rope and stake. Now, what could be better than that?