

Gary L. Beimers, FCSI

“For your outstanding vision and leadership in the advancement of information technology applied to the construction process; for your dedication to the development and improvement of MasterFormat and the U.S. National CAD Standard; for your notable contributions to the development of OmniClass Construction Classification System; and for your tireless efforts in promoting these initiatives and CSI through numerous educational presentations, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 11th day of April 2003.”
Chicago, Illinois



Since joining CSI in 1990, Gary L. Beimers has been an enthusiastic, active participant and contributor. Gary has held numerous official and unofficial positions within the Grand Rapids Chapter. He served as Chapter President for FY 1999 and FY 2000.

Service to the Institute has included participation on many Committees and Task Teams. These include: 1995 Formats Subcommittee; Integrated Information Model (IIM) Task Team; Integrated Information Initiative (III) Task Team; Overall Construction Classification (OCCS) Task Team; MasterFormat Expansion Task Team. Gary participated in the conception, planning and execution of a Construction Integration Summit held at the 1999 Convention. He also contributed to the planning and execution of the 2001 CSI co-sponsored Emerging Building Technologies Conference. Gary has recently been appointed as CSI Liaison to the International Construction Information Society (ICIS).

Within the AEC Industry, Gary has been an active participant in numerous construction industry organizations and initiatives. He is a member of the National Institute of

Building Sciences (NIBS) Facility Information Council Board of Direction. There he contributed to the U.S. National CAD Standard development. He also participates in the NIBS Facility Maintenance and Operation Council (FMOC). Gary has been active in the International Alliance for Interoperability North American Chapter, and is Chairman of the Libraries Domain.

With three other CSI members, Gary helped create the concept of a series of interrelated tables based on an ISO standard for use in classifying the built environment. That work was the starting point for what today has become OmniClass. Gary is currently co-chairman of the OmniClass Construction Classification System Development Team.

As an employee of McGraw-Hill Construction – Sweets Group, Gary has been responsible for the oversight of the application of MasterFormat to product classification. He was also instrumental in the creation of Sweet’s attribute-based CD and website search schemas. He has been a strong supporter of the CSI and McGraw-Hill strategic alliance. Use this space for the narrative part of the bio.

CSI Membership

Grand Rapids Chapter, 1990 to present

Institute Offices, Committees

Formats Subcommittee

IIM Task Team

III Task Team

OCCS Task Team

MasterFormat Expansion Task Team

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, FY 1999-2000

Awards

Region Technical Commendation, 1998, for

“...contribution to the Technical Program of the Region and its Chapters through your service on Institute committees and your willingness to share the information learned...”

Institute President’s Plaque, 2001, “In recognition of your many and continuing contributions to advancing understanding and sharing the vision of the future of technology in construction, and ensuring CSI’s place in that Future.”