

Linda Ellis Brown, FCSI

*“For your contagious enthusiasm in teaching the philosophy and principles of construction documents and practice to owners, design professionals, contractors, and manufacturers; for creating comprehensive, multi-disciplinary specifications for unique and complex projects, incorporating knowledge gained from your students; and for your improvement of CSI education documents as a member of the Institute Education Committee, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 23rd day of April 2004.”
Chicago, Illinois*



LINDA ELLIS BROWN is an independent specification consultant. She was first exposed to specification writing in the late 1970s when asked by her late architect husband, Terry Brown, to put his specifications on the computer. After several years as a CSI spouse, Linda Brown became a member of the St. Louis Chapter CSI and has remained an active member of the Institute.

She graduated Dominican College in New Orleans, Louisiana, with a Bachelors of Arts in Education and worked on a Master of Arts degree at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. At Visitation Academy in St. Louis, she taught math, science, and computers to elementary school students and coached the high school swim team. She served as hockey mom for her son's youth hockey team, swim mom for her daughter's USS swim team, golf mom for their junior golf team, and Girl Scout leader. She was a team scorer for her country club's annual Cherries Jubilee golf tournament and chaired the Swim Committee for the club's swim team. Linda Brown was the Swim Conference Meet Director for 5 years. Several years later, she chaired player hospitality for

the PGA Las Vegas Invitational and Senior PGA golf tournaments. She was a computer score recorder for the Collegiate Golf Tournament held in Las Vegas.

With her late husband serving as her first mentor, Linda Brown began studying specification writing in the early 1980s. She learned the principles and practices of specifications through CSI education courses and University of Wisconsin School of Engineering Extension construction documents courses and was mentored by other CSI colleagues in the late 1980s. When the opportunity presented itself, Linda Brown expanded her specifying skills and knowledge to include the engineering disciplines as well as architectural.

Linda Brown began teaching certification classes after becoming a CCS in the late 1980's. She continues to teach construction documents, specification practices, and construction administration courses to architects and engineers and is often asked to bring her courses into architectural and engineering offices.

CSI Membership

St. Louis Chapter, 1985-1991
Chicago Chapter, 1991-1993
Las Vegas Chapter, 1993-1997
Member at Large, 1997 to present
Advanced to Fellowship April 23, 2004

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, 1991-1994
Technical Committee, 2001-2004

Region Offices, Committees

President, 1990-1991

Chapter Offices, Committees

St. Louis Chapter Professional Director, 1988-1990
St. Louis Chapter Vice President, 1991
Chicago Chapter Vice President, 1992, 1993
Las Vegas Chapter President Elect, 1995
Las Vegas President, 1996

Awards

St. Louis Chapter
Certificate of Appreciation (2)

Central Illinois Chapter

Certificate of Appreciation (2)

Charleston Chapter

Certificate of Appreciation

Milwaukee Chapter

Merit Award

Chicago Chapter

Certificate of Appreciation and Service

Las Vegas Chapter

Chapter Education Award (2), Special Certificate of Appreciation, Certificate of Appreciation, Outstanding Professional Member Award, Chapter President's Citation, Certificate of Merit

North Central Region

Director's Certificate of Appreciation

Southwest Region

Certificate of Appreciation

Institute

Specifications Competition Honor Award (2), Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, Certificate of Appreciation, President's Plaque