

J. Gerard Capell, FCSI

“For your enduring commitment to revising Wisconsin’s Division 01 Specifications; for developing curriculum and teaching specifications and contracts at institutes of higher learning; for your steadfast dedication and promotion of certification while serving on the Institute Certification Committee; and your dedicated service as a leader, always making the team stronger through your personal commitment, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 16th day of September 2011.”
Chicago, Illinois



GERARD CAPELL has been a member of CSI since his days as a young architect in Sacramento in 1986. His participation in the organization really blossomed once he came to Milwaukee in 1988 where he quickly rose from committee member, to chair, to board member, to Chapter President, and then was involved in Region and Institute committees and leadership. In 2008 he was elected to the Institute Board where he has served with great honor representing the North Central Region and providing his skills and knowledge to benefit the direction of the organization.

A native of Lodi, California, Gerard received his Bachelor of Architecture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo in 1981 after he attended his final year in Florence, Italy on the Cal State Overseas Program. He continued to live in Florence for another year and a half working for several architectural firms. His work with one firm involved working on new technical schools in southern Italy and acting as the liaison between the Italian and American architects and engineers. When he wasn't working or studying, he was traveling

through Europe from Grenada to Moscow soaking up centuries of architecture. He continued this wanderlust through most of 1983, looking for work on the east coast and exploring the architectural treasures there. His greatest tour was later when he drove 6,000 miles across the U.S. visiting friends and significant architecture sites from Pennsylvania to California.

The lure of resolving a long-distance romance with a woman he met in Spain years before brought him to Milwaukee where he has worked for a variety of firms and has operated his own firm serving clients on a full variety of projects, teaching at the local universities and preparing specifications for other architectural firms. Often times he has been referred to as Mr. CSI, as the person to go to for information about CSI, best practices in the industry, or what or who has the best product to serve a particular need. He and his wife Julie continue to travel as much as possible and help their community through volunteering.

CSI Membership

Milwaukee Chapter, 1989 to present
Sacramento Chapter, 1986 to 1989

Institute Offices, Committees

Certification Committee, FY1999-2002
Institute Director, FY2008-2011
CCCS BoKA Task Team, FY2011

Region Offices, Committees

Region Certification Chair FY1993-1997
Region Conference Chair, FY2004

Chapter Assistance Task Team Chair, FY2005
Region Conference Facility Chair, FY2007
Region Vice President, FY2009-2010

Awards

Eagle Scout, 1971
Distinguished Service Award 1992
Region Educational Award, 1995
Education Commendation 1996
Honorable Mention, Specifications Competition, 2001