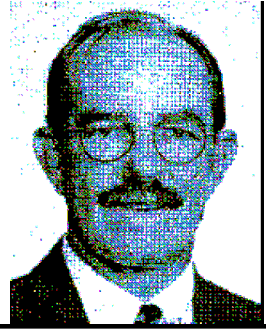


# James A. Chaney, FCSI

*“In recognition of your sterling contributions for improving leadership within the construction industry, your financial acumen that has been key to ensuring a secure future for CSI, along with your progressive vision as an innovator, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 28th day of June, 1997.”*  
Orlando, Florida



JAMES A. CHANEY was born in Portland, Oregon in 1951 and raised on the Oregon coast. A scholarship student at the University of Oregon, Chaney left school in 1971 and entered the construction industry.

Working his way up from laborer into apprenticeship, to carpenter, estimator, and project manager, Chaney learned construction from the ground up. In 1983 he founded McKenzie Commercial General Contractors of Eugene, Oregon.

Over the years, Chaney has remained committed to the improvement of the industry. He has been active in the historic preservation movement, a member of organizations such as ACI, ASTM, and Mensa, and has served as President of the local Builders Exchange. A strong proponent of alternative dispute resolution, he is an arbitrator with the American Arbitration Association. As a speaker and an educator, Chaney has served such groups as ACL NAWIC, PDCA, and ASA.

Chaney has been the recipient of numerous awards from government and industry, and was uniquely recognized for

continuing excellence as a general contractor by the Southwest Oregon chapter AIA.

In public service, Chaney has served on numerous city and county boards. He currently serves as Chairman of the Oregon Construction Contractors Board, and is leading an effort to revitalize the regulatory agency serving Oregon's 42,000 registered contractors.

A member of the Willamette Valley CSI chapter since 1983, Chaney has filled many roles, including President, newsletter Editor, and chair of numerous committees. He also led the successful effort to charter the Capital chapter in 1992. While Institute Director for the Northwest Region, he led an effort to overhaul and revitalize the Region's annual leadership conference.

A member of the Institute's Finance Committee since 1996, Chaney was elected Treasurer of CSI in 1997. In this role, he has helped lead an effort to improve and modernize CSI's approach to its finances and financial reporting.

## **CSI Membership**

Willamette Valley Chapter, 1983 to present  
ICapital Chapter, 1993-1997  
Portland Chapter, 1992-1993

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

President, 2000-2001  
Treasurer, 1998

Institute Director, Northwest Region, 1993-1995

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

President, Willamette Valley Chapter, 1991  
Vice President, Willamette Valley Chapter, 1989

## **Awards**