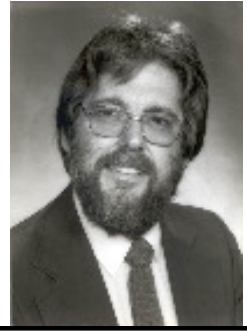


# Melvin G. Cole, FCSI

*“In recognition of your outstanding leadership in the development of and participation in construction education programs both within the Institute and the academic community, for your exemplary promotion of Institute principles and activities in other professional organizations, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 28th day of June, 1987.”*  
*Detroit, Michigan*



MELVIN G. COLE is the Owner and Principal Consultant of the firm Architectural Specifications, and has been actively involved in the profession since 1963. For 15 years he was affiliated with the San Diego firm of Macy, Henderson & Cole, 7 years of which were as a full partner. In 1983 he moved to the Los Gatos area where for the past 20 some years he has served as a Specifications Consultant in Independent Practice.

His participation in CSI began as a Student Member of the Tucson Chapter in 1965. Subsequent to that time he has held membership in the San Diego Chapter, where he served as President in 1973, the Santa Clara Valley Chapter, which has been his Home Chapter since 1983 and the San Francisco Chapter.

Mel feels that his major contributions have been in the area of education. In addition to the numerous seminars and classes he had developed and presented, he is most proud of his contributions in establishing programs that would “last longer than he would.”

In 1982, the New School of Architecture, a privately funded School of Architecture was established in San Diego. Mel was asked to sit on their original Board of Trustees and assisted in the establishment of the curriculum for their five

year program in Architecture. In that capacity, he was the stimulus for their inclusion of a formal course in specifications writing, insisting that it be taught by a person Certified as a Construction Specifier by the Construction Specifications Institute.

Also in 1982, Mr. Cole identified a need in the construction industry, for those who had not had a full college education, to attend night classes and achieve a competent education in their industry. He coordinated with the University of California, San Diego and allied construction industry organizations, to establish a two year, Certificated Program in Construction and Architectural Practice Methods, through the UCSD Extension program. Before he left San Diego, he saw to it that the Committee overseeing the program had new leadership, again by a Certified Construction Specifier.

In 1984, having moved to San Jose, he spearheaded the establishment of a two year, Certificated Program in Construction Estimating, through the San Jose State University Extension program. He made sure that a required course for the curriculum was that of “Understanding Construction Documents”, a course taught by a Certified Construction Specifier. Although he no longer teaches, the curriculum continues successfully.

## **CSI Membership**

Tucson Chapter, 1965-1968  
San Diego Chapter, 1969-Present  
Santa Clara Valley Chapter, 1983-Present  
San Francisco Chapter, 1983-Present

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Education Committee, 1983-1985  
Institute Director, 1986-1988

## **Awards**

### **Chapter Awards**

Award for Service, 1967  
Honorary Lifetime Member, San Diego Chapter CSI, 1983

### **West Region Awards**

Certificate of Appreciation, 1973 & 83  
Region Directors Award, 1974 & 83

### **Institute Awards**

Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1974  
J. Norman Hunter Memorial Award, 1986