

Joseph F. Dworkin, FCSI

“For your impressive service for your chapters, the West Region, and the Institute where you made clear, thoughtful, and creative contributions; for championing the Culture of Learning and CSI University; for mentoring many members and making them a valued part of the Institute; for freely sharing your expertise on roofing technology; and for significantly improving construction documents to produce quality construction, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 11th day of April 2003.”
Chicago, Illinois



JOSEPH F. ("JOE") DWORKIN, FCSI, CDT joined CSI in 1976 at the suggestion of his mentor Carl Christy. It was the first non-fraternal organization that Joe joined, and judging by Joe's 30th CSI anniversary in 2006, it was a great suggestion. At the chapter level Joe was elected to serve as East Bay-Oakland chapter president for 1983 and 1984. In 1985 and 1986 Joe almost single-handedly, revitalized the chapter's energy and strengthened its membership base by creating successful East Bay-located Product Exhibits. From 1992 to 1994, Joe helped "get the word out" about CSI in Northern California and his chapter, serving as editor of The Prerogative, the chapter newsletter.

As a West Region leader Joe served as Region Technical Committee Chairman from 1985 to 1987. During that time frame he also authored four technical articles on roofing and waterproofing issues that were published in CSI's award-winning magazine The Construction Specifier. He has been co-Chairman of two award-winning West Region conferences (1986 and 1997), and Joe served the West Region and the Institute as Institute Director (Professional) from 1999 through 2001.

At the Institute level Joe served for three years (1987 to 1989) as a member of the Technical Documents Committee

(TDC) and from 1991 to 1993 as a member of the Education Committee (EDCOM). On TDC Joe made contributions to the SpecGuide and Monograph programs, and worked on the revision of the Manual of Practice (MOP). While on EDCOM, Joe helped to develop Model Curriculum modules that ultimately morphed into the basis for CSI's certification curricula. While also serving as Institute Director, Joe was asked to serve on the Institute's first Governance Study Task Team (1999-2000). After coming off the Board Joe then served on the Leadership Development Council (2001-2003). Among his most outstanding accomplishments are twice being asked to make technical presentations at Institute conventions, and when, as LDC Chairman in 2003, he and fellow LDC members were made "proud partners" as CSI University made its successful debut in Philadelphia PA.

Over the years Joe's ability to spot future CSI leaders and his willingness to help them become better leaders and citizens has improved the quality of leadership – and communication – at the chapter, region, and Institute levels. That, and for over twenty-five years Joe has simultaneously sustained a technical construction consultancy, raised two sons, and, with his wife Rebecca, ridden all kinds of motorcycles all over the highways and back roads of North America.

CSI Membership

East Bay-Oakland Chapter, 1976 to present
Monterey Bay Chapter, 2002 to present
Willamette Valley Chapter, 2001 to present

Institute Offices, Committees

Institute Director, 1999-2001
Technical Documents Committee, 1987-1989
Education Committee, 1991-1993
Governance Study Task Team, 1999-2000
Leadership Development Council, 2001-2003

Region Offices, Committees

Technical Committee Chairman, 1986, 1997

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, 1983-1984
Newsletter Editor, 1992-1994

Awards

Chapter Fellowship Award, 1996, for "contributions, personal service, support, and fellowship to the East Bay-Oakland chapter."
Region Director's Certificate, 1984
Region Certificate of Appreciation 1988; Region Director's Award, 1998
Institute President's Plaque, 2002, for "willingness to tackle any task that CSI gave you and for your ability to think outside the box while serving on a variety of task teams, committees, and the Board."