

Richard H. Edwards, FCSI

*“For your continued work to improve educational opportunities for CSI members, students, and others in the construction industry; using tools that introduce young children to the field of construction and university specifications competitions; and your positive impact through mentoring young professionals, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 23rd day of June 2001.”
Dallas, Texase*



RICHARD H. EDWARDS II joined CSI in 1965 after attending LIT Technical Institute while working for Lennox, Matthews, and Simmons and Ford a prominent Architect in Indianapolis, Indiana. This tenure was cut short because of the war in Vietnam where Richard spent his tour of duty in the Army Topographic Corps mapping the uncharted Northeast Territory of Iran. After the service Richard received his B.S. Degree from Purdue University and became a Registered Architect in Indiana.

Richard and his family moved to Michigan to work for Harley, Ellington, Pierce and Yee Architects/Engineers where he worked for seven years where he became Assistant Director of Architecture for Specifications and later Director of Specification for Rossetti Architects for sixteen years before moving to Riverview, Florida.

During this time Richard had long been the champion for CSI Education. As a member of the Metro-Detroit Chapter he organized, programmed, and structured effective certification study groups, and “Spec Tech” educational sessions preceding monthly meetings. Richard initiated a “Sponsor a Student” program where members would mentor students. He

also organized a Student Affiliate chapter at Lawrence Technological University and developed the Chapter’s scholarship committee providing scholarships to students at three local universities. Wayne State University now offers a specification-writing course for its Construction Management Curriculum and University of Detroit offers a specification-writing course as part of their Architectural Curriculum.

Richard served as the Great Lakes Region Educational Chair and Co-chair developing one of the first presentations on student affiliates for GLR-NCR Bi-Region Conference. Another regional program revolved around the construction management process with actual projects and CM/AE participates.

Richard served on the Institute’s Educational Committee for three years as member and one as chairman. During this period several projects and recommendations were realized including formation of the present Academic Affairs Committee, grading criterion for the Dale C. Moll Award and the Gold Seal Education seminar program where CSI would produce high quality programs for all disciplines, firms and organizations.

CSI Membership

Sun Coast Chapter 2003 to present
Metro-Detroit Chapter 1982 to 2003
Saginaw Valley Chapter 1999 to 2003
Indianapolis Chapter 1965, 1976 to 1979

Institute Offices, Committees

Member, Education Committee, 1998, 1999, 2000, 2003.
Chairman, Educational Committee, 2001 and 2002.

Region Offices, Committees, Great Lakes Region

Certification of Appreciation Award, 1993, -1996, 1998.
Harold “Bud” Reed Memorial Award and Metal, 1997.

Chapter Offices, Committees, Metro-Detroit Chapter

President
Vice-President Professional
Educational and Certificate Chairman & Board Member

Awards

Institute Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1995
Institute Student Liaison Award, 1994
Institute Certificate of Appreciation, 2003