

Raymond E. Gaines, FCSI

“For your vision in moving the construction industry forward through education and leadership development; for being a sterling role model of how to inspire through action; for your compassionate mentoring of students and interns in an environment that instills confidence and stimulates personal growth; and for your pioneering work in green residential construction, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 19th day of June 2009.”

Indianapolis, Indiana



RAYMOND E. GAINES has practiced architecture for the last 22 years in Charlottesville, Virginia. The grandson of a local architect, he began his career sweeping warehouses at the family lumber business while a student at Lane High School. He holds a BArch from Virginia Tech.

Following his registration as an architect in March 1983, Mr. Gaines ran field operations for Lanahan Construction, Inc., in Charlottesville. It is his experience in the construction world that allowed him to develop a reputation of saving his clients money without lessening quality of design.

In February 1987, Ray started the architectural practice that eventually became The Gaines Group, PLC. He joined CSI the following year as a member of the Richmond Chapter. Ray was the chapter treasurer at the chartering of the Central Virginia Chapter in October 1990 and ascended to the chapter presidency for FY 1995.

Following that term, involvement in the Middle Atlantic Region beckoned. Mr. Gaines served on the region technical, planning, and awards committees, eventually chairing the planning and awards committees. He chaired the 1998

Middle Atlantic Region Conference and as of this writing, is once again chairing the MARC planning committee. In addition to service on standing committees, Ray served on the region governance task team that rewrote the region bylaws in response to the Institute governance changes of 2008.

Ray has served at the Institute level on the awards and certification committees as well as the PerSpective alpha test task team. Following his service on the awards committee, Ray assisted with judging the CSI Show exhibits until joining the certification committee in 2005.

In 1991, Mr. Gaines began his involvement in the Albemarle County Public Schools as a volunteer. He has worked continuously in the local elementary school library and spoken in the classroom on numerous occasions on what it means to be an architect. Since the fall of 2001, Ray has worked with the students at Albemarle High School on stage set design and construction and more recently has participated in the ACE Mentoring program at AHS.

Ray has been married to the former Nancy Newlon since 1976. They have three daughters, Julie, Emily, and Katherine.

CSI Membership

Charter Member Central Virginia Chapter, 1990 to present
Richmond Chapter February, 1988 to present
Certified Construction Specifier, 2004

Institute Offices, Committees

Awards Committee, 2003
Certification Committee, 2006-2008

Middle Atlantic Region Offices, Committees

Middle Atlantic Region President, 2010
Chairman Middle Atlantic Region Conferences, 1998, 2009
Chairman Region Education Committee, 2009
Chairman Region Awards Committee, 2007
Member Region Awards Committee, 2005-2006
Chairman Region Planning Committee, 2004-2005
Member Region Planning Committee, 2002-2003
Member Region Technical Committee, 1996-1997

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, 2000-2001
President, 1995
Treasurer, 1991-1994
Newsletter Editor, 2001-2007

Awards

Central Virginia Chapter

Distinguished Service Award, 2008
Founder's Award, 2005

Middle Atlantic Region

Robert P. Brosseau Memorial Award, 2008
Director's Special Award, 2007
Director's Special Award, 2005
Certificate of Appreciation, 1999

Institute

Special Publication Commendation, 2006