

Jack R. Lewis*, FCSI

“In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to The Construction Specifications Institute, as a member and co-founder of your Chapter, as a member of the National Board, as a member of the National Chapter Development Committee, as Chairman of the National Technical Committee and as a member of the National Technical Review Board. wherein your selfless contributions of time, your organizing ability and your immeasurable effort have been reflected in the formation of seven Chapters of the C.S.I., in the expansion and acceleration of the National Technical Program, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 25th day of April, 1962.”
Atlanta, Georgia



JACK R. LEWIS was born in Burlington, Iowa in 1911. After graduating from high school in 1929, he attended Iowa State College for one year as a mechanical engineering student. He then served an apprenticeship in a furniture manufacturing factory and became the designer and assistant superintendent.

In 1939, as an officer in the Naval Reserve, Lewis was called to active duty. Upon the loss of his left eye, he was retired from the U.S. Navy in 1943. While in the hospital he attended night classes in drafting and obtained a job with a local San Diego architect.

In 1948 after working for several architects, Lewis passed the state examinations for building contractor as well as for architect. In 1950 he opened his own office for the practice of architecture. He was appointed Senior Architect for Scripps Oceanography in 1957 and later opened offices for specifications consulting in Los Angeles and San Diego.

In 1954, Lewis joined the local CSI Chapter as a founding member, and served as its first President.

In 1968 Lewis was asked to teach office practice and specifications at the School of Architecture, California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo, California.

While teaching there he wrote six text books and organized the first student chapter of CSI.

Lewis received a Bachelor in Technical Education from National University in 1973; a BS Industrial Technology from Cal-Poly University in 1974; an M.S. in Education from Cal-Poly University in 1976; and a Ph.D in Education from California Western University in 1978.

In addition to his CSI activities, during his career as an architect, Lewis has also been active with several related organizations. He served as President of the San Diego Chapter of the American Institute of Architects in 1951. He also served on four national AIA Committees, including the Documents Review Committee from 1967 through 1969. He was a member of the State of California Board of Examiners for Architects from 1989 through 1991. He was a member of the American Arbitration Association from 1956 through 1963 and served as Southern California Advisor from 1965 through 1966.

Jack authored four books: *Construction Specifications*, 1974; *Architect's and Engineer's Office Practice Guide*, 1978; *Architectural Draftsman's Reference Handbook*, 1982; *Basic Construction Estimating*, 1983; *Support Systems for Buildings*, 1986.

CSI Membership

San Diego Chapter, 1954

Institute Offices, Committees

Institute Director, FY1959-60, FY1970-71

Vice President, FY1963

President, FY1964

Awards

Specifications Competition, 1961-66

Institute President's Plaque, 1961, 1963

Certificate of Appreciation, 1973

J. Norman Hunter Memorial Award, 1979

Distinguished Member, 1987