

# James A. Neison, FCSI

*“In recognition of your many contributions to the education of students, members of the design community, and the construction industry; and your unselfish dedication to CSI at the chapter region and Institute levels as both an active participant and as a mentor, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 23rd day of June 2001.”  
Dallas, Texas*



James A. Neison was born in New Kensington, Pennsylvania in 1939. He earned a BA degree in economics from Washington and Jefferson College.

He joined the Philadelphia Chapter of CSI in 1974, employed by Amspec (The Dow Chemical Co. insulation marketing company) with responsibility for educating specifiers at architect and engineering firms. Having been previously employed in the industrial insulation industry with the Benjamin Foster Co. and service as the chapter president of the Philadelphia chapter of Producers Council (CPMC), Jim would soon grasp the value of CSI as an educator in the construction industry.

In 1983, he joined the Memphis, Nashville and Little Rock chapters of CSI, recognizing the values of CSI, the members of CSI as those who advanced the construction industry. His involvement in the Memphis Chapter as asst, Secretary, Treasurer, President elect and President mentored by chapter and region members would form a strong belief in the value of CSI and it's future members, students and members of the

construction community who could gain from and bring value to CSI.

He received numerous Chapter Awards for service to the chapter including Pillar of Strength Award “for your consistent efforts promoting the principles of the Construction Specifications Institute” and Award For Excellence “for being my mentor, advising, coaching and encouragement.”

His involvement in The Gulf States Region further reinforced belief that CSI's members represented the best minds in the construction industry and he would work to bring those leaders in the chapters and region along, mentoring them to succeed. His service to the region was recognized by its highest award-The Robert V. Bishop Award.

His service as Institute Director reinforced his belief that CSI value combined with members, representing the best minds in the construction industry, can advance the industry, can educate the present and future participants and have the responsibility to do so.

## **CSI Membership**

Memphis Chapter, 1983 to present  
Philadelphia Chapter, 1974-1982

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Institute Director, 1992-1995

## **Region Offices, Committees**

President, 1990-1991

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

President, 1990-1991

President-elect, 1990

Treasurer, 1986-1989

Treasurer, 1999-2000

Industry Director, 1996-98

## **Awards**

Region Robert V. Bishop Award, 2000

Institute Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1991

Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1995