

Edwin T. Pairo*, FCSI

“In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Construction Specifications Institute, as a member of the Washington Chapter, as a member of numerous committees in your chapter, as a President of your chapter, as the Institute's Director of Region 3, as a member and Chairman of the Institute's Publications Committee, as the Institute Task Force Committee member for the Joint Industry Conference on Indexing, as a President of the Institute, and in further recognition of your achievement in construction specifications whereby examples of your work have received national renown because of the numerous awards that you have won in the Institute's Annual Specifications Competition, and in further recognition of your ability and leadership in furthering the objectives of the Institute at both Chapter and National levels, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 22nd day of April 1964.”
Dallas, Texas



EDWIN T. PAIRO was born in Washington, DC, in 1906. He attended the Catholic University of America, graduating with a BS in Architecture in 1928. In 1929 he won the highly coveted First Place Medal in the annual Paris Prize Competition by the Beaux Arts Institute.

In 1936, Pairo began working with the Federal Government Public Housing Agency as the Chief Project Planner developing public housing projects in Region IV. With the advent of World War II, the program was convened to temporary war housing for industry workers with projects in many areas of Alabama and Mississippi near the Gulf of Mexico. After the end of the war he initiated the program for disposition of surplus war housing.

In 1955, Pairo left government service and became partner and chief of specifications in the architectural firm of Chatelain, Gauger and Nolan in Washington, DC. He retired from this firm after 20 years service in 1974.

As Chairman of the Institute Awards Committee in 1961, Pairo prepared drafts of the proposed Institute Awards Program, including changes to the Institute Bylaws that inaugurated the Jury of Fellows. These changes were subsequently approved by the Institute Board.

While serving as Institute President, Pairo's main priority was completion of the study of the 16 Division Format for Board approval. During his presidency, he represented CSI at meetings with AIA, AGC, and Producers Council seeking industry approval of the 16 Division Format. He also worked with Producers Council to establish the Spec-Data Program.

Pairo worked with McGraw-Hill representatives in updating Architectural Graphic Standards, resulting in the first edition of that useful volume to appear in the 16 Division format. Sweets Catalog, a division of McGraw-Hill, ultimately adopted the same format.

Pairo passed away in November 1999.

CSI Membership

DC Metro Chapter, 1955 to present

Institute Offices, Committees

Director at Large, FY 1959-60

Vice President, FY 1962

President, FY 1963

Chapter Offices

Vice President, FY 1959

President, FY 1960

Awards

Honorary Member, 1976