

# Robert Wayne Simmons, FCSI

*“For your passionate dedication to CSI through leadership in forming the Big Sky Chapter, diligence in increasing membership, building a partnership with the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, establishment of the Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation, and commitment to fiscal responsibility at the chapter, region, and Institute levels, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 19th day of June 2009”*  
Indianapolis, Indiana



ROBERT (BOB) SIMMONS was born in Sayre, Oklahoma where he completed his education, started a career in the construction industry, and found his niche in CSI.

Bob has served non-members and members at chapter, region, and Institute levels through his commitment to continuing education programs. When Bob starts talking about how wonderful his CSI membership has been to his career the last nineteen years, there is no stopping him. That is why, in 2006, he became a MasterFormat Accredited Instructor (MAI). He wanted to share his knowledge of how using CSI's premier formatting system would benefit Sheet Metal Workers International Association - Journeyman Apprentice Training Committee (SMWIA-JATC) students, instructors, specifiers, and contractors in the northwest.

Through this partnership, Bob started the membership process to increase membership through the CDT Certificate program. This was important as it caused the SMWIA organization and affiliated organizations to incorporate MasterFormat 2004 in to their national JATC educational curriculum, spring of 2008. The results of his efforts were a national educational curriculum incorporating MasterFormat 2004 and a regional collaboration between the two

organizations, which led to increased CSI membership and a CDT program for the SMWIA-JATC.

Bob established the Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation, where he serves as President. His contribution in building the Foundation is two-fold; it allows individuals, companies, and other entities to donate to a tax exempted Foundation, and it assists CSI students in the Puget Sound Region with gifts, grants, and scholarships to pursue their dreams in the construction sciences, a benefit to both the students and CSI.

Bob's career in CSI can be summarized in understanding the value of the organization, selling the organization to non-members and continuing members, strengthening the organization by using sound financial and growth principles, and challenging the organization by his careful attention to detail and business practices.

Bob also has contributed to the advancement of construction technology. In the early 1980s, while National Sales and Marketing Manager for Diversi-Tech General, a division of the General Tire Company, he found there was a need for a roof membrane attachment method that would not penetrate the membrane. Responding to this need, he was granted a patent for a new attachment method on December 12, 1989

## **CSI Membership**

Puget Sound Chapter, February 1989 to present  
Mt. Rainier Chapter, charter member, 1990 to present  
Portland Chapter, 1996 to present  
Big Sky Chapter, charter member, 2006 to present

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Membership Committee, 2005 - 2007  
Board of Directors, 2007 - 2010  
Audit Committee, 2008  
Region Boundaries Task Team, 2008  
Member scribe, Audit Committee, 2009  
Region Responsibility & Accountability Task Team, 2009

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Chairman, Membership, 2005 - 2007  
Co-Chairman, Northwest Region, 2007 -2009

## **Awards, Institute**

Robert P. Brosseau Memorial Award, 2007  
Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, Membership, 2007

## **Northwest Region**

Directors' Citation, Establishing PSCSI Memorial Foundation, 2004  
Directors' Citation, Researching region history, 2005  
Directors' Citation, Membership expansion, 2006  
Frank Stanton Memorial Award, 2007

## **Chapter**

Albert E. Barnes Award, 2001  
Hugh S. Hallett Award, 2003  
Chapter Citation, 2007