

John C. Williams, FCSI

“For your commitment to adapting specifications as technology advances; for your expertise in high performance architectural coatings shared freely with others; for your leadership in establishing and nurturing the Kansas City Chapter’s Scholarship Fund; for a lifetime of mentoring others, and for your “pay it forward” approach to leadership, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 16th day of September 2011.”
Chicago, Illinois



JOHN WILLIAMS is currently Director of Specifications for HOK in Kansas City. This follows an 11-year tenure in the same position with Populous (formerly HOK Sport). Prior to these two positions, he was employed by Black & Veatch from 1972 to 1999. He joined CSI in 1984 upon assuming responsibility for architectural specifications within the B&V Power Division.

John received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Kansas and is a Registered Architect in Kansas and a Certified Construction Specifier. He has over 39 years of experience in design and construction documents for major facilities from power plants to sports facilities and other commercial projects.

At Black & Veatch, John provided architectural design and contract administrative services prior to becoming the Head of Specifications for the Power Sector of the business. In 1999 he joined HOK Sport as their Director of Specifications responsible for all specifications for each of the many sports facilities that the firm had undertaken. A few of the projects in which he has provided contract documents include Heinz

Field and PNC Park in Pittsburgh; St. Louis Cardinals Ballpark; Arizona Cardinals Stadium; Petco Field for the San Diego Padres; Reliant Stadium in Houston; and Citi Field for the New York Mets and Nationals Park in Washington, D.C. John joined HOK in July, 2010, to establish and promote a firmwide approach to quality specifications.

While at B&V, John developed a passion for Architectural and Industrial Maintenance Coatings. The design and specification of coating systems was critical to the success of the power industry projects. John immersed himself in the technical and aesthetic aspects of corrosion protection and developed an expertise in the design and specification of high performance coatings which carried over to the sport facilities designed by Populous.

John has held several offices in the Kansas City CSI Chapter and has taken part in many CSI and SSPC conferences and committee meetings. John represented Kansas City on the North Central Region Incorporation Committee. He has been Chair of the Education Foundation of the CSI Chapter in Kansas City since 2004.

CSI Membership

Kansas City, 1984 to present

Region Offices, Committees

Incorporation Committee, FY1992

Chair NCR Conference, FY1992

Region Board of Directors, FY1992 to 1994

By-Laws Committee, FY2004 and 2005

Chapter Offices

2nd Vice president, FY1989

1st Vice President, FY1990

President Elect, FY1991

President, FY1992 and 1995

Awards

Institute

Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, FY1995

North Central Region

Region Commendation, FY1988

Commendation, FY1991

Region Director’s Certificate, FY1992

Kansas City Chapter

President’s Certificate, FY2001

Certificates of Merit and Appreciation (5)

Chapter Service Award, FY2010