

# Gary A. Betts, FCSI

29th day of June, 1966  
Denver, Colorado



GARY A. BETTS began his career with the Minneapolis firm of Miller Hanson Westerbeck in the early 1980s. He left for the firm of Hansen Lind Meyer, then moved to the Chicago firm of Loeb Schlossman & Hackl as Architect and Director of Specifications.

As his career grew, so did his involvement with the organization. He served in many capacities at the Chapter, Region, and Institute levels. Even after his term as the FY 2005 CSI President ended, he continued to work actively at the Institute level. He served as Chair for two consecutive Governance Task Teams, whose work led to reorganization of the Institute Board of Directors.

Because of this dedication to CSI and his work to continuously improve the organization and the construction industry, on August 21, 2008, CSI's Board of Directors unanimously voted to recognize his efforts by honoring Gary with Distinguished Membership, the highest honor that CSI bestows on a member.

During his twenty-four years of service, Gary demonstrated extraordinary commitment and integrity. Among his many contributions were forming the Specifier's Roundtable in Chicago, providing consistency and clarity in the standards and formats CSI develops – such as MasterFormat- through his creative applications, contributing to the development of CSI's first strategic plan, developing a six-week preparatory course for the certification exam in his chapter, and creating new membership benefits and programs.”

Gary will be remembered as a man who seldom said “no” - he always had time to help you or to serve on a committee. His knowledge of protocol and procedure made him the “go to guy” for countless questions. He would be the first to tell you that he still had things to be finished, and had new tasks to begin. And beyond all that, Gary was a friend to all - approachable, ready to share his encyclopedic knowledge of CSI, and always willing to help.

## **CSI Membership**

Chicago Chapter, 1984 - 2008  
Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Member, Specifications Competition Committee, 1990-92  
Chair, Specifications Competition Committee, 1993  
Institute Director, North Central Region, 1994-96  
Chair, Audit Committee, 1996  
Member, Membership Committee, 1997-99  
Chair, Presidents Leadership Training Task Team, 1999-00  
Chair, Membership Committee, 2000  
Vice President, Officer Mentor, Ed. Committee, 2001  
Institute Secretary, 2002-03  
President-Elect, Board Liaison to Strategic Planning Documentation Task Team, 2003-04  
President, 2004-05  
Immediate Past President, 2005-06  
Member, Executive Director Search Task Team, 2006  
Chair, Governance Task Team, 2006-07  
Member, Michelangelo Award Panel of Judges, 2007

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Certification Coordinator, 1990-91  
Chair, Cmt. to Study Leader Training/Region Conference, 1991-92

## **Awards**

Cert. of Appreciation, Assn for Preserv'n Technology, 1989  
Certificate of Appreciation, Society for American Military Engineers, 1999  
Region Certificate of Appreciation, 1989  
Institute Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1990  
Region Director's Certificate, 1990  
Region Director's Certificate; Chapter Pres. Award, 1992  
Institute Certificate of Appreciation, 1993  
Institute Specifications Competition Honor Award, 1994  
Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1996  
Institute Director's Certificate, 1997-98  
Institute Certificate of Appreciation, 2000  
Lifetime Member, 2006  
Distinguished Service Award, 2008  
Distinguished Member, 2008