

J. Gregg Borchelt, FCSI

*“In recognition of your technical excellence in the field of masonry technology, and your unselfish willingness to share your expertise with others in the construction industry through numerous educational programs and publications, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute, June 1990”
Chicago, Illinois*



J. GREGG BORCHELT, a native of the Midwest, was born in 1944 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He obtained his Bachelor of Science and Master of Science degrees in Civil Engineering from Purdue University in 1966 and 1968, respectively. Major study areas were structures and materials.

His professional career began with Dow Chemical in Midland, MI, providing technical services for introduction of additives to masonry mortars. This nurtured an interest in expanding the technology of masonry that led to working for Masonry Systems in Denver, Colorado, a firm that licensed systems to build masonry panels. The opportunity to head a masonry promotion organization took Borchelt to Houston, Texas. As Executive Director of the Masonry Institute of Texas, he had responsibility of increasing the use of masonry. Educational seminars, technical services, presentations, advertising, and funding research came into his domain.

In 1988 Borchelt accepted the position of Director of Engineering and Research at the Brick Institute of America in Reston, Virginia. From this venue he continued the tradition of BIA to provide accurate technical information to the users of brick. Educational programs, research, and liaison with construction industry organizations supplement information.

In 2010 Borchelt was named President and Chief Executive Officer of the Brick Industry Association.

A registered professional engineer in Colorado and Texas, Mr. Borchelt authored numerous articles and technical papers on masonry materials, design, and construction. He served as an organizer of and participant in national and international conferences. Membership on the American Society for Testing and Materials Committees C 12 on Mortar for Unit Masonry and C 15 on Manufactured Masonry Units allowed him to help formulate and update standards for masonry specifications, test methods, and practices. He was made a Fellow of ASTM in 1997. During his career, Mr. Borchelt has developed an international reputation as a source for information on masonry construction.

During his membership in CSI he has spoken to at least 17 chapters at more than 35 chapter meetings. Seven regions have heard his presentations on Institute activities and masonry technology. Borchelt has presented masonry information at two Institute conventions. Borchelt has authored several articles in *The Construction Specifier*, most recently in 2009. He was co-founder of a competition for Division 4 Masonry specifications in the South Central Region.

CSI Membership

Houston Chapter, 1976 - 1990
DC Metro Chapter, 1988 to 2005
Northern VA Chapter, 1992 to present

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, 1985 - 1987
Treasurer, 1993 - 1994

Vice-President, 1990

Region Offices, Committees

Middle Atlantic Awards Committee and Chairman, 2001 and 2002

Awards

Institute President's Plaque, 1990