

# Linda Ellis Brown, FCSI

*“For your contagious enthusiasm in teaching the philosophy and principles of construction documents and practice to owners, design professionals, contractors, and manufacturers; for creating comprehensive, multi-disciplinary specifications for unique and complex projects, incorporating knowledge gained from your students; and for your improvement of CSI education documents as a member of the Institute Education Committee, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 23rd day of April 2004.”  
Chicago, Illinois*



LINDA ELLIS BROWN is an independent specification consultant. She was first exposed to specification writing in the late 1970s when asked by her late architect husband, Terry Brown, to put his specifications on the computer. After several years as a CSI spouse, Linda Brown became a member of the St. Louis Chapter CSI and has remained an active member of the Institute.

She graduated Dominican College in New Orleans, Louisiana, with a Bachelors of Arts in Education and worked on a Master of Arts degree at St. Louis University in St. Louis, Missouri. At Visitation Academy in St. Louis, she taught math, science, and computers to elementary school students and coached the high school swim team. She served as hockey mom for her son's youth hockey team, swim mom for her daughter's USS swim team, golf mom for their junior golf team, and Girl Scout leader. She was a team scorer for her country club's annual Cherries Jubilee golf tournament and chaired the Swim Committee for the club's swim team. Linda Brown was the Swim Conference Meet Director for 5 years. Several years later, she chaired player hospitality for

the PGA Las Vegas Invitational and Senior PGA golf tournaments. She was a computer score recorder for the Collegiate Golf Tournament held in Las Vegas.

With her late husband serving as her first mentor, Linda Brown began studying specification writing in the early 1980s. She learned the principles and practices of specifications through CSI education courses and University of Wisconsin School of Engineering Extension construction documents courses and was mentored by other CSI colleagues in the late 1980s. When the opportunity presented itself, Linda Brown expanded her specifying skills and knowledge to include the engineering disciplines as well as architectural.

Linda Brown began teaching certification classes after becoming a CCS in the late 1980's. She continues to teach construction documents, specification practices, and construction administration courses to architects and engineers and is often asked to bring her courses into architectural and engineering offices.

## **CSI Membership**

St. Louis Chapter, 1985-1991  
Chicago Chapter, 1991-1993  
Las Vegas Chapter, 1993-1997  
Member at Large, 1997 to present  
Advanced to Fellowship April 23, 2004

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Director, 1991-1994  
Technical Committee, 2001-2004

## **Region Offices, Committees**

President, 1990-1991

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

St. Louis Chapter Professional Director, 1988-1990  
St. Louis Chapter Vice President, 1991  
Chicago Chapter Vice President, 1992, 1993  
Las Vegas Chapter President Elect, 1995  
Las Vegas President, 1996

## **Awards**

**St. Louis Chapter**  
Certificate of Appreciation (2)

## **Central Illinois Chapter**

Certificate of Appreciation (2)

## **Charleston Chapter**

Certificate of Appreciation

## **Milwaukee Chapter**

Merit Award

## **Chicago Chapter**

Certificate of Appreciation and Service

## **Las Vegas Chapter**

Chapter Education Award (2), Special Certificate of Appreciation, Certificate of Appreciation, Outstanding Professional Member Award, Chapter President's Citation, Certificate of Merit

## **North Central Region**

Director's Certificate of Appreciation

## **Southwest Region**

Certificate of Appreciation

## **Institute**

Specifications Competition Honor Award (2), Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, Certificate of Appreciation, President's Plaque