

R. Michelle Christen, FCSI

“For your passionate and steadfast enthusiasm for growing membership, education students and construction professionals, and advocacy of CSI principals; for your commitment to and innovations in leadership development and mentoring; and for your tireless, always spirited, and exemplary service as an ambassador for the Institute, the Gulf States Region, and the Little Rock Chapter; you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 6th day of June 2008.”
Indianapolis, Indiana



R. MICHELLE CHRISTEN was born in Memphis, Tennessee, and raised from birth in central Arkansas. As the daughter of a General Contractor and an Architect, it would seem that she was predestined to follow the family foot-steps within field of construction. In fact, each of her immediate family members remains in active in the industry; and has served as Little Rock Chapter President.

In 1991, she received her Bachelor's of Business Administration, majoring in Marketing from the University of Central Arkansas in Conway, Arkansas. Prior to college graduation, Michelle joined CSI as a student member in 1990, then becoming an Industry member in 1992. Even before, her volunteerism was preceded by assisting of members of her family with their own Chapter volunteer task.

Michelle now serves in the capacity of Construction Administration Coordinator for Tinsley-Mullen Engineers (TME, Inc.) in Little Rock, Arkansas. She is also a member of the BOD for Sanders 2000, Inc; an environmental graphic design firm, and is the consulting business manager for TMC Framing, Inc. both operating out of Conway, Arkansas.

Michelle has served in multiple levels and in many capacities for CSI. She ascended through the Chapter ranks; on to Region Committees, and then served as Region Secretary for 3 years. Then she followed with dedicated service to the Institute on the Board of Directors, coupled with committee positions on Academic Affairs and Nominating.

CSI Membership

Little Rock Chapter, 1991 to present
Tulsa Chapter, 2000 to 2006

Institute Offices, Committees

Academic Affairs, 2003-2004
Board Operating Guide Task Team, 2005-2007
Executive Directors Limitations Task Team, 2006
Governance Task Team, 2008
Nominating Committee, 2010

Region Offices, Committees

Membership Committee Chair, 2000-2001
Gulf States Region Secretary, 2003-2004
Gulf States Region V. President, 2005, 2007
Gulf States Region President, 2008

Awards

Little Rock Chapter; Al Hibbs, 2005
Gulf States Region; Region Publication, 1992
Gulf States Region; Membership, 1997
Institute; National Membership, 1997