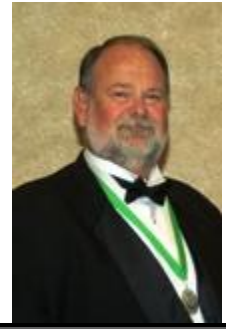


# W. Richard Cooper Jr., CDT

*“For your extraordinary talent of building teamwork and consensus; for your dedication to mentoring those in the construction industry; for your commitment to improving the construction management program at Middle Tennessee State University; and for your exemplary leadership at the chapter, region, and Institute levels, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2002.”*  
Las Vegas, Nevada



W. RICHARD COOPER, JR. attended Vanderbilt University and received a Bachelor of Engineering degree in 1969.

After three years with the Tennessee Department of Transportation, he joined Culbert Construction Company in Nashville. In 1983, he became a founding partner in Orion Building Corporation, a mid-sized general contracting and construction management firm. Richard currently serves as Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board. Richard is perhaps the best cheerleader for the Nashville Chapter through his company's corporate and participatory support. A number of his staff are members and have been active in leadership roles.

Richard has been fortunate to have been mentored by some of the best leaders served in a number of roles at the chapter, region, and Institute levels. He has been able to couple those teachings with his corporate skills and passing those things on to those that he in turn has mentored. He is continually

called upon to provide sage business advice to leaders throughout the Institute.

One of Richard's CSI passions includes a advocacy for a strong awards program as a way of saying thank you to our volunteer members. While Director, the Gulf States Region received more Institute awards than any other region. Most notable is that 38%, six out of sixteen, of the Outstanding Chapter Commendations given for 2001 went to chapters in the Gulf States Region. Richard is proud to have been involved with the development of that award while serving on the Institute Awards Committee.

Since his election to the Nashville Chapter Board in 1987, Richard has brought change to all levels of CSI. CSI is his way of giving back something to the construction industry that has been good to him.

Richard is married to the former Gayle Petrone, and they have two children and three grandchildren. He enjoys boating and camping.

## **CSI Membership**

Nashville Chapter, 1981 to present

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

FY07-08 Vice President  
FY03 Nominating Committee, Chairman  
FY02 Nominating Committee  
FY99-01 Institute Director - Gulf States Region  
FY97-98 Institute Awards Committee

## **Region Offices, Committees**

FY04-06 Chair for Region Operating Guide  
FY05 Chair for Region By-Laws Revisions  
FY03 Chair for Region Conference – Nashville  
FY02 Immediate Past Director  
FY01 Vice-President  
FY00 President  
FY99 Vice-President  
FY95-98 Corporate Registered Agent  
FY92 Region Newsletter  
FY90-92 Planning Committee, Chairman

## **Awards**

FY07 GSR Robert V. Bishop Award  
FY06 Edward H. Street Memorial Award  
FY05 GSR Certificate of Appreciation  
FY02 Institute Fellowship  
FY01 Institute Certificate of Merit and Appreciation  
FY98 Institute Certificate of Appreciation  
FY98 Region Certificate of Appreciation  
FY96 Region Publication Award  
FY95 Institute Publications Commendation  
FY95 Region Special Publication  
FY93 Institute Certificate of Appreciation  
FY92 Region Certificate of Appreciation  
FY91 Region Certificate of Appreciation  
FY90 Region Letter of Appreciation  
FY89 Region Publication Award