

Cornelius H. (Neil) Davison, FCSI,

*“For your dedicated teaching of certification courses and the Phoenix Chapter’s Spec School; for mentoring intern architects and students and promoting the educational value of CSI membership industry wide; for creating the hands-on “Let’s Get Dirty” seminars expanding our understanding of the materials we build with; and for linking education, membership, and financial stability, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 14th day of September 2012.”
Phoenix, Arizona*



CORNELIUS (NEIL) DAVISON understands that learning does not stop when the degree or diploma is earned, but that it is a continuing lifelong process that is necessary to make a person knowledgeable about the changes occurring through their industry. Since he joined CSI in 1990, Neil has always been interested in education.

Neil began his career in Norman, Oklahoma prior to graduation in 1983. He worked for several firms during and after college. He moved to Dallas in late 1983 where he went to work for a small firm. He quickly became the firm specification writer as well as lead on all architectural projects. This allowed him the opportunity to work on all phases of projects from contract negotiation to CA. In 1986 Neil moved to Phoenix where he has worked ever since and has been responsible for the completion of more the \$1.5 billion in construction costs.

Neil became involved in CSI after introduction to it and specification writing while at school at the University of Oklahoma. His specifications class instructor invited a friend

who was very involved in CSI in Oklahoma City to speak at one of the classes. The future Institute President Jane Baker, FCSI, exposed the class to CSI.

Neil joined CSI in 1990 and quickly became involved in the Education Committee. In the early 1990s, the Phoenix Chapter’s Education Committee was combined with the Programs Committee, and the chair of each became a co-chair of the co-joined committee. As co-chair of the Committee, Neil had up to 24 members on the very active committee. The sense of belonging, pride, and CSI spirit was infectious, and it bled over to other committees and throughout the chapter.

Regarding CSI, Neil believes that leadership training is essential to a vital organization, and that CSI leaders should eventually step aside so that other members have a chance to learn to be leaders. He believes current CSI leaders need to train their replacements and mentor them as they assume their new roles. Neil has never failed to follow through with that principle.

CSI Membership

Phoenix Chapter 1990 - present

Institute Offices, Committees

Academic Affairs Committee, FY 2006
Institute Director, SW Region, FY 2009–2011
Member Audit Committee, FY 2009, 2010
Planning Committee, FY 2010
Chair Audit Committee, FY 2011 - 2013
Liaison to Practice Guide Committee, FY 2011
CDT + G Task Team FY 2012-2013
Construct 2012 Education Advisory Committee

Region Offices, Committees

Region Sr. Director/President FY2009

Education Committee FY 2013

Education Chair FY 2001, 2006, 2007

Awards

Institute

National Commendation Education Committee FY 1996
Publication Commendation for Phoenix FY 1998, 1999

Region

Region Director Citation for Education Committee FY 1997
Region Director Citation for Publications FY 1998
Gordon E. Bosl Award for excellence in Construction Documents FY 1997, 1999, 2000, 2002