

Richard C. Ehmann, FCSI

*“In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Institute, as Vice-President, President and Director of the Portland, Oregon Chapter, for your service as Director of Region 12, and as Institute Vice-President, Technical, for your effective leadership and creative contribution in upgrading Chapter, Region and Institute activities, for your devotion to the aims and objectives of the Institute, for your efforts that developed the Spec-Data program to optional level, for your contribution to Convention Program planning, and for your recognition as an outstanding specification writer, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 4th day of June, 1969.”
Houston, Texas*



RICHARD C. EHMANN was born in Boone, Iowa in 1926. He served in company A, 335th Infantry, 84th Division in Germany, and with the 970th Counter-Intelligence Corps, and was awarded two bronze stars. He attended the Illinois Institute of Technology and Iowa State College.

He migrated to Oregon in 1950 and worked in a variety of architectural offices. In 1956, he was made an associate in the firm of Williams and Martin. In 1961 he helped form the firm of Williams and Ehmann. In 1975, he formed the firm of Richard C. Ehmann & Associates. In 1988, with Robert Klas he formed the firm of Ehmann Klas Associates, which became EKA Architects and Planners in 1993. From 1994 to the present he has operated as an independent Architectural Consultant.

Having written all specifications for his firm since 1961, Ehmann has received several awards for his construction documents. He has long been an advocate of CSI's Certified Construction Specifier Program, having been certified at the inception of the program.

Ehmann joined CSI in 1959 as a member-at-large. The following year he became a charter member of the Portland, Oregon Chapter. He has continued to be a contributing member of his chapter through the years.

Upon completion of his term as Chapter President, Ehmann was elected to a three year term as Institute Director from Region 12. During his term as Institute Director, he helped charter the Willamette Valley Chapter. He also organized and chaired the first three region conferences.

In 1965 through 1967, Ehmann served as chairman of the Ad Hoc Spec-Data Task Force Committee, which was responsible for setting parameters for Section requirements for manufacturers participating in the Institute's Spec-Data Program. Ehmann also served as a member of the Institute Nominating Committee from 1967 to 1968. Ehmann has also served as Chairman of the CSI-PC Liaison Committee, and a member of the Director's Guide Committee. For the Northwest Region, Ehmann served as chairman of the 1983 Region Conference Committee.

Ehmann passed away 20 March 2012, in Portland, Oregon.

CSI Membership

Member at large, 1959 - 1960
Member Portland Chapter, 1960

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, 1965-68
Vice-President, 1969
Secretary, 1970- 1971

Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice-President, 1962
President, 1963-1964

Awards

Portland Chapter: Certificate of Appreciation (5)
NW Region: Certificate of Appreciation, 1974