

# Dennis J. Hall, FCSI

*“For your insatiable appetite in education, the development and promotion of the Uniform Drawing System and your contributions at the chapter, region, and Institute resulting in advancing the goals and the image of CSI, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 24th day of June 2000.”  
Atlanta, Georgia*



DENNIS J. HALL was born in Kannapolis, North Carolina and received his undergraduate degrees in architecture and geography from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte in 1976. In 1980 he received a Master of Architecture degree from Washington University in St. Louis. Through his leadership in developing some of the country's most accepted instruments for building design and construction he has advanced the practice of architecture and made notable contributions to the construction industry.

As chairman of the Construction Specifications Institute / Construction Specifications Canada's team that developed MasterFormat™ 2004, Dennis Hall gathered an interdisciplinary group of architects, engineers, contractors, owners, specifiers, and suppliers in the difficult task of rewriting the 40-year-old construction classification standard. His efforts revised and updated obsolete classification categories to fit contemporary requirements, methods, products, and technologies, while minimizing changes in the architectural subjects.

As the inaugural chairman of the Uniform Drawing System Task Team, in 1997 Dennis Hall was instrumental in the creation of the first US National CAD Standard, which is widely accepted by design professionals, governmental and educational institutions, and manufacturers as the standard for graphic construction documents. He was a charter member of the NCS Project Committee that is responsible for continuing administration of the document. He continues today to be

involved in updating and broadening the use of the standard, including co-author of the “Architect's Guide to the US National CAD Standard.”

Mr. Hall is founder and managing principal of Hall Architects, Inc. in Charlotte, North Carolina and has numerous design and specification awards to his credit. In 2005 he was the recipient of the prestigious “Institute Honor Award” from the National Institute of Building Sciences, which “recognizes individuals or organizations that have made exceptional contributions to the nation and the building community.” He was also recognized by Engineering News Record as one of the top 25 construction newsmakers of 2005.

Mr. Hall is actively involved in the design and construction industry and is regularly asked for his expertise, and he maintains an active speaking schedule. He has written dozens of articles on construction document standards and the project delivery process and is often quoted as an expert on this subject in the architectural and news media including AIArchitect, Architecture, Architectural Record, The Construction Specifier, and The Wall Street Journal. His professional writing includes coauthor of The Architect's Guide to the US National CAD Standard; contributor and senior executive editor for Architectural Graphics Standards, 11th edition; contributor to the Architect's Handbook of Professional Practice, 14th edition; and contributor to the Uniform Drawing System.

## **CSI Membership**

Charlotte Chapter, 1984 to present

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Institute Vice President, 2005

Professional Development Committee, Chair; 2004

Nominating Committee, 2004

MasterFormat Expansion Task Team, Chair; 2001-04

Audit Committee, 2000

Institute Director, 1998-2001

Drawings Subcommittee, 1995-96

Specifications Subcommittee, 1992 - 95

Specifications Competition Committee, 1991- 92

## **Awards**

President's Plaque, 2006

Technical Commendation, 2004

President's Plaque, 2004

President's Plaque, 2001

Technical Commendation, 1998

Specifications Competition:

2004 Honor Award

1993 Honor Award

1998 Honorable Mention

1991 Honor Award

1998 Merit Award