Tom (Paul) Heineman, FCSI

"In recognition of your distinguished achievement in construction specifications, for technical excellence in the development of automated specifications and improved specification writing, and for your tireless efforts in furthering the state of the art and the aims and objectives of the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 26th day of June, 1974."

Portland, Oregon



PAUL HEINEMAN, better known as Tom, was born in San Francisco in 1930. He attended St. John's College, and at Ludwig-Maximilians-Universität, München.

Heineman is a registered architect; his father was an engineer. Both were named Paul and both practiced in Baltimore, so he switched his professional name to Tom.

After work as an estimator, he began his design career with the Annapolis firm of Rogers & Taliaferro (now RTKL). In 1959, while working for Cochran, Stephenson & Wing, he helped found the Baltimore CSI Chapter. In the 1960s he joined others in moving Maryland's Department of Public Improvements to accept CSI's 16 Division Format.

In 1969, Heineman met with an informal roundtable held during the CSI Convention that later became Specifications Consultants in Independent Practice, where he started "KnowHow", the SCIP newsletter. He served as SCIP President 1993-1995.

Heineman had his own consulting firm in Baltimore for 10 years. He taught "Building Materials" and "Computers in Construction" at the Maryland Institute. In 1978 he joined the teaching staff of "Construction Contracts & Specifications" at University of Wisconsin-Madison, then headed the summer

courses from 1980 to 1998; he continued in Kuwait 1999-2001.

At the Institute level, he chaired TDC's Performance Specifying Committee and its Page Format Task Force. He was named to the Long-Range Planning Committee and was instrumental in establishing certification and in preparing the first CCS exam.

In 1978 he joined Miami Chapter as he took over specifications for Kaiser Transit Group's Miami Metrorail. In 1980 he became VP for Construction Administration at Ferendino Grafton Spillis Candela. In 1988 he went to Jacksonville to devise master text for Corbel SuperSpec's knowledge-based specifications system.

Heineman reactivated his North American Design consulting firm in 1992, worked in rebuilding after Hurricane Andrew, then consulted in the expansion of Miami's airport and in revising Miami-Dade's school Spec Guides.

Heineman jointly authored, with Harold Rosen, FCSI, "Construction Specifications Writing, 3rd Edition.", and "Architectural Materials for Construction", in 1995. He prepared 24 articles for CSI's Construction Specifier.

Tom passed away 28 July 2014, in Miami, Florida.

CSI Membership

Baltimore Chapter: Charter member, 1959-1978

Ft. Lauderdale Chapter: 1985-1988 Jacksonville Chapter: 1988-1992 Miami Chapter: 1978-1985; 2014

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, Baltimore Chapter, 1973

President, Jacksonville Chapter, 1992 President, Miami Chapter, 2000

Awards

Ben John Small Memorial Award, 1973 Technical Commendation, 1974 Education Commendation, 1979

J. Norman Hunter Memorial Award, 1992