

Raymond H. Helfer, FCSI

“Your ability as an articulate speaker, prolific writer, planner and organizer of many and varied educational activities and programs through the past 25 years, especially teaching the process and method of assuring oneself of quality, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 24th day of June 2000.”
Atlanta, Georgia

RAYMOND H. HELFER grew up in Denver, Colorado and graduated from East High School in 1955. He went on to earn a combined Bachelor's degree in Architecture and Business from the University of Colorado.

In 1970, he joined the Denver Chapter of CSI where he served as program chairman for several years. One half-day educational seminar on the Testing of Building Materials was attended by over 100 people in the construction industry. In 1982, Ray was Program Chairman for the West Region Conference; and in 1984 he was elected president of the chapter. One of his accomplishments was establishing a financial strategy for hosting an annual product show for the chapter.

The construction management field attracted Ray in 1980 where he focused on building schools using fast-track construction techniques. His interest in writing specifications was critical to the success of the bid documents for the multiple bid packages required for each project.

In 1986 Ray was appointed to the Institute's Education Committee where he served for three years. As a member of the committee, he was involved in upgrading the packaged seminars that the Institute made available to its members. Ray was subsequently appointed to the National Convention

Program Committee for two years which resulted in meeting Dale C. Moll, FCSI in San Diego. In 1991 Ray was appointed to the Specifications Competition Committee where he served the Institute for three years prior to becoming Chairman of the Committee. As chairman, Ray worked to identify ways of increasing participation in the Institute's specifications competition, and specifically, in providing better feedback to entrants related to the judge's evaluations.

As a member of the San Francisco Chapter, Ray assisted in hosting the Product Show for several years and became Chairman of the Show in 1994, the year the National Convention was held in San Francisco. There was some concern about the potential success of the Chapter's Product Show that year because the National Convention might siphon off exhibitors from the Chapter's local show. But Ray's determination proved them wrong and he received the Chapter President's Award for Service to the Chapter for his efforts. His other accomplishments included promoting Total Quality Management concepts within the construction industry, and specifically, where he was employed as an architect in the Regional Quality Assurance office of Kaiser Permanente.

CSI Membership

Denver Chapter, 1970 – 1991
San Francisco Chapter, 1987 to present

Institute Offices, Committees

Chairman of the Specifications Competition Committee, 1998, 1999
Chairman of the Nominating Committee, 2000

Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice President (Denver), 1982, 1983
President (Denver), 1984
Vice President (S.F.), 1993, 1995, 1998, 1999

Awards

Dale C. Moll Memorial Quality Management Award, 1998