

Herman R. Hoyer*, FCSI

“In recognition of your distinguished achievement in construction specifications, not only for the expertise and dedication that is so evident in your performance as a specifications consultant to a variety of clients, but also for your unselfish contribution of both time and knowledge to the establishment of material standards for lumber and related products which were enthusiastically received by the industry, and for your significant contribution to the science of concrete construction, most notably your research and efforts to improve the state of the art, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 9th day of June, 1971.”

Anaheim, California



HERMAN R. HOYER was born in 1926 at Bay City, Michigan. He served in the U. S. Army from 1944 to 1947 in World War II, and completed his education in 1949 at the Ohio Institute of Technology.

He began his career in Japan in 1951 as an architectural engineer for the Far East Army and Air Force Exchange Service. In 1956 he was promoted to Supervisory Architectural Engineer.

In 1957 he left government service to become a project engineer for the Tokyo firm of Hopkins & Munfrey. In late 1958 he went to work for Raymond & Rado in Tokyo as Project Manager for the firm's military construction projects in Japan, Okinawa, and Korea. He returned to the U. S. in December 1959.

Hoyer began his career as a specifications writer in 1960 with Continental Service Company, a wholly owned real estate and construction subsidiary of the Bank of America. In 1965 left that firm to open his own practice as a construction specifications consultant..

After opening his own practice, he soon realized there was a serious need for improved short-form specifications. He

developed a passion for creating better short-form specs and made it a hobby as well as part of his profession.

In 1975 he accepted an offer to become Manager of Specifications and Standards for International Engineering Co., Inc. where he remained until 1981 when he returned to private practice as a specifications consultant. He soon became renowned as a specialist practitioner and seminar instructor in short-form specifications.

Hoyer is recognized for his outstanding contributions as one of the authors of the BART Standard Specifications for Construction Contracts and the BART Specifications Standards for Design-Build Contracts.

Since becoming a member of CSI in 1963, he has been actively engaged in CSI affairs at Chapter, Region, and Institute levels and as a welcome speaker at professional seminars. He has received 14 awards in CSI specifications competitions.

Hoyer became CSI's 36th Distinguished Member in 2003 (Honorary Member at that time).

Herman passed away 17 August 2016, in San Francisco.

CSI Membership

San Francisco Chapter

Institute Offices, Committees

Vice President, 1972-1973

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, 1970-1971

Vice-President, 1969-1970

Awards and Honors

Honorary Membership (now Distinguished Membership), 2003

J. Norman Hunter Memorial Award, 1991

Certificate of Appreciation, 1991

Certificate of Appreciation, 1986

Certificate of Appreciation, 1972

Ben John Small Memorial Award, 1971

Specifications Competitions, 14 awards