

# Sheldon B. Israel\*, FCSI

*"In recognition of your persuasive and persistent efforts in promoting the educational programs of the Institute, your involvement in continuing education in the art of specifications writing, and the establishment of academic courses in the use of specifications, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 18th day of June 1980."  
Anaheim, California*



SHELDON BERNARD ISRAEL was born in Long Island, New York, in 1940. He attended Pratt Institute in Brooklyn, New York in the evenings for eight years while working full time for several architectural firms in Manhattan.

Sheldon began his career as an architectural draftsman, and quickly was promoted to specification writer. In 1964, he was elevated to the position of Chief Specifications Writer for a prominent architectural firm, at which time he became a member of CSI. He formed his own specifications consulting firm in 1967 and subsequently expanded his practice into Atlanta, Georgia; Fort Lauderdale, Florida, and Middletown, New Jersey. He was recognized as an expert witness, testifying in a number of high-profile cases.

Israel was the President of Tecon International, a professional firm specializing in construction technology, roofing consultation, building materials consultation and education on a world wide basis. Tecon maintains offices in Boca Raton, Florida and Beijing, China, with affiliate offices in Grand Cayman Island and Miami, Florida.

During the early '70s, Israel moved to South Florida with his wife, Ann, and their two children.

Israel was extensively involved in the educational community throughout his career. He served on the faculties of Voorhees Technical Institute in New York, and Broward Community College in Fort Lauderdale; he also was a guest lecturer at New York University, Florida International University, Miami Dade Community College, and the University of Florida.

Israel was the principal instructor for CSI's short course on Specifications Preparation for a period of twelve years, and was a presenter at numerous CSI national conventions. He served as President of the New Jersey and Miami chapters of CSI after participating on various committees and chapter boards.

In 1991, while serving as Institute President, Sheldon hoped to make CSI an international organization, and he travelled to St. Petersburg, Russia, to meet with Russian architects. There was discussion of translating MasterFormat into Russian, and translating SpecText into Spanish.

Sheldon retired in 2006. He passed away peacefully in his home on 27 July 2015.

## **CSI Membership**

New York Chapter, 1964 - 1966  
New Jersey Chapter, 1966 - 1972  
Miami Chapter, 1973  
Palm Beach Chapter, 1979

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Director, 1983 - 1985

Vice-President, 1986 - 1990

President, 1991 - 1992

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

President, New Jersey Chapter, 1966 - 1967

President, Miami Chapter, 1979 - 1980

## **Awards**

J. Norman Hunter Memorial Award, 1978