

Lee F. Kilbourn, FCSI

“In recognition of your high level of motivation and skill in improving the art and science of specification writing, and your constant dedication and involvement in service to the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 20th day of June 1982.”
Atlanta, Georgia

Lee was born in Los Angeles, California in 1936. His youth was in the Rogue River Valley of Southern Oregon. His education continued at Southern Oregon University, Oregon State University, University of Texas at El Paso (while in the Army), Portland (OR) State University, and the University of Oregon for a 1963 Bachelor of Science degree from OSU in General Science and a Bachelor of Science in Architecture in 1965 from the University of Oregon.

A class at the U of O in Working Drawings, Specifications, and Estimating became his entry into the architectural profession as a specifications writer at Wolff Zimmer Associates. Using the new 16 Division Format, he implemented further changes toward imperative language and outline style.

In 1965, Lee joined CSI as a Junior Member and became a Professional Member in 1967. That year, he was elected to the Chapter Board; attended his first board meeting (elected Chapter President, and later a second term). He attended his first Institute Convention, in Denver. He continues to be active in chapter affairs.

As Wolff Zimmer Gunsul Frasca grew, he promoted more specification changes, including the three-part Section Format and the use of Division One.

He became a registered Architect, Oregon, in 1972.

Lee received his first Specifications Competition Award in 1974, two awards in 1975, one in 1976, three in 1977, four in 1978, and three in 1979. Then there were five awards in 1980, one in 1981, two in 1983 and two in 1984. He became a Certified Construction Specifier in 1978.

Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership encouraged his participation in the American Institute of Architects. In 1976, he was appointed to the AIA MasterSpec Review Committee, receiving two continuing one-year appointments. In 1981, he began service on the AIA Documents Committee where he participated in the development of the 1987 Edition of AIA Document A201 General Conditions of the Contract for Construction and A511 Guide to Supplementary Conditions. He was advanced to Fellowship in the AIA in June 1993 “... for notable contribution to the advancement of the profession of architecture.”

Lee and his wife Perky (as J. P., Ph.D., is a Fellow of the American Association for the Advancement of Science) have two daughters and a granddaughter. They have served as host family for foreign students attending local colleges and universities. Lee has also found time to be active at St. Stephen’s Episcopal Parish.

CSI Membership

Portland Chapter, 1965 to present

Chapter Offices, Committees

Membership Chairman 1973 to present

Editor, 1971-1973

Technical Chairman, 1969-1971

President, 1967-69

Awards

Institute Publications Commendation for Portland Chapter Directory and Specifiers’ Guide, 1997, 1999

Ben John Small Memorial Award, 1998

Chapter Al Hansen Memorial Award, 1987

Region Frank Stanton Memorial Award, 1987

24 awards in Institute Spec Competition