# Gary W. LaRose, FCSI

"For your tenacious leadership, dedication to CSI principles, and enduring contributions to the design and construction industry through your service in developing the Uniform Drawing System, and for diligently educating design professionals nationwide in its use; and for improving the construction industry by uniting various organizations to develop construction guides and resources, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2005."



Chicago, Illinois

GARY W. LAROSE, FCSI, CCS, CCCA was born in West Point, Mississippi. He attended Mississippi State University studying mechanical engineering and math. He managed specifications, technical administration and construction administration services for 34 years at Dean and Dean Architects in Jackson, Mississippi.

Gary was introduced to CSI in 1977 and has been an active member every since. He was looking for a resource and services to assist him in the improvement and further development of standards to improve the quality of design and construction documents within his firm. Since 1977 Gary has been proactive in the development of quality construction documents. In 1978 he began a series of lectures and seminars that spanned over 20 years related to the use of AIA Documents, concentrating primarily on AIA Documents A201, A101, A401, and B 141.

Gary's knowledge of specifications gave him the opportunity to work with several Owner's and Institutions including the Mississippi State Bureau of Buildings and the University of Mississippi Medical Center Hospitals, Clinics, and School of Medicine, developing standardized "front-end specifications" (Division 0 and 1) for use in all of their work. He brought the Mississippi Chapters of AIA, ABC, AGC, ASA, and the State Bureau of Buildings together and wrote a "Recommended Guide for Bidding Procedures", which was adopted by the Mississippi State Department of Finance and distributed throughout the state as a resource for public bidding procedures.

Gary joined the Institute Technical Documents Committee Drawings Sub-committee in 1993 and worked tirelessly on the development of the Uniform Drawing System (UDS) which has become part of the United States National CAD Standard.

Gary presently works as Project Manager in charge of design and construction at the Rankin County School District in Branson, Mississippi and continues to support CSI wherever he can.

## **CSI Membership**

Mississippi Chapter, 1977 to present

# Institute Offices, Committees

Uniform Drawing System Program Task Team, 1997-2005 Drawings Subcommittee, 1993-1996

### Region Offices, Committees

Technical Documents Committee, 1988-1989 Specification Competition Committee, 1986-1987 Long Range Planning Committee, 1985-1986

#### **Awards**

Institute Certificate of Appreciation, 1996 President's Letter of Appreciation, 1995 Ben John Small Memorial Award, 1995 Institute Technical Commendation, 1993 Region Certificate of Appreciation, 1992