

James B. Moore, FCSI

*“In recognition of your service to the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute, June, 1978.”
San Antonio, Texas*



JAMES B. MOORE , one of CSI's founders, was born in 1897.

During World War II Moore was employed by the Public Health Service in Washington D.C. After the end of the war, Edwin Bateman Morris, FAIA, Supervising Architect of the Treasury Department, organized a meeting in his offices to explore the possibility of establishing art organization for architectural specifiers. Moore was one of the small group of leading government specifiers in attendance at that meeting. Over the next several months additional meetings were held to continue and refine the idea. On September 24, 1947, a special meeting was held to authorize the organization and incorporation of what was later to become CSI. At that meeting Moore was elected Temporary Secretary of the fledgling organization.

Over the next several months different groups met to organize the Institute, draft bylaws, and nominate officers. On April 15, 1948, at the first official meeting of the new organization, Moore was elected first Institute President. He served two terms as president.

As the first president of CSI, Moore established major goals for the Institute. They included promotion of better specification writing, simpler specifications, building code standardization and the study of new materials and processes. Moore determined that CSI would not limit its activities to technical phases of construction but would become active in contract administration, cost analysis, and every aspect of construction. He worked for improvements in the education and training of architects and engineers in preparation of construction specifications and contract administration.

After the completion of his term as Institute President, Moore continued working for the General Services Administration. When the DC Metro Chapter was chartered in 1953, Moore joined the new chapter as an active member. In 1957, he retired from government service, but continued working in the construction industry in the Washington, D.C. area until he moved to San Antonio in 1962.

In 1971, Moore was made an Honorary Member of the Institute. In 1973, he was honored by the Institute at the Silver Anniversary Banquet in Washington, DC, commemorating the founding of the Institute. Moore died in San Antonio, Texas on December 17, 1992.

CSI Membership

San Antonio Chapter, 1962-1992
DC Metro Chapter, 1953-1962
At Large, 1948-1953

Institute Offices, Committees

President, 1948-1950

Awards

Honorary Member, 1971