

Richard Rivin, FCSI

*“For your dedication to membership as exemplified by your diligent and passionate leadership of Membership Committees; for your creative membership programs, memorable training seminars, and newsletter articles that have resulted in increases in membership; for your timely articles on forensic architecture in industry publications; and for your management and coordination of educational seminars for your chapter and region, and at Institute conventions, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 11th day of April 2003.”
Chicago, Illinois*



RICHARD RIVIN has been an active member of the Tidewater, Virginia Chapter of CSI, since 1983. During this time he has been active in most of his Chapter activities and has “worn very many hats,” including that of Blackbeard, the pirate, for the Mid-Atlantic Region Conference, in 2003.

During his first 20 years of Institute membership, Rivin has served in capacities that both advanced the education of its members, and that also facilitated the recruitment and retention of members. He was Chair of the Convention Program Task Team for the FY 2001 Convention in Dallas, TX and served as a member of the Convention Program Task Team for the FY 2000 Convention in Atlanta, GA. Prior to that, he served on the Institute Membership Committee from FY 1995 – FY 1999 serving as its Chair for FY 1998 and FY 1999. In addition, he has written technical articles for The Construction Specifier magazine and other construction industry publications.

In other AEC Industry activities, he served on ASTM Technical Committee E06, Performance of Buildings. Also, from 1989 to 1999, he served on the Panel of Construction

Arbitrators for the American Arbitration Association. During that period, he completed Mediator Training and Arbitrator training, sponsored by the AAA and the Mediation Center of Hampton Roads. He has served as an expert witness in a variety of legal proceedings, including serving as a witness for the longest construction litigation jury trial in the history of the State of Virginia in the late 80’s. Due to these experiences, he is adept at helping to decide matters requiring a finder of fact, and to independently craft resolutions to construction-related disputes.

Rivin has been a co-owner of LIFE, INC., a construction management and consulting firm, since 1987. In the last 20 years, Rivin has developed a special expertise in existing facility condition analysis. Also, he regularly provides expert opinions regarding building envelope performance problems and the investigation and remediation of dysfunctional buildings. He has taught Construction Management Theory and Construction Specifications writing at Tidewater Community College and Old Dominion University.

CSI Membership

Tidewater Chapter 1983 – present

Chapter Offices, Committees

Secretary, 1987 – 1990

Awards

Institute President’s Certificate of Appreciation, 1999, 2001

Director’s Certificate of Appreciation, 1993, 1994, 1997, 1999