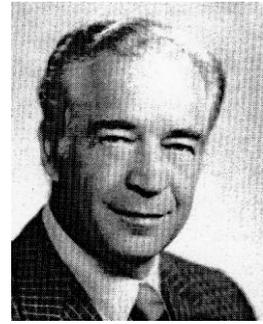


# Harold J. Rosen\*, FCSI

*"In recognition of your distinguished achievement in education, as the author of several scores of articles that have appeared in numerous journals of the construction industry, as a guest lecturer at many schools, as Chairman of the Specifications Methods Subcommittee that prepared the part of the Institute Manual of Practice for Specification Writing Methods known as "Or-Equal"; in recognition of your role as Chairman of the Program Committee for the 1964 Convention whose theme is CSI's Role in Education, and in further recognition of your determined and constant efforts to improve the quality of specifications writing by utilizing all forms of educational devices and media, and for your enthusiastic diligence in furthering the objectives of the Institute at both Chapter and National levels, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 22nd day of April, 1964."  
Dallas, Texas*



HAROLD J. ROSEN was born in New York City in 1915. He attended the City College of New York, graduating with a Bachelor of Chemical Engineering degree in 1938.

From 1941 through 1945 Rosen worked as a Specifications Engineer with the Corps of Engineers. After the war from 1945 through 1956 he worked for the U.S. Veterans Administration, Department of Specifications and Materials Research.

In 1956, Rosen left government service to be Chief of the Specifications Department with Gruzen & Partners, in New York City. In 1964, he became Chief of Specifications for the New York Office of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill. In 1973, Rosen left SOM to open his own practice as an independent specifications consultant.

Rosen is a well know author. He was a contributing editor to Progressive Architecture magazine from 1956 to 1975 where his column "Specifications Clinic" appeared monthly. He is also the author of two books: "Architectural Materials for Construction" and "Principles of Specification Writing."

From 1965 to 1972, Rosen was a member of the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards (NCARB) committee on examinations.

Rosen joined CSI as a member-at-large in May of 1949. He joined the D.C. Metro Chapter when it was formed in 1953. For the New York Metropolitan Chapter he served as chapter Vice President and editor of the chapter newsletter "The Addendum."

In 1964, Rosen was appointed by CSI to the joint Producers Council-CSI committee that developed the Spec-Data Program. He was concurrently serving as Chairman of the Section Titles Committee and review group that developed the Section titles that ultimately developed into the Uniform System in 1965. Rosen was also Chairman of the Section Format Committee that developed the first national format for Technical Sections in 1968.

Rosen was chairman of the Technical Program Committee for the 1964 CSI Convention in Dallas.

In 1968, Rosen joined in starting the nationally recognized course in specification writing at the University of Wisconsin in Madison.

Rosen passed away 19 July 2011, at his home in Chevy Chase, MD.

## **CSI Membership**

New York Metro Chapter, 1956 - 1996  
DC Metro Chapter, 1953 - 1955  
At large, 1949 - 1953

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

New York Metro Chapter Vice President

## **Awards**

Distinguished Member, CSI, 2000