

Kenneth L. Searl*, FCSI

*"In recognition of your willingness and ability to share your wealth of information at seminars and by your prolific publication of timely educational articles on all phases of construction technology written in a style and language understandable to all, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this first day of July 1990."
Chicago, Illinois*



KENNETH L. SEARL was born at Douglas, Wyoming in 1918. He was educated at the U.S. Navy Electrical School in Wahpeton, ND in 1944 and spent a number of years in various aspects of building inspection. He then joined WEGROUP Architects for 28 years as specifier and architect's representative.

Searl is a dedicated technical researcher and is highly respected for his more than 200 published articles on construction specifications and related matters. Distributed to several CSI Chapter Newsletters throughout the United States under the title of "BS by KS, Basic Specs by Ken Searl," he has had a lasting impact by improving the technical quality of documents prepared by many leading specifiers.

Searl is one of the few specifiers who prepares his own elevator and finish hardware spec sections. Working with another specifier he prepared and uses a computer menu-driven finish hardware schedule with takeoff ability.

In 1997 he presented a paper on concrete slab moisture at a seminar with over 300 attendees. The main discussion was whether or not to place a sand fill under a concrete slab on grade (his findings indicate not to place a sand fill). As a result he has been called in for consultation on several litigations involving problems where slab moisture caused a covered floor problem.

Searl passed away 20 May 2008

CSI Membership

Portland Chapter, date to present
Capital Chapter

Awards

President's Plaque, 2000
Institute Citation, 1982