

# Paul W. Simonsen, FCSI

*"In recognition of your efforts to improve construction specifications through active and persistent involvement in technical programs at the Chapter, Region, and Institute levels; and of your being the personification of a construction specifier, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 1st day of July, 1990."  
Chicago, Illinois*



PAUL W. SIMONSEN was born in Valley Stream, New York in 1951. He obtained an Architectural Technology degree from the New York Institute of Technology. He is a registered architect, a Certified Construction Specifier, and a Certified Construction Contract Administrator.

Simonsen was employed in various architectural and engineering firms in New Jersey, Texas, Maryland, and Arizona. From 1998 to present he is President of Technical Resources Consultants Inc., a specification consulting firm located in Peoria, Arizona.

He received special recognition from the Dallas Chapter in 1989 by being awarded the Terrell R. Harper award, one of the highest honors the chapter can bestow, for "outstanding accomplishments in the furtherance of the Art of Specifications, Material Research and Documentation, and for Performance in Technical Programs for the Dallas Chapter CSI."

Simonsen is a past member of CSI Technical Documents Committee and Practice Subcommittee. He authored the MOP chapter on "Preliminary Project Descriptions and Outline Specifications" in which he clearly differentiated between early documentation using a systems approach following *UniFormat*, and the traditional materials approach

following *MasterFormat*. He also authored the MOP chapter on "Negotiated Contracts."

In 1992, Simonsen was appointed to the Ad Hoc Construction Contract Administration Committee. This committee was charged with the task of developing MOP chapters and educational material for a new construction contract administrator certification program. His primary responsibility was in developing the MOP chapters on "Construction Observation and Inspection" and "Interpretations and Modifications." Following completion of the work of this committee in 1995, he was appointed to the Certified Construction Contract Administrator Subcommittee of the Institute Certification Committee and was instrumental in creating the Certified Construction Contract Administrator exam. Simonsen became a Certified Construction Contract Administrator in 1996.

In addition to fellowship, Simonsen was made a "Distinguished Member" in 2014 and has received Institute's President's Plaques in recognition of his continuing contributions to the Institute's technical program, and for his contribution in creating the Construction Contract Administration Practice Guide.

## **CSI Membership**

Dallas Chapter, 1979  
Baltimore Chapter, 1989 - 1996  
Phoenix Chapter, 1996  
Albuquerque Chapter, 2008

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Technical Documents Committee, 1986 - 1991  
Ad Hoc Construction Contract Administration Committee, 1992 - 1994  
Certification Committee, 1995 - 1997  
Ad Hoc Performance Specifications Task Team, 1998 - 1999  
CSI Academies, 2000 - 2008; 2013  
CCS BOKA Task Team, 2011 - 2012  
Building Technology Education Task Team, 2013 - 2014  
Practice Guide Task Team, 2008 - Present

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

Dallas Chapter Technical Committee, 1982 - 1983  
Dallas Chapter President, 1986  
Dallas Chapter Secretary, 1984  
Phoenix Chapter Education, 1996 - Present

## **Awards and Honors**

Institute Specifications Competition Honor Award, 1987  
Dallas Chapter Terrell Harper Award, 1989  
Institute President's Plaque, 1993, 2011  
Phoenix Chapter Professional Member of the Year, 2001, 2003, 2007  
Southwest Region Henry B. Baum Award, 2004  
Institute J. Norman Hunter Award, 2012  
Distinguished Membership, 2014