

Ben John Small*, FCSI

*“In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Construction Specifications Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 6th day of May, 1959”
Chicago, Illinois*



Ben John Small was a well known architect, educator, and writer. He was in charge of specifications for the New York City Department of Public Works, Hospital Division. In 1954 he joined the New York Architectural firm of La Pierre, Litchfield and Partners. In 1954 he was made a partner.

Small was a frequent lecturer at Columbia and Princeton Universities, the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute. For many years, Small wrote a regular column for Pencil Points (later Progressive Architecture) Magazine, and helped bring serious attention to the need for improvement in construction specifications.

Small was a founder and president of the New York Metropolitan Chapter, CSI, and also served as that chapter's

technical chairman. He was also a member of the American Institute of Architects.

For several years he served AIA as chairman of the AIA Education Committee.

Small was awarded Fellowship in CSI posthumously in 1959. He was in the first group of members to be elevated to Fellowship, along with Leon Chatelain, Jr., Carl Ebert, J. Norman Hunter, and Alfred Sikes.

In his memory, the Institute established one of its most prestigious awards, the Ben John Small Memorial Award, to honor those who have achieved outstanding stature and proficiency as specifiers.

Small passed away 13 April 1957.

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