

# Robert B. Swan, FCSI

*“For your passion for education and all aspects of certification; for your dedication and service on the Government Credential Education Task Team and the MasterFormat Expansion Task Team; for engaging the construction industry with conversations of specifications thru the Specheads discussion group; for your long serving membership to the Institute since 1977; and for your contributions to the Gulf States Region and New Orleans Chapter, you are advanced to Fellowship on the 8th day of September 2016.”*  
New Orleans, Louisiana



ROBERT “BOB” SWAN returned to New Orleans after graduating from Louisiana State University with a degree in Architecture in 1973. Robert joined the New Orleans Chapter in 1977; shortly after achieving his architectural license. Robert’s involvement picked up in 1984 when he was “volunteered” to be the “Dough Nut Boy” for the Saturday Seminars. Robert’s activities with CSI increased after he started work for the City of New Orleans, Capital Projects Administration; with Knox H. Tumlin, FCSI, CDT as the Administrator. Bob passed the CDT in 1993.

Robert then served on the chapter Certification Committee as an instructor in 1994 and continued to date, except for times when serving on Institute Committees or Institute Board prohibited his involvement with the certification exams.

In 1994, Bob was selected to be the Chair of the Gulf States Region Publications Committee and then the first Editor of the *GSR Leader*, the region newsletter.

At the same time, Bob served the New Orleans Chapter as the Chair of the Seminars Committee and then was elected to be a Professional Director. Robert then served as the Editor of the chapter newsletter and then Technical Chair.

Bob was elected Secretary of the Gulf States Region in 2000 to a two year term.

In 2002 Bob was selected to be a member of the MasterFormat Expansion Task Team. The work to revise MasterFormat to the edition published in 2004 was a lot of work but also provided the opportunity to gain a better understanding of specifications and the people who use them.

In early 2006, after Hurricane Katerina, Robert resigned from the City of New Orleans to work in the private sector as a construction administrator.

He then served on the GSR Education Committee as Vice-Chair then chair. Elected to the Institute Board of Directors in 2008, Robert remained on the Institute Board for three years as the first stages of the reshaping of the Institute Board where implemented. After serving on the Institute Board, Robert returned to the GSR working with the Membership Committee and when asked served as Chair of the Education Committee. Robert has also continued to serve on Institute task teams and committees

Robert established his own specification and construction administration consulting firm in 2011.

Robert would not have achieved anything in CSI without the support and understanding of this wife, Gail Nelson Swan and their daughter, Rachel Lee and son-in-law Daniel Pruksarnukul.

## **CSI Membership**

New Orleans Chapter, 1977

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Government Certification Task Team, 2014 – 2016

Education Committee, 2014

Institute Board, 2008-2011

Certification Committee, 2007

MasterFormat Expansion Task Team, 2002-2005

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Chair, Document Competition, 2014 – 2016

Chair, Education Committee, 2007, 2012-2014

2012 Membership Committee, Vice Chair

2005 Education Committee, Vice Chair

Secretary, 2001

Editor, GSR Leader, 1995

Chair, Publications Committee, 1994

## **Awards**

### **Institute**

Certificate of Merit & Appreciation, 1998, 2011

Certificate of Appreciation, 2008

Technical Commendation, 2004

Presidential Commendation, 1995

### **Gulf States Region:**

Certificate of Appreciation, 1997, 2001, 2007, 2011, 2014

Publication Award, 1994, 1996

### **New Orleans Chapter**

Robert R. Klienpeter Memorial Award, 2014

Albert G. Bear Memorial Award, 2002