

George A. Van Niel, FCSI

"In recognition of your outstanding contribution to continuing education and communication within the construction industry, and your active promotion of CSI concepts and principles, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 20th day of June 1982."

Atlanta, Georgia



GEORGE A. VAN NIEL was born in Elyria, Ohio in 1934. He received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Ohio State University in 1961.

Van Niel is the president of VN Consulting, Inc., a construction specifications consulting firm. He serves the construction industry as a consultant, educator, speaker, arbitrator and author. A registered Architect and a Certified Construction Specifier, he has over 45 years of experience in construction specifications preparation, product evaluation and selection, and project contract administration.

Van Niel has served as an Associate Professor for Ohio State University School of Architecture and has lectured and presented specification writing short courses and seminars for the University of Wisconsin and Columbus State College continuing education programs and has served as a speaker for numerous allied professional and construction associations meetings.

As a primary instructor for CSI's national education programs, Van Niel has prepared and presented courses on CSI formats, specification writing principles and Manual of Practice documents for architect/engineer firms and

construction industry organizations throughout the United States and internationally in the Gulf States of Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman and the United Arab Emirates.

He is recipient of 15 awards in the National CSI Specifications Competitions. The awards were made in recognition of his comprehensive specifications preparation knowledge and skills and were received for a broad range of project types, costs, complexities, and project delivery methods.

In CSI Van Niel has served as an officer, director, and committee chairman at the local chapter, region, and Institute level for more than 25 years. In 1982, he received an Institute Education Commendation.

His professional affiliations include the American Institute of Architects, AIA Ohio, AIA-Columbus. He has also served for 12 years as an Arbitrator, for resolving construction related disputes, for the American Arbitration Association.

Van Niel is co author of "Site Spec Handbook," a national master guide specification for site and landscaping work, and author of "Project Manual Checklist," a checklist for project manual specification text preparation.

CSI Membership

Columbus Chapter, 1964 to present

Institute Offices, Committees

Institute Director, 1979 - 1982

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, 1969-1971

Awards

Honorary Member, 2006

Institute President's Plaque, 1987

J. Norman Hunter Memorial Award, 1985

Education Commendation, 1982