



**Gene Fosheim, CSI**  
**Candidate – Institute Director from the Northwest Region**



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<b>Year Joined CSI:</b>	1997
<b>Home Chapter:</b>	Puget Sound
<b>Firm:</b>	Retired
<b>Occupation/Position</b>	College Architecture and Engineering Instructor
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<b>Education:</b>	<p>Tiffin University, Tiffin, Ohio. <b>Degree:</b> <i>Master of Humanities. 2012</i></p> <p>Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, Illinois. <b>Degree:</b> <i>Master of Science in Education, Workforce Education and Development. 1998</i></p> <p>Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA. <b>Degree:</b> <i>Bachelor of Science, Industrial Technology. 1974</i></p>
<b>Professional Registrations, Licenses and Certifications:</b>	CD
<b>CSI Awards:</b>	<p>Some of my CSI awards:</p> <p>CSI Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 2017, “For your devoted and selfless personal contributions to the Institute and your chapter while serving as president of the Northwest Region, 2016-2017”.</p> <p>CSI Northwest Region Presidents Citation, 2014, “For your devoted and selfless personal and professional contribution to the Northwest Region while serving as Chairman of the Academic Affairs Committee”.</p> <p>CSI Northwest Region Certificate of Appreciation, 2013, “For your dedicated effort and personal contribution to the Northwest Region while serving as Academic Affairs Chair”.</p>

CSI Northwest Region Certificate of Appreciation, 2011, "For your significant service to the Northwest Region in the advancement of its objectives while serving as Academic Liaison Chair".

CSI Andrew J. Drozda Memorial Academic Affairs Commendation, 2007, "Called the CSI Champion by the Puget Sound Chapter, you have, for the past eleven years, promoted CSI to your students at Lake Washington Technical College, recruited more than 150 Student CSI Members and increased the attendance at Chapter Meetings by twenty percent".

CSI Puget Sound Chapter Citation, Construction Specifications Institute, 2002, "for outstanding support of the Chapter's objectives through support of student participation".

CSI Presidents Certificate of Appreciation, Puget Sound Chapter, Construction Specifications Institute, 1998, "in recognition of your assistance in making your students aware of CSI, and for your support of the Puget Sound Chapter".

#### **Other Professional/Civic Organizations and Awards:**

Some other awards:

City of Everett Historical Commission, William F. Brown Award for Historic Preservation, 2017, "Mill Town Boy".

Historic Everett Honorary Award of Appreciation, 2011, "Outstanding work in support of preserving historic Everett".

American Design Drafting Association National Hall of Honors Award, 2006, "in dedication of the excellence shown in promoting the design drafting profession, giving of your time to assist others, and believing in the goals and missions of this association".

Washington Association of Occupational Educators Award for Faculty Excellence, 2004, "in recognition of your contribution to the education of postsecondary professional technical students".

American Design Drafting Association National Board Award for Excellence, 2002, "for the support you have given this association for the furtherance of the design drafting profession".

Washington Association of Occupational Educators Certificate, 2001, "as a Citation and certificate of grateful appreciation for service to the association".

Lake Washington Technical College's first Exceptional Faculty Endowment Award, 2001 "in recognition of your continued service to LWTC and commitment to enhancing your abilities in the area of Engineering Graphics.

Victorian Society in America 2001 Newport, Rhode Island summer school program attendee. One of only thirty applicants selected throughout America, Asia and Europe.

City of Everett Historical Commission Letter of Commendation, 2000, "for efforts in Historic Preservation of the Historic Home at 2006 33<sup>rd</sup> street".

Washington Federation of Teachers Certificate of Appreciation, 1998, "in recognition of outstanding service".

City of Everett Historical Commission Heide House Recognition, 1997, "for efforts of historic preservation for the care of the Heide Houses".

City of Everett Historical Commission, William F. Brown Award for Historic Preservation, 1995, "for outstanding rehabilitation of fine old Everett homes".

Vocational Industrial Clubs of America Certificate of Appreciation, 1989, "for special service in the development of industrial youth".

City of Everett Historical Commission Letter of Commendation, 1986, "for efforts in Historic Preservation of the Historic Home at 1722 Hoyt".

Nominee for Washington State Educator/Contributor of the Year, 1984, "in recognition and appreciation of valuable service to vocational education".

**Current/Previous Experience as a Board Member for Organization(s) other than CSI:**

ADDA board, EMOH board, HE board

**Candidate Statement:**

I would be honored to serve as the Northwest Region representative on the CSI board of directors. I served as the CSI Northwest Region president during 2016-2017 and am currently staying active as the immediate past-president. I'm also a past-president of the CSI Puget Sound Chapter. I served as chair of the CSI national academic programs committee and I'm still serving as a multi-term member of the committee. Over the last

twenty years I've received numerous CSI awards but the one I'm the proudest of is the Andrew J. Drozda Memorial Academic Affairs Commendation. I have ten years of full-time industry experience and for twenty-five years I taught college architecture and engineering classes as a full-time tenured instructor. I also owned a historic preservation business for thirty-five years. CSI has been a huge part of my life for two decades and I want to continue to contribute to our great organization.

**What leadership skills do you possess that you could apply as a member of CSI's Board?**

I've served many years on various national and local boards and I'm familiar with how they work and Roberts rules of order. I'm good at working in groups and I try and be a fair team player. I have good communication and listening skills and I'm familiar with all forms of social media. I really enjoy being a problem solver and love to dig in and research a subject as needed. I've run a small business for decades and I'm familiar with budgeting and planning. As a retired college instructor, I'm comfortable working with people of all skill levels and backgrounds.

**What skills and experience make you uniquely qualified for the position for which you are a candidate?**

My leadership skills have been developed over the years thanks to CSI and other organizations. I've been lucky to have the best mentors possible within our wonderful association. I've been the president of the CSI NW Region and I'm currently the academic programs chair. I've served as president of the Puget Sound Chapter and was the academic programs chair for years and served on the membership committee. I've served as chair of the CSI academic programs committee and I'm currently a member. I'm CSIs primary contact person with the American Council for Construction Education and I'm a certified ACCE visiting accreditation team member. I'm CSIs NWR contact person with the Associated Schools of Construction.

**What do you think should be changed about CSI or what changes would you make? What shouldn't change about CSI?**

CSI is working hard to improve its website, social media, and communications and that is certainly the right thing to do. The certification processes must be made efficient and be well publicized. All efforts should be directed toward keeping our membership strong and to value our tremendous volunteer base. CSI needs to put more effort into working with other professional organizations with similar goals to better our profession. CSI has a diverse membership with architects, specifiers, engineers, construction managers, product reps, educators and students and that must never change. It is the strength of our organization.

**What do you see as critical to CSI's future success?**

Many different items are critical to CSIs future success but nothing is more important than getting the next generation of professionals involved with our great organization. Proper budgeting, fund raising, governance, and a progressive mission are important to any professional organization but without a steady supply of new members there is no future. Organizations gain and loose strength and even disappear because they do not change with the times. We must hang on to our strengths and fix our weaknesses as we move forward.