



Michael Young, FCSI, CCCA
Candidate – Institute Director from the Southwest Region



Year Joined CSI: 1992

Home Chapter: Denver

Firm: City and County of Denver

Occupation/Position: Senior Project Manager

Email: Michael.young@denvergov.org

Education: Bachelor of Science in Construction Management

Professional Registrations, Licenses and Certifications: CDT, CCCA

CSI Awards:

Institute

Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, FY2012, 2017

Region

Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, FY2010, 2013

Distinguished Service Award, FY2013

Service Award of Merit, FY2016

Chapter

Outstanding Service Award, FY2012-13, 2015

Jackie Ninneman Award, FY2013-14

President's Award of Appreciation, FY2009, 2016

Other Professional/Civic Organizations and Awards:

Adjunct Instructor: Community College of Denver

Member: Colorado State University, Department of Construction Management

Professional Advisory Development Board

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

Board Chair: Employee Advisory Board, City of Thornton

Member at Large: Centennial State Pipes and Drums

Candidate Statement:

I have been an active participant in CSI since I joined in 1992. I have served the Denver Chapter, CSI as chair for several committees, organizer of the CDT education program for the past 9 years and have held a position on the chapter board since FY08 (including serving as Chapter President, FY11 and 12). In addition to the Denver Chapter, CSI, I am an active member of CSINext, serving as Chapter President for FY19.

I am also actively involved at the Region level. I have served on the Southwest Region Board, including as President for FY17 and as the SW Region Academic Affairs Chair and Liaison to the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Region 6 & 7 Student Competition since 2016.

At the institute level, I have served on several task teams including the CDT+G (eventually renamed the Government Specification Professional (GSP) Task Team, the GSP Education Task Team, and the Building Technology Education Program (BTEP) Task Team. I am currently serving my last year on the Institute Nominating Committee and am in the process of joining the Academic Programs Committee. This past October at Construct, I was honored to be elevated to Fellow.

I feel that there is so much more for me to do in CSI and that serving the Institute Board as a Director is the next chapter in my CSI experience.

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

I believe sharing the experience and leadership skills I have accumulated as a project manager over the past 30 years (20 years of which has been in municipal government) and as an active CSI member for the past 25 years will be of value to CSI's Board. As a project manager, I am responsible for bringing together the talents and efforts of each project team member CSI represents (Owner, Designer, Contractor, and Supplier) in order to successfully deliver "best value" to the client. Working in municipal government has taught me a tremendous amount over the years. Not only how to navigate/lead a project team through a bureaucratic maze, but more importantly how to listen to and respect very diverse and often competing needs, wants, concerns, and opinions and focus those towards a common goal.

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

In addition to the leadership skills described in item 2 and the experience and skills I have amassed serving at the Chapter, Region and Institute level that I described in item 1, I feel it is my passion for CSI's mission to "educate project teams" that makes me qualified to serve as a director. (my hope is that this is not a "unique" trait among my colleagues). My experience teaching the CDT curriculum at the Community College of Denver, participating in the BEPrep initiative, and mentoring ASC competition teams at my alma mater has not only opened my eyes to the future of our industry, it has bolstered my optimism in CSI's future.

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

Change: increase CSI's visibility and "acceptance" within the construction community
Don't change: CSI's commitment to education.

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

Becoming a "Trusted Advisor" to the design and construction industry.