

NOMINATION
OF
THOMAS D. MONTERO, FCSI, MEMBER EMERITUS, CDT
FOR THE
DISTINGUISHED SERVICE AWARD
IN
THE CONSTRUCTION SPECIFICATIONS INSTITUTE

Submitted to:
Chair, Awards Committee
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By:
The Greater Orlando Chapter, CSI

Thomas D. Montero, FCSI, Member Emeritus, CDT

AWARDS FORM 301

Nomination Signatures

The Construction Specifications Institute

NOMINATION FOR AN INSTITUTE AWARD

DATE May 02, 2015

AWARD NAME Distinguished Service Award

NOMINEE'S NAME

Thomas D. Montero, FCSI, Member Emeritus, CDT, NCARB

NOMINATION BY Greater Orlando Chapter

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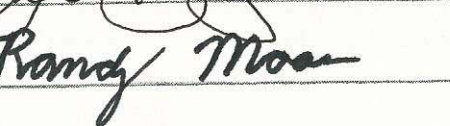
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Statistical and
Supporting Information

NOMINATION FOR AN INSTITUTE AWARD NARRATIVE FORM

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1. Nominee's full name; Thomas D Montero, FCSI, Member Emeritus, CDT
2. Nominee's address:
3. Nominee's principal occupation:
Semi-retired in 2008 as full time Architect but is now consulting as a
Specifier and CCA
4. Nominee's employer: Currently self-employed as an Architectural Consultant,
Specification Consultant, and Owner Representative
5. Nominee's business address, phone and email:

6. Professional honors and awards:

Honors & Awards

Chapter, Florida West Coast

President's Certificate, June 1977
President's Certificate, June 1978
Certificate of Appreciation, Newsletter Editor, June 1979
Certificate of Appreciation, Program Chair, June 1980

Chapter, Greater Orlando

Certificate of Appreciation, June 1986
Certificate of Appreciation, June 1987
Certificate of Appreciation, June 1988
Certificate of Appreciation, June 1989
John Hart Award, June 1991
Certificate of Appreciation, June 1992
Citation of Commendation, 1995
Certificate of Appreciation, June 1997
Certificate of Appreciation, June 2009
Chapter President's Certificate, June 2010
Citation & Award of Merit – Historian, June 2011
Chapter President's Certificate – Bylaws Chair, June 2011
Chapter President's Certificate, June 2012

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Certificate of Merit & Appreciation – Newsletter Editor & Bylaws Chair,
June 2013

Pursuit of Excellence Award, June 2013

Citation of Commendation – Secretary, Newsletter Editor, Bylaws Chair,
June, 2014

Region

Director's Certificate, October 1980

Director's Award, October 1985

Organizational Certificate of Appreciation, Oct 1986

Education Award, 1987

Education Commendation, 1989

Certificate of Appreciation (Dist'g Serv), 1991

Certificate of Recognition, 1994

Continuing Publication Award (*SPECnews*), May 2012

President's Award – Bylaws Chair, April 2013

Service Award – Region VP, May 2014

Continuous Service Certificate (40 Yrs) – April 2015

Institute

Certificate of Appreciation, June 1988 (EdCom)

Certified Document Technologist (CDT), June 1990

Publications Commendation – Chpt Committee Ops Manual for
Institute, June 1990

Certificate of Appreciation (Dist'g Serv) June 1991

Institute Certificate of Merit & Appreciation, June 1992

Fellowship, June 1993

Certificate of Appreciation, June 1994

Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1995

Certificate of Appreciation, June 1996

Special Award – CSI President Paul Bertram, FCSI, June 2012

7. Speaking Engagements:

Local chapter of *Women in Construction* entitled ***Construction Document Interpretation***

Local attorneys entitled ***The Architect's Responsibilities During Construction Administration***

Multiple architectural firms entitled ***The Architect's CCA Responsibility According to AIA A201***

Multiple architectural firms entitled ***Design Considerations When Using Metal Framing***

Chaired a roundtable presentation regarding ***Arbitration***

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Presenting at the Atlanta Institute Convention regarding the
Administrative References (one of the highlights of his CSI
Career)

8. Distinguished service to the construction industry on which the nomination is based:

Chapter Offices & Committees

:
Florida West Coast Chapter (Tampa Bay), President 1979

Greater Orlando Chapter, President 1994

FLWC (Tampa Bay) Chapter. – EdCom Chair, Newsletter Editor, Program
Committee Chair, House Committee Chair, Region Conference Committee Chair

GO Chapter – Chair of the Awards, Education, Bylaws, Programs, Convention
Program Committees; Host Chapter Institute Convention Chair, Products Show
Committee, Bylaws Chair, Director, Programs Chair, Newsletter Editor, Secretary

Region Offices & Committees

SE Region Conference Chair, 1980

SE Region President, 1992

SE Region Education Committee Chair (Multiple years)

SE Region Bylaws Task Team Chair, 2011-2015

SE Region District 3 VP, 2011-2012

Institute Offices & Committees

Jury of Fellows

Institute Education Committee, 1985-1988

SE Region Director, 1990-1992

Vice President - Professional, 1995

CDT Test Question Writing Committee, 2011

CDT Passing Study Task Team, 2011

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9. Attach a recent original professional, color, head and shoulder photograph of the nominee suitable for publication:



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10. Other attainments and achievements of the nominee:

Since Tom's introduction to CSI in 1975, he has been so involved that his wife considered the organization to be like a "mistress" to him. She once said, "I can deal with an organization of his peers much better than I could with another woman." That was probably because she also became involved in the Institute as a very supportive spouse and accompanied Tom to Chapter, Region and Institute activities across the country during his 40 years as a Professional Member.

Soon after joining the Florida West Coast Chapter, now the Tampa Bay Chapter, he took on publishing the newsletter. That was before computers, when articles were typed, cut and pasted, photocopied and mailed. He and his committee solicited sponsors to cover the costs. As the House Chair, Tom issued a *Request for Proposal* with a spec section to identify a chapter meeting venue. He quickly moved up in the Chapter as Program and Technical Committee Chairs, a delegate to Region Conferences, Chapter Director, and to Chapter President. He was the Region Conference Chair when the Chapter was Conference Host in 1980. In 1982 he was appointed to the Institute's Jury of Fellows. His leadership skills were quickly being recognized by the Institute.

Once moving to Orlando and transferring his membership to the Central Florida Chapter, in 1982, now the Greater Orlando Chapter; the "GO CSI" Chapter as he coined it, Tom continued his activities by being the Chapter's Education and Membership Committee Co-Chair in 1982 and on to the Education Committee Chair the following year. As the educational programs were presented, he showed how our industry went from hand drawing details and plans to computer generated drawings with CSI designed programs to cross reference and coordinate with the specifications thus reducing conflicts in an effort to advance the mission of CSI.

In 1985 he chaired the Host Chapter Institute Convention Committee where he stepped in to present the invocation at the Presidents' Banquet when the priest was unavoidably detained. He and Lorraine were instrumental in coordinating activities, in conjunction with the Institute, during both the '85 and '97 National Institute Conference and Exhibit for the member and women's activities; including but not limited to, providing limo transportation for the out-going and in-coming presidents to and from the Banquet, door prizes at the Chapter information booth, corsages for the Chapter spouses at the Banquet, and Lorraine's designing and providing a CSI doll with Host Chapter pins at the Ladies' meeting.

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After serving on and chairing several chapter committees, he became Chapter President in 1994, all the while being a delegate to Region Conferences. The Chapter honored him in '93 by submitting him for Fellowship and in '95 Tom was elected the Institute's Professional VP. During the next several years, there were speaking engagements to the local chapter of *Women In Construction* regarding **Construction Document Interpretation**, to Law Firms regarding **The Architect's Responsibilities During Construction Administration**, and chaired a presentation concerning Arbitration. Being invited to make a presentation at an Atlanta Institute Convention regarding **CSI's Administrative References** was one of the highlights of his CSI membership.

At the Region level, Tom Chaired the Awards Committee, recognizing Region and Chapter members for their outstanding service and the Education Committee Chair, providing Educational programs that could be used by all the Chapters of the Region. In 1990 he became the SE Region's Institute Director, the first from the GO Chapter. As the Institute Director/Region President, he organized the Region Conferences, made presentations to the Region Membership and, in general, promoted the goals, objectives and values of being a CSI member. Being an Institute Board Member as a Region Director afforded him the opportunity to better understand the goals and objectives of the Institute and to better promote those values to the membership; which he was very successful at doing. He once told Edith Washington, who was the Chair of the Gulf States Region Education Committee, that she had the capability of being a driving force in the Institute. Could he recognize leadership qualities or what?

While on the Institute Education Committee, he and John Hausafas, "...edited and published the **Chapter Education Committee Operations Manual** for the Chapter Education Committees of the Institute" for which they received the Institute's Publications Commendation in 1990. The intent and reason for their collaborating on the document was to provide a guide for which Chapters could establish an Education Committee that would provide meaningful programs to its members and the industry, thus furthering the mission of CSI.

Then, in 1995, he was elected the Institute's Professional Vice President, the first GO Chapter member to be on the Institute ExCom, where he was the Board's liaison to the Certification Committee. He and Bob Hockaday proposed incentive programs to the Region's Certification Committees in an effort to entice the Industry members to sit for the CCPR exams.

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Throughout his forty years of CSI membership, Tom has continued to support, advise, and mentor through Chapter, Region, and Institute presentations and activities which has contributed to their success by focusing on the issues at those times and how they impacted CSI members and changes in the industry by taking a leadership position in keeping CSI relevant. Yet, even after his many activities and recognitions for his Distinguished Service, he has elected to recycle himself.

Tom took a hiatus for a few years to be caregiver to, Lorraine, his "roommate", who had become terminally ill. Even though he wasn't "active" by attending meetings or being on committees, he kept his membership current and supported his Chapter, Region and the Institute from home via electronic communication. In the past five years, since her passing, he has served on the Institute's CDT Exam Review Committee, the Southeast Region District 3 Vice President, was and is currently the SER Bylaws Committee Chair submitting the amended Region Bylaws to be in compliance with the Institute's Revitalization. He has assisted in presenting CDT Boot Camps with a passion in an effort to advance CSI's mission.

Tom's been the GO Chapter's Program and Bylaws Chair, and revitalized the monthly publication of the Chapter's newsletter, *SPECnews* where he has presented articles relevant to the current challenges in the industry. As Bylaws Chair, his understanding for providing the Chapter's professional services to the local industry required passionate communication with the Institute's Secretaries in order to achieve an approved document. But, his intent to succeed eventually provided the goal; the Chapter's Bylaws were approved even though they may be a bit contrary to the Institute's recommended guide.

He is now serving as the Chapter Secretary while continuing to edit and publish the newsletter. Oh, and he has been contributing to the *FELLOWS* newsletter with articles of fellow's activities by researching their whereabouts and then interviewing them. He is also serving as Chair of the College of Fellows' Nominating Committee.

11. Exhibits

In recent years, following a brief absence for his family, Tom assumed the role of historian with the Greater Orlando Chapter and the Southeast Region. His most active presence, forwarding the mission of the Construction Specifications Institute, occurred prior to his absence and our current technology, thus copies of presentations have simply been lost to time.

On behalf of the Greater Orlando Chapter, thank you for considering Tom for this most prestigious award.

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Attachments

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Letters of Endorsement