

James Rains, Jr., CSI, FAIA
Candidate – Institute Director-at-Large



Year Joined CSI:	2008
Home Chapter:	Unassigned
Firm:	Rains Studio, PA
Occupation/Position	Architect/Owner
Email:	jim@rainsstudio.com
Education:	Bachelor of Environmental Design in Architecture, 1980
Professional Registrations, Licenses and Certifications:	Architect, North Carolina, (#5969) Real Estate Broker, GRI Designation, North Carolina (#82273, Inactive status)
CSI Awards:	CSI President’s Plaque, The Construction Specifications Institute, 2011
Other Professional/Civic Organizations and Awards:	Member, American Institute of Architects (AIA) Fellow, American Institute of Architects, 2012 Member, American Arbitration Association (AAA), Inactive Status Planning Board, Chairman, Randolph County, NC, 2008 Planning Board, Member, Randolph Count NC, 2004-2006 William H. Deitrick Service Medal, North Carolina Chapter of the American Institute of Architects 2010
Current/Previous Experience as a Board Member for Organization(s) other than CSI:	Partner, Boney Architects, 1998 to 2001 Owner, Rains Studio, PA, 2001 to present National AIA Vice President, 2014-2015 AIA South Atlantic Regional Director (SAR), 2010-2012 AIA National ArchiPAC Chair, 2011-2012 ArchiPAC Steering Committee Member, 2010-2016

Candidate Statement:

As a member of CSI and AIA, I have enjoyed the best of both worlds, as I see it. As a pair, they have lead me and informed me in my practice. My involvement has taught me that an engaged and participating member is a member making a difference and a member making the organization better as a whole. I am hopeful you will allow me to expand that involvement to the national level, and continue to make a positive impact.

As a member of the CSI Certified Construction Contract Administrator Board of Knowledge beginning in 2010, the CSI Practice Analysis Task Team beginning in 2011, being a CSI Co-Author of the CCA Practice Guide during 2008 – 2011 (and serving in that same capacity now for the next edition), serving as a CCA Practice Group Co-Chair beginning in 2011 and being a CCA Practice Group Member beginning in 2011...I have developed a deep respect for the position in the profession that our organization holds. I am anxious to enhance that position. My involvement at the national level of AIA has given me experience that I would like to share with CSI.

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

The best of my leadership skills revolve around being a good listener...and DOING. I am a person of action. There is a time to talk and plan, and it is critically important. I listen intently and respectfully. I am open to all ideas...and love to see credit land on those that deserve it. But then...the planning is all done....and it's time to make things happen. I am good at grabbing a shovel and digging in. I love the dirty hands and sweat portion of what we do. Spectator sport is not for me. As the son of a plumber and school teacher, my foundation for life is build upon servant leadership and hard work. That is who I am.

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

As a potential Director At-large...specifically coming from the "non-traditional" CSI pathway to the national Board...I bring relative National Board experience from AIA. I served on the AIA Board from 2010 to 2015, during a time of great change. Our Board completely changed form and function. We developed a "Council" that now represents our geographic regions. I was in the room and behind the curtain. I was a part of the crying, screaming, planning, whining, complaining, organizing, threatening, smiling, cheering, adopting and DOING! It was both scary and fulfilling. This process gave me a wonderful education in planning. We looked way down the road, to what could be, and then jumped off the cliff trusting we would land softly...and be right where we needed to be. As a litmus test to date...the AIA has grown from 82,000 members to over 90,000; a major goal of all our work.

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

This question of change is a difficult one for me to respond to now. My involvement has been in a very specific and targeted part of CSI.... the Construction Contract Administration discipline. So, I feel very under-educated to say what should or should not change. These opinions will of course be developed as a part of service. I will say though that the Practice Groups (CCA at least) is/are a shining star to me as a member. The discussions are relevant, timely, thoughtful and at a level that I feel make me a better practitioner when I participate.

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

I know that there are two things critical to an organizations life and continued existence; young members and mentoring (for the young and the seasoned). I believe these two areas should be upfront and foremost in everything we plan.