

Carl J. Ebert*, FCSI

*"In recognition of your service to the Institute, you
are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 6th
day of May, 1959."
Chicago, Illinois*

CARL JACOB EBERT was born in Baltimore, Maryland in 1898. He studied architecture at the University of Pennsylvania and taught architecture and mechanical arts at the Maryland Institute in Baltimore for several years.

Ebert was employed as an architect in various offices in Baltimore and Washington until 1940. During World War II he was employed by the Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy Department. In 1955 he became Chief Maintenance Engineer for U.S. Navy bases worldwide.

In 1960 he opened his own office as an architect and specification consultant in Washington, DC, and remained active in that field until his retirement in the summer of 1976.

A charter member, co-founder, and organizer of CSI, Ebert was one of the small group of government architects who met with Edwin Bateman Morris, FAIA, in the late 1940's to institute an organization for specification writers. Following the organizational meeting on September 24, 1947, Ebert undertook the task of drafting the Institute Bylaws. In March of 1948, Ebert, together with James Moore, FCSI, and Joseph Swafford, signed the Institute's Certificate of Incorporation.

At the first meeting of CSI's Board in April of 1948, Ebert was appointed Temporary Vice President, to serve until 1 June 1948, when the permanent officers, to be elected later that year, would take office. At the first annual meeting of the members of CSI, Ebert was elected Vice President.

Ebert served for three years as Institute Vice President before serving the first of two terms as President.

Ebert also was the first editor of The Construction Specifier, starting with the first issue in July of 1949 and continuing through 1964.

Ebert was made an Honorary Member (now Distinguished Member) of the Institute in 1956, the second Institute member to achieve that distinction.

Ebert was serving as Institute President in 1953 when the DC Metro Chapter was forming. He became a charter member of that chapter. Following his service on the Institute Board he became a member of the chapter board in 1957 and continued to serve until 1961.

In 1973, he gave the keynote speech at the 25th Anniversary Convention in Washington, DC.

Ebert was active in Institute and chapter affairs until his death in January of 1977.

CSI Membership

DC Metro Chapter, 1953-1977

At large, 1948-1953

Institute Offices, Committees

President, 1951-1953

Awards

Honorary Membership, 1956.