

Harold R. Sleeper*, FCSI

"In recognition of his distinguished and inspired leadership and achievements in the science of construction and in education, wherein he gave unselfishly of his time to students and colleagues on problems of the architectural profession, and contributed published works of immeasurable value to the design professions and to the construction industry, he is advance posthumously to Fellowship in the Institute this 24th day of May, 1961."
New York, New York



HAROLD R. SLEEPER was a charter member of the New York Chapter of CSI. Sleeper was one of the nation's top authorities on architectural and construction specifications. He was co-author of "Architectural Graphic Standards" and author of "Architectural Specifications" and "Building Planning and Design Standards."

He attended Phillips Exeter Academy, received an architectural degree from Cornell University in 1915 and took post-graduate work at New York University.

During World War I, Sleeper served as battalion adjutant of the Seventy-seventh Field Artillery which was attached to the Fortieth Engineers.

From 1919 to 1923 he was affiliated with Trowbridge and Ackerman. In 1928 he became an associate of Frederick L. Ackerman and Charles G. Ramsey, in addition to carrying on his own practice.

In 1958, when the New York Board of Standards and Appeals was reorganized, Mayor Wagner appointed Sleeper

to a five-year term on the Board. The Board had great influence on the growth of New York City and its physical make-up. It ruled on applications of property owners for variances from the zoning law, heard appeals of property owners from building and fire regulations and was responsible for setting standards for building materials. Sleeper was one of two Board members who were registered architects.

Sleeper was also an adjunct professor at the Columbia University School of Architecture and lectured at Princeton University and the New York School of Interior Design.

Among a multitude of activities and awards in which he participated, Sleeper was a Vice President of the New York Building Congress and in 1949 he was elected a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects.

Sleeper passed away 10 November 1960.

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