# J. Stewart Stein\*, FCSI

"In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Construction Specifications Institute, as a member, as a leader in your Chapter, as a member of the National Board, and as National President, wherein your dynamic leadership furthered the organization and growth of the CSI at a critical time in its history, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 24th day of May, 1961."

New York, New York



J. STEWART STEIN was born in 1908 in Chicago, Illinois. He attended several colleges in Chicago while working in the offices of local architects. He completed his education in 1942 at Northwestern University.

Stein began his career as an architect in 1926 as a draftsman with John D. Chubb, Architect. He continued working with a series of architectural firms in Chicago, including Holabird and Root, and Albert Kahn, until he entered a partnership with Walter H. Sobel. Stein was registered as an Architect in 48 states and the District of Columbia, and as a Professional Engineer in the State of Illinois.

Stein opened his own office in 1957 and practiced independently for several years. In 1962, he joined the firm of A. Epstein & Sons, as a Project Engineer; shortly thereafter, he became a Vice President of the firm. In 1967, Stein resigned from A. Epstein and Sons when his wife contracted a severe lung ailment, and the family moved to a warmer climate in Phoenix, Arizona. In Phoenix he was employed as Chief Architect by Ramada Inns, Inc., until his retirement in 1976.

While serving as President of the Chicago Chapter, Stein was appointed to serve on the Institute Board of Directors. In 1956 he was elected Vice President and served in this capacity for two years. In 1958, he was elected President and served two terms.

While serving as Vice President, Stein recommended that CSI hold its first annual convention in 1957. Stein recognized that the existence of a supportive AIA President and a strong local CSI Chapter in Washington, DC, would work toward the success of a convention. The result of his efforts was a successful CSI convention in combination with AIA in Washington in 1957. In addition to his membership in CSI, Stein was a member of the American Institute of Architects (AIA), the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE), among many others. He received an Appreciation Award from the AIA in 1957.

Stein was a well-known educator and author. His best known publications are the "Construction Glossary" and the "Construction Regulations Glossary."

# CSI Membership

Chicago Chapter, 1953 At large, 1949-53

### Institute Offices, Committees

President, 1959-60 Vice-President, 1957-58 Director, 1955-56

# Chapter Offices, Committees

President, 1954-55 Organizational Vice-President, 1953

### **Awards**

Honorary Member, 1990 Certificate of Appreciation, 1969