Paul H. Tiffin*, FCSI

"In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Construction Specifications Institute, as a member, as a charter member of the Chicago Chapter, as an officer and president of your chapter, as an instrumental figure in the development of your chapter's series of adult education seminars on the theory and practice of construction specifications; in recognition of your exemplary efforts as program chairman for the Institute's 1959 and 1960 Conventions, and of your continuing participation in the technical program as a committee chairman and as a member of the Technical Program Committee, and in further recognition of your ability, and leadership, in promoting the objectives of the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 29th day of May, 1965." San Diego, California



PAUL H. TIFFIN was born in 1906 in Ferguson, Missouri. He attended the University of Missouri, graduating with a degree of BS in Civil Engineering. At the University of Missouri, he earned honors in both engineering (Tau Beta P) and Mathematics (Pi Mu Epsilon). He also attended the Illinois Institute of Technology's special 60 hour course on Advanced Structures.

Tiffin is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Missouri and Illinois. He is also a Certified Construction Specifier. He began his career in construction working as a civil engineer on construction for a contractor. In 1943, he became Chief of Specifications for the Corps of Engineers in Chicago. In 1946 he joined the Chicago Office of Skidmore, Owings and Merrill as Chief of Specifications where he remained for the next 18 years. In 1964, he joined the specifications department of C. F. Murphy and Associates (later Murphy/Kahn) where he remained until his retirement in 1981.

Tiffin joined CSI as a member-at-large in 1950. In 1952, when efforts began to form a CSI Chapter in Chicago, Tiffin

joined the group in helping develop the chapter. After the Chapter was chartered in 1953, he served the chapter for several years as a member of the Chapter Board of Directors.

After serving on the Chicago Chapter Board for several years, Tiffin was elected Chapter President in 1957 and 1958. He was also instrumental in starting the Chicago Chapter's Seminar Program. In 1971, Tiffin began work on developing a History of the Chicago Chapter in anticipation of the Chapter's Twenty-fifth Anniversary.

Tiffin received the Chicago Chapter's Joseph N. Lucas Award for excellence in Technical Achievement in Specifications Writing, and the Chapter Certificate of Appreciation for outstanding achievements in specifications.

Tiffin has also been active in other Chicago construction industry related organizations. He served for several years as director of the Architects Club of Chicago. In 1973, the Architect's Club of Chicago awarded Tiffin a testimonial in appreciation of his outstanding and devoted services to the Club.

CSI Membership

Member at Large, 1950-53 Chicago Chapter, 1953

Chapter Offices, Committees

Director, 1953-57 President, 1957-58

Awards

Institute Certificate of Appreciation