

James N. De Serio*, FCSI

"In recognition of your distinguished achievements in the science of construction, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 25th day of May, 1966"
Boston, Massachusetts



JAMES N. DE SERIO was born in Vastogirardi, Italy, in 1910. He graduated from Baldwinsville Academy in 1929, then attended Northeastern University, Boston. He graduated in 1935 with an honors degree in civil engineering. He was a consulting engineer.

A member of the Buffalo Chapter, De Serio was elected to a three-year term on the Institute Board of Directors in 1963. In 1965 he was elected Institute Vice President.

He began as a concrete reinforcing detailer with the Concrete Steel Co., Boston, in 1935, and then went to the Truscon Steel Co., Youngstown, Ohio, as a concrete and structural steel detailer on all types of structures. Still with Truscon, he moved to Buffalo as district engineer in 1936. In 1942, he joined Bero Engineering and Construction Corp., as chief engineer in charge of construction work at the New York Air Depot and Seneca Ordinance Depot. In 1943, James became construction engineer in charge of construction and development of one phase of the Manhattan (atom bomb) Project.

In 1945, he began private practice in Buffalo as a consulting engineer. Since 1945, he taught part of a refresher course

sponsored by the Engineering Society of Buffalo, Inc., as a review for those preparing to take the New York state professional engineering exam.

De Serio was a member of the Boston Society of Civil Engineers, the Engineering Societies of New England, the American Concrete Institute, the Engineering Society of Buffalo, the National Society of Professional Engineers (also NY State and Erie County Societies), and the Consulting Engineers Council (also NY State chapter and Western NY Assn.). He was president of the New York State Society of Professional Engineers, and a Fellow of American Society of Civil Engineers. He received the Dean's Award for Achievement from the State University of New York in 1981. He was named New York State Engineer of the Year in 1982.

In addition, James was an arbitration panelist for the American Arbitration Assn., a member of the Buffalo City Building Code Committee from 1947, a member of the Buffalo Mayor's Advisory Committee 1962-64, served on the New York State Building Code Council, and was listed in "Who's Who in Engineering in America."

De Serio passed away 26 January 1996 in his home in Kenmore, New York.

CSI Membership

Buffalo Chapter

Institute Offices, Committees

Institute Director, FY 1964-65

Vice President, FY 1966

Awards

Institute President's Plaque

David Bob Memorial Award, Western New York Chapter