

M. Lee Dahlen*, FCSI

*"In recognition of your notable contribution to the advancement of the construction industry, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 31st day of May, 1967."
Miami, Florida*



M. LEE DAHLEN was born in South Dakota in 1921. He was employed by a small architectural firm in Minneapolis-St. Paul for ten years before joining the architectural firm of Hammel, Green and Abrahamson in 1955. Dahlen remained with that firm for 35 years as Chief of Specifications, Secretary, Treasurer, and Vice-President.

Before the Minneapolis-St. Paul CSI Chapter was chartered, and for years after, Dahlen was instrumental in forming an all-construction-industry committee composed of architects, engineers, contractors, subcontractors, suppliers, and testing agencies whose purpose was to work together towards common goals in the construction industry. Their efforts resulted in a specification organization in Minnesota in 1956 prior to CSI embarking on the program for a uniform specification format.

As a result of his involvement in that organization and in CSI, he was presented with a CSI President's Plaque in both 1969 and 1973.

Due to his wife Helene's enthusiastic and ebullient support of Lee's activities, she was presented a CSI President's Plaque in 1975. They are the only husband and wife team so honored in the Institute's annals.

In addition to CSI, Dahlen was an Associate Member of AIA and ASTM until his retirement.

Dahlen passed away on 10 September 1988, in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

CSI Membership

Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter, 1957

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, FY 1966-1969

Secretary, FY 1973

Vice President, FY 1975

Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice President, FY 1959

President, FY 1960-1961

Awards

Institute President's plaque, 1969, 1973