

Ray E. Cumrine*, FCSI

"In recognition of your distinguished achievements and outstanding proficiency and skill in compiling, writing and utilizing construction specifications within the building construction field demonstrated by projects of varying scope. and your contributions of many technical information brochures, covering thirteen years, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 29th day of May, 1968."
Denver, Colorado



RAY EARL CUMRINE was born in Danville, Illinois, on October 31, 1920. He attended Alabama Polytechnic Institute (now Auburn University), graduating with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1951. He was a registered architect, licensed to practice in New York, New Jersey, and Georgia.

Cumrine began his architectural career working for Keith G. Reeve, Architect, while still in college. Beginning in 1954, he worked full-time as a specification writer in a variety of offices, including Knappe & Johnson, and LaPierre, Litchfield & Partners. He later became a partner with Levenelm & Associates in Palisades, New York. From 1967 to 1973, he was a partner in the New York architectural firm of Handren, Sharpe & Associates.

From 1967 to 1973, Ray worked on the development of a microfilm information system for architects, including a classification system for building products. He later devised a computer input system for this information. In 1973, he relocated to Jacksonville, Florida. He worked for several years with the firm of Ellis, Ricket and Associates in Valdosta, Georgia, before becoming a partner in the firm of IPG Inc., where he remained until his retirement.

In 1962, Cumrine was asked to serve on CSI's Institute Publications Committee. In 1963 he served as Chair of the T-10 Reference Workmanship Specifications Committee, and as a member of the Joint CSI-SWAC Terrazzo Committee. In 1964, he was appointed chair of the T-1 Specifications Methods Committee. From 1965 through 1968, he served on the Technical Program Committee. He also served on the original SPEC DATA formation Committee.

In addition to his CSI activities, Cumrine was a member of many other construction-related organizations, including the American Institute of Architects, the Building Research Institute, the Society of Military Engineers, and the National Fire Protection Association. He received the Bronze Medal from the Georgia Association of AIA in 1980 and 1985.

Cumrine served many times as a construction arbitrator for the American Arbitration Association, and was honored in 1975, and again in 1993, with plaques recognizing his long time service.

Cumrine passed away on 30 March 2007, in Lowndes, Georgia.

CSI Membership

Metro New York Chapter, 1955-1973

Jacksonville Chapter, 1973

Institute Offices, Committees

Publications Committee, FY 1963

Chair, T-1 Spec Methods, FY 1965

Technical Program Committee, FY 1966-1968

Spec-Data Formation

Metropolitan New York Chapter Offices, Committees

Director, FY 1963-1965

Vice-President, FY 1966-1967

President, FY 1968-1969

Awards

Institute Certificate of Appreciation, 1968