

David E. M. Todd*, FCSI



"In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Institute, as chapter vice-president, president and director, as Institute Director of Region Two, for your competent, effective and dignified leadership as participant, panelist, moderator and chairman in chapter, region, and Institute meetings, for your creative and articulate contribution to the Format and for your devotion to the aims and objectives of the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 29th day of May, 1968."
Denver, Colorado



DAVID FENTON MICHIE TODD was born in Middletown, Ohio, in 1915. He received his BA from Dartmouth College in 1937, and his architectural degree from the University of Michigan in 1940. After serving overseas with the Ordnance Department of the US Army in the Pacific, he resumed his architectural career in 1946, in New York City, with Harrison, Ballard and Allen, specialists in housing and city planning.

In 1957, Todd became a partner in the firm of Ballard, Todd and Snibbe, and continued with the successor firms of Ballard Todd Associates; Todd, Basile, Cabrera and Wong; and David Todd and Associates. He had a consulting practice in New York as David Todd, Architect.

Todd took a strong interest in the development of the CSI Format, and promoted its adoption. Other professional activities involved the American Institute of Architects, where he served as President of the New York Chapter, and served on many Institute committees including chairmanship of its Jury of Fellows, Resolutions Committee and Housing Committee. He also chaired the AIA Special Task Force on Housing Policy in the mid-1970's. The AIA New York

Chapter presented him with the Harry B. Rutkins Memorial Award in 1963, and the Andrew Thomas/Pioneer Housing Award in 1986.

Urban affairs provided the central focus for David Todd's career. He was for many years on the Community Service Society's Committee on Housing and Urban Development; served two terms on his Local Community Planning Board and was President and Chairman of the Leake & Watts Children's Home. He also was a member of the Vestry of Trinity Church, from 1977 to 1984, and became a member of the Board of St. Margaret's House, a Trinity sponsored housing project for the elderly.

David served on the boards of the Settlement Housing Fund (a non-profit consulting and managing firm); Exploring the Metropolis (a foundation dedicated to improvements in urban life); and Bellerophon Press, publishers of Metropolis magazine. As a public servant, he was a member of the New York City Landmarks Preservation Commission from 1984 to 1991, including the last two years as Chairman.

Todd passed away on 1 March 2008, in Manhattan, New York.

CSI Membership

Metropolitan New York Chapter, 1953

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, FY 1966-1968

Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice President, FY 1959-1960

President, FY 1961

Awards

Institute Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1968