

# R. Stanley Bair\*, FCSI

*"In recognition of your distinguished achievements in education, as founder, director, and teacher of highly successful specifications writing course sponsored jointly by the Houston Chapter, CSI and the University of Houston, as a prolific contributing member and later Chairman of the Institute's Education Committee, as a frequent guest lecturer at various colleges of architecture and engineering, as an author of noteworthy articles related to education and the art of specification writing, and in recognition of your leadership and dedication to the Institute in your service as Director, Region 9, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 21st day of June, 1972."*  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



R. STANLEY BAIR was born in New York in 1924. Raised in Indiana, he attended Purdue University and received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering. He later received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from MIT.

During World War II he served as Lieutenant, Company Commander in aviation engineers in the Philippines. Returning to active duty during the Korean conflict, he commanded a Corps of Engineers mapping unit.

Bair was a licensed architect and a licensed engineer in Texas. For several years, Bair was a partner in the architectural firm of Leifesta and Bair in Houston. He later formed his own firm of R. S. Bair & Associates and, in 1996, joined with R. Gregory Turner, AIA, to form Turner & Bair Architects, LLP.

Bair joined CSI in 1959 as a member of the Dallas Chapter. He later served that chapter as a director, vice president and later president. In 1967, he moved to Houston and later served a term as chapter director.

After moving to Houston, Bair organized and taught the first specification writing course at the University of Houston in

cooperation with the Houston chapter, CSI. He has been a guest lecturer at various colleges of architecture in the United States. He has also written extensively and is the author of numerous articles on education and the art of specification writing.

Bair served as a member of the Institute's Education Committee in 1968 and 1969. In 1970 he became Education Committee chairman. In 1971 Bair was elected to a 3-year term as Institute Director representing Region 9 (now known as the South Central region). In 1977 he was elected Institute Vice President. The following year, he was elected President-Elect. He assumed the presidency the following year. He has also served as a member of the Jury of Fellows and as a member of the Long Range Planning Committee and the Nominating Committee.

Bair is also a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects, becoming the ninth CSI member honored as a "double Fellow".

Stan passed away 20 June 2015, in Houston, Texas

## **CSI Membership**

Dallas Chapter, 1959 - 1967  
Houston Chapter, 1967

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Director, 1971 - 1973  
Vice-President, 1977 - 1978  
President, 1979

## **Dallas Chapter Offices**

Vice President  
President

## **Awards**

Institute President's Plaque, 1973