

# William M. Brennan\*, FCSI

*"In recognition of your distinguished achievements in construction specifications, your tireless efforts in furthering the technical program of your chapter and the Institute, by virtue of your expertise, and your devotion to the aims and objectives of the Institute, you are advanced to fellowship in the Institute on this 21st day of June, 1972"*  
Minneapolis, Minnesota



WILLIAM M. BRENNAN was born in 1918 in Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada. He attended the University of New Brunswick, and received a Bachelor of Science degree in civil engineering in May of 1941. He enlisted in the Royal Canadian Air Force in 1942. His family moved to Michigan in 1958, and he became a US citizen in 1963.

Brenan joined the Detroit Chapter CSI in June of 1957, and became one of the most active members of the chapter. In 1962, he was elected Chapter Treasurer and served for two years in that office. In 1964 he served the first of two terms as Chapter Vice President and in 1966 was elected Chapter President.

While serving as Vice President of the Detroit Chapter, Brenan began serving as chair of the Technical Committee, a post he held almost without for many years. During his more than 30 years of activity as chapter technical chair, the Detroit chapter garnered an impressive record of accomplishments. From 1965 to 1974, the Detroit Chapter, under Brenan's leadership, reviewed and commented on 45 separate Specification Series Documents. From 1977 to 1983, the chapter authored 37 Technical Aid Series Documents. Beginning in 1984, the chapter authored eight SpecGuide Documents. As a result of these efforts, the chapter received

numerous Institute and region awards for the excellence of its work. Included in this impressive record are chapter technical excellence awards in 1968, 1969, and 1985. In addition, Brenan received a total of five technical commendations from the Institute for his own work.

Brenan was noted for the excellence of his specifications. He received four commendations in the Institute Specifications Competition, beginning with First Place in Category D in 1966, and including an Honor Award in Category H in 1978. The Detroit chapter recognized his ability by presenting him with the Chapter Specifications Proficiency Award in 1980 and 1984. He also received the Great Lakes Region Specifications Competition Birchfield-Tyler Award in 1979 and 1980.

In 1983, CSI appointed Brenan as Institute representative to the American Arbitration Association for the Detroit area. Brenan continued his association with AAA for many years.

In addition to his CSI activities, Brenan also was active in the American Society for Testing and Materials. He was a life member of ASHRAE.

Brenan passed away on 12 March 2005 in Livonia, Michigan.

## **CSI Membership**

Detroit Chapter, 1957

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Representative to American Arbitration Association from Detroit, 1983-1992

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

Treasurer, FY 1963-1964

Vice-President, FY 1965-1966

President, FY 1967

## **Awards**

Institute Technical Commendations, 1972, 1978, 1984, 1988, 1992