

Walter F. Bishop, FCSI

"In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Institute, as a charter member, president, vice-president, secretary, and treasurer of the Puget Sound Chapter, as a leader and panelist at Region 12 Conferences, for significant service as Region Director, member of the Long Range Planning Committee, convention speaker and founding efforts in chartering the Cook Inlet Chapter, for your distinguished specification writing in developing the first GSA Guide Specification and Section Format for the Public Building Service of GSA, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 26th day of June, 1974."
Portland, Oregon



WALTER F. BISHOP was born in Whiteside County, Illinois, in 1933. He graduated from the University of Texas in 1956 with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Architectural Engineering.

After graduation, Bishop began working with Boeing Aircraft Company as a facilities engineer and a production engineer. In 1957, he began working for the General Services Administration Public Building Service as chief of the specifications group for the Northwest District of the General Services Administration. At GSA, Bishop implemented CSI Formats in all specifications in GSA's Region 10. Region 10 was the first GSA Region to use CSI Formats. He also was instrumental in assisting the GSA Central Office convert to CSI Formats. Through his efforts, his office developed bidding lists and construction project files based on CSI Formats.

From August of 1986 to July of 1989, Bishop worked with the GSA/Foreign Service, Joint Economic Commission in Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, as a member of the HEACOM Project. In this capacity he served as an advisor to the Saudi Arabia

Ministry of Health Projects and Maintenance Directorate, setting up a computerized guide specifications system. In 1987, he brought three Saudi Arabian Ministry of Health architects and engineers to the Detroit convention and presented them with a training course on the CSI Manual of Practice.

Upon completion of his term as President of the Puget Sound Chapter in 1962, he assumed editorship of the chapter newsletter and continued in this capacity until his election as Institute Director.

In 1971, Bishop was elected to the Institute Board as Director of Region 12, now the Northwest Region. He actively promoted CSI throughout the region and was largely responsible for chartering the first chapter in Alaska, the Cook Inlet Chapter in Anchorage. He also established the groundwork for future chapter development in Idaho and Montana.

Bishop was a featured speaker at CSI conventions in 1970 and 1971.

CSI Membership

Puget Sound Chapter, 1958

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, FY 1972-1973

Long Range Planning Committee

Chapter Offices, Committees

Secretary/Treasurer, FY 1959 - 1960

Vice-President, FY 1961

President, FY 1962

Awards

Region

Frank Stanton Memorial Award, 1982

Chapter

Hugh S. Hallett Award, 1969