

Mortimer M. Marshall*, FCSI



"In recognition of your distinguished achievement in Construction Specifications, for dedication and expertise in furthering the aims and purposes of the Institute by promoting the adoption of the CSI Format by Government agencies, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 26th day of June, 1974."
Portland, Oregon



MORTIMER M. MARSHALL was born in Culpeper, Virginia in 1929. He attended Tuskegee University, graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree in architecture in 1949. Following graduation, he served for several years in the United States Air Force.

In 1955, Marshall began a 26 year career as an architect in government service. He began as Head of the Architectural Specifications Group of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, now known as NAVFAC. In 1967, he became Director of Construction Standards and Design in the Office of the Secretary of Defense. He left Government in 1982, to open his own practice of architecture, the Marshall Group, Ltd., in Reston, Virginia.

Marshall joined CSI as a member of the DC Metropolitan Chapter in 1956, shortly after assuming a position as Head of Architectural Specifications for the Bureau of Yards and Docks. When the Northern Virginia Chapter was being formed in 1990, Marshall volunteered to serve as an advisor to the fledgling chapter. He was elected to serve as Advisor to the Board during its first two years of existence, where his long experience helped the new chapter avoid serious problems.

Marshall served the Institute as a member of the Tellers Committee from 1966 to 1969, including service as Chair in

1969. The following year he was appointed to the Credentials Committee and served as chair of that Committee for the 1973 Convention.

Marshall also was active in the American Institute of Architects. He was elected to Fellowship in 1981. He later served as Chair of the AIA College of Fellows. He was Chancellor of the National Organization of Minority Architects, recipient of the AIA Whitney Young Award, the Alumni Achievers Award and Construction Alumni Association's Pioneer Award from Tuskegee University, and the Carl J. Ebert Award from CSI.

Marshall was active in a number of other construction related and civic organizations, notably the National Institute of Building Sciences (NIBS); he was the first member. NIBS presented him with a Certificate of Appreciation for his work in 1981, and an Award of Appreciation in 1987. In 1964, the District of Columbia Council of Architectural and Engineering Societies presented him with its Outstanding Young Architect Award.

Mortimer received a Presidential Bronze Medal for Services Rendered as a member of the 1969 Presidential Inaugural Committee, and received a Certification of Appreciation from the National Endowment of the Arts in 1974.

Marshall passed away on 13 June 2018.

CSI Membership

DC Metro, 1956
North Virginia, 1969

Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice President, FY 1968
President, FY 1969