Eugene H. Cottrell*, FCSI



"In recognition of your significant innovations in chapter and region organization, specifically incorporation, fiscal management, and funding of student chapters, and for your dedicated service to the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 18th day of June, 1980." Anaheim, California



EUGENE H. "GENE" COTTRELL was born in Lincoln, Nebraska in 1920. He received a Bachelor of Science from University of Denver in 1949, and pursued graduate study in Marketing at the University of Denver 1950, and at the University of Omaha 1953.

Upon graduation from the University of Denver, he became sales representative for National Gypsum Company in areas of Colorado. Nebraska, and Wyoming.

He was called to active duty for Korea. On return became a representative for the Insulite Division of the M&O Paper Company of Minneapolis, in the Detroit, Oregon, and Washington areas. He later served as a technical representative for Kaiser Gypsum Company in Northern California and Nevada.

Upon the dissolution of Kaiser Gypsum and early retirement he became a specification writer for the California State Architect and a part time job as a specification writer for the California Department of the Youth Authority.

Gene was a true leader of the Sacramento Chapter and West Region, particularly in the 1970s. As president of the Region, he successfully got the region incorporated in California in order to properly manage its finances.

In later days, he always had a smile and a story to share about the first successful chapter Supplier's Shows and the collaboration with the local NAWIC (National Association of Women in Construction) chapter.

Cottrell passed away on 13 March 2017.

CSI Membership

Sacramento Chapter, 1965 East Bay Oakland Chapter, 1972-1974 San Francisco Chapter, 1972-1974 Reno Chapter, 1993

Institute Offices, Committees
Institute Director, 1976-1979

Region Offices, Committees
President

Awards

Sacramento Chapter: Tony Schiro Award

Chapter Offices, Committees

Treasurer, 1967-1971 Vice President, 1974-1975 President, 1975-1976