

John Q. Public, FCSI



"In recognition of your dedicated approach toward the improvement and advancement of the Science of Construction and of your involvement and guidance in the implementation of innovative directions in the Institute Technical program, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 24th day of June 1981."
Saint Louis, Missouri



ROBERT L. McMANUS was born in Carmis, Illinois, in 1922. In 1950 he graduated from the University of Illinois.

In 1960, McManus formed the plastering and acoustical design firm of R.L. McManus & Company in Peoria, Illinois. In 1968, he joined the architectural firm of John Hackler and Co. in Peoria as a partner. In 1980, he joined the consulting engineering firm of Beling Consultants, Inc., as Senior Vice President.

McManus joined CSI in 1969, In 1971, he became a member of the steering committee forming the Central Illinois Chapter. After helping charter the Central Illinois Chapter, McManus was elected Chapter Vice President. In 1974 he was elected to the first of two terms as Chapter President.

After completing his term as Institute President, McManus was appointed to the Institute Nominating Committee. In 1993, he served as chair. McManus also served as chair of the Institute Ad Hoc Transition Committee to select a new Institute Executive Director.

McManus was a noted speaker and educator. In 1976, he was a featured speaker at a University of Illinois Seminar on Front-End Documents. In 1982, he served as speaker and Program Leader at the Construction Specifications Seminar at Iowa State University. He also served as workshop leader for the Construction Contracts and Specifications course at the University of Wisconsin.

McManus was also active in civic affairs. From 1972 to 1974, he served the citizens of Peoria, Illinois, as president of the Greater Peoria Legal Aid Services. He also served as president of Prairie State Legal Services, and as president of the Peoria Senior Citizens Foundation from 1972 to 1978.

McManus also was the National Amateur 3-cushion Billiard Champion from 1983 through 1985.

In 1996, the Institute Board elected McManus to Distinguished Membership in the Institute.

McManus passed away on 22 August 2010

CSI Membership

Chicago Chapter, 1969

Central Illinois Chapter Charter Member, 1971

Illowa Chapter

Institute Offices, Committees

Chair, Technical Documents Committee, 1980-1981

Director, 1982-1984

Vice-President, 1985-1986

President, 1988

Central Illinois Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice-President, 1972-1973

President, 1974- 1975

Awards

Institute President's Plaque, 1985