

Francis J.B. Smith*, FCSI

"In recognition of your imaginative and inspirational leadership in your Region, and conscientious support of the goals of the Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 27th day of June, 1982."

Atlanta, Georgia



FRANCIS JOSEPH BRADSHAW SMITH was born in 1929 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The family later moved to California. He attended the Catholic University of America in Washington, DC, graduating in 1953 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree.

Smith spent several years working as a project architect for architectural firms in the Washington, DC, area before concentrating on specifications writing. After serving as specifications writer for several architectural firms in Washington, he was appointed Head of the Specifications Department of the US Post Office, which at that time was undertaking the largest construction program in its history. Because the design work was done by many different architectural firms from all over the country, close coordination of all specifications was very important.

While in the Washington, DC, area, Smith joined CSI as a member of the DC Metropolitan Chapter in 1957. In 1960, Smith moved to southern California to assume the position of Director of Technical Services for the Hope Consulting Group, one of the largest architectural and engineering offices in the United States. He remained a member at large

from 1960 until 1966, when he joined with several other CSI members to form the Inland Empire Chapter. He served as the first Vice President of the Inland Empire Chapter.

After moving to San Diego in 1969, Smith served on several chapter committees. In 1975, he was elected vice president of the San Diego Chapter. In 1976 he was elected chapter president.

On the region level, Smith served as a member of the screening and long-range planning committees, chair of the awards and technical documents committees, and chair of the region conference education workshop. At the Institute level, he served on the Technical Documents Committee in 1978.

In 1979 he was appointed unanimously by the chapters in the West Region to fill the unexpired term of the West Region Institute Director who resigned. After two years as appointed director, Smith was elected to a three-year term as Institute Director, thus serving for more than five years on the Institute Board.

It is believed that Smith passed away in 1990.

CSI Membership

DC Metro Chapter, 1957

Inland Empire Chapter Charter Member, 1966

San Diego Chapter, 1966

Institute Offices, Committees

Director, 1978-1983

Chair, Awards Committee

Chair, Technical Committee

Region Offices, Committees

Long-Range Planning Committee

Inland Empire Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice President, 1966

San Diego Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice President, 1975

President, 1976