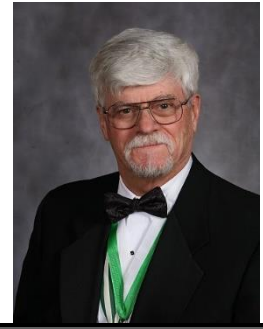


George A. Van Niel*, FCSI



"In recognition of your outstanding contribution to continuing education and communication within the construction industry, and your active promotion of CSI concepts and principles, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 20th day of June 1982."

Atlanta, Georgia



GEORGE A. VAN NIEL was born in Elyria, Ohio in 1934. He received a Bachelor of Architecture degree from Ohio State University in 1961.

Van Niel was the president of VN Consulting, Inc., a construction specifications consulting firm. He served the construction industry as a consultant, educator, speaker, arbitrator and author. A registered Architect and a Certified Construction Specifier, he had over 45 years of experience in construction specifications preparation, product evaluation and selection, and project contract administration.

Van Niel served as an Associate Professor for Ohio State University School of Architecture, and lectured and presented specification writing short courses and seminars for the University of Wisconsin and Columbus State College continuing education programs. He was a speaker at numerous allied professional and construction associations meetings.

As a primary instructor for CSI's national education programs, Van Niel prepared and presented courses on CSI formats, specification writing principles, and Manual of Practice documents for architecture and engineering firms, and for construction industry organizations throughout the

United States, and internationally in Kuwait, Bahrain, Oman, and the United Arab Emirates.

He was recipient of 15 awards in the National CSI Specifications Competitions. The awards were made in recognition of his comprehensive specifications preparation knowledge and skills. These awards were presented for a broad range of project types, costs, complexities, and project delivery methods.

In CSI, Van Niel served as an officer, director, and committee chairman at the chapter, region, and Institute levels for more than 25 years. In 1982, he received an Institute Education Commendation.

His professional affiliations include the American Institute of Architects, AIA Ohio, and AIA-Columbus. He also served for 12 years as an arbitrator, resolving construction related disputes for the American Arbitration Association.

Van Niel was co-author of "Site Spec Handbook," a national master guide specification for site and landscaping work, and author of "Project Manual Checklist," a checklist for project manual specification text preparation.

George passed away on 27 June 2018, at the VA hospice in Dayton, Ohio.

CSI Membership

Columbus Chapter, 1964

Institute Offices, Committees

Institute Director, 1979-1982

Chapter Offices, Committees

President, 1969-1971

Awards

Distinguished Member, 2006

Institute President's Plaque, 1987

J. Norman Hunter Memorial Award, 1985

Education Commendation, 1982