

# Jerry W. Durham, FCSI

*"In recognition to your devotion, to excellence in construction specifications improvement, depth of knowledge about construction materials and CSI principles; continuous efforts at the chapter, region and Institute levels to improve the relationship between all disciplines in construction; and your long term service as a certification course instructor, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 27th day of June 1998."*  
Baltimore, Maryland



JERRY W. DURHAM is a resident of Memphis, Tennessee. He is a retired principal of Hnedak Bobo Group, Inc., a regional professional services firm in Memphis, Tennessee. Jerry was responsible for written construction documents and quality assurance procedures used by the firm to provide a wide range of design and construction management services to clients in corporate, health care, hospitality, and public market segments. Jerry developed an extensive quality control review process that performed quality review during the design phases of the project, as well as at the completion of the contract documents.

Making contributions to give something back to his profession has always been important to Jerry. This is evidenced by his involvement with various professional organizations. He devoted countless hours of voluntary service to CSI for the purpose of improving specifications. Jerry served two years as a member of the Technical Committee and five years as a member of the Practice Subcommittee, two years as its chair. During his time as chair, the committee completed a major revision to the Manual of Practice to bring it into conformance with the 1995 edition of MasterFormat. Durham was the primary author of

the MOP chapters, "Warranties" and "Construction Management." Jerry has written several articles for the Memphis Chapter Newsletter. Most recent was a series of articles entitled "TechTopic", which were based primarily on the Fundamentals and Formats Module of the Manual of Practice.

Jerry's knowledge and understanding of the Manual of Practice has made him a natural choice to serve as a certification course instructor, a task he has performed for more than 18 years. In 1980, Jerry was the first person to become a certified construction specifier in Memphis, Tennessee. This was a singular effort because the Memphis Chapter was not effectively promoting certification. Immediately after Jerry gained certification, he began promoting certification and conducting informal study sessions. Jerry was successful in seeing others in the Memphis Chapter become certified. Since those early years, Jerry has developed the certification study course into an annual event. During Jerry's tenure as Education Chairman, the Memphis Chapter instituted a seminar series in conjunction with the products display show.

## **CSI Membership**

Memphis Chapter, 1976

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Technical Committee

Practice Subcommittee Chair

## **Institute Awards**

Ben John Small Memorial Award, 1996

Education Commendation, 1990

Certificate of Merit & Appreciation, 1988, 1989

## **Region Awards**

Region Program Award, 1991

Education Commendation, 1990