

# Joseph A. Stypka, FCSI

*"For your passionate leadership devoted to improvement of construction specifications; for your early recognition and value of CSI Formats to the construction industry worldwide; for your ability to impart reason in their application to architectural practice; and for your service as leader in developing the Drawings Notation Module of the National CAD Standard, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 1st day of April 2006"*  
Las Vegas, Nevada



JOSEPH A. STYPKA is a registered architect, licensed to practice in Illinois. Joe is a Certified Construction Specifier and since 1989 has prepared construction specifications at Murphy/JAHN (now JAHN) in Chicago on a full-time basis. He has been Director of Specifications for JAHN since 1996 and a Vice President since 2008.

Joe's involvement in CSI began in 1986 with the Chicago Chapter Education Committee. Advancing his own knowledge and helping others advance theirs has always been his passion. The Breakfast Seminars put together by this committee received the North Central Region Education Award. Joe also served as Chair of the Chicago Chapter Certification Committee. He developed the speaker system used by the Chicago Chapter to prepare candidates for certification exams for many years.

Joe is a fixture at lunch time roundtables and chapter meetings, and continues to speak at the Certification Exam Preparation Classes.

Joe's work at JAHN on projects around the world has included the design, arrangement, and maintenance of four separate Master Keynote Databases. These were prepared for use in the United States, Germany, Switzerland, and China.

They are bilingual and based upon the local specification section format, yet each complies with the Notations Module of UDS.

Joe served on the Uniform Drawing System Task Team. Looking for ways to share knowledge, he joined this task team for FY 1998 and became Work Group leader for Module 7 Notations. Joe hopes to help CSI produce a document titled: "Coordination of Drawings and Specifications."

A lifelong Chicagoan, Joe and his wife Christine celebrated 25 years of wedded bliss in 2005 and are pushing their four children through college. Christine shares Joe's interest in education, having co-founded a parent-run preschool when their oldest child was two, and going back to college to earn a master's degree in teaching after their youngest child entered grade school.

Joe and Chris look forward to years of increased leisure travel in between their efforts to help others learn and develop.

Joe was elevated to Fellowship in AIA in 2016.

## **CSI Membership**

Chicago Chapter, 1985

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Uniform Drawing System Task Team, FY 1998-2005

Chair, Notations Module Work Group, FY1998-2000

Chair, Coordination of Drawings and Specifications Work Group, FY 2002-2004

Overall Construction Classification System Workgroup 2, FY 2002-2003

Reviewer, The Project Resource Manual, Fifth Edition, FY 2003

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Awards Committee, FY 1996, 1997

Chicago Chapter Region Director, FY 1997

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

Director, FY 1989

Secretary, FY 1990, 1991

Chair, Certification Committee, FY 1990-1993

Vice President, Professional, FY 1992

Chair, Program Committee, FY 1993

President, FY 1994

Chair, Nominating Committee, FY 1994

Chair, Awards Committee, FY 1995, 1996

Chapter Archivist, FY 1997-2010

Continuing Education System Coordinator, FY 2005-2017

## **Awards**

Institute Certificate of Appreciation, 1994

North Central Region Commendation, 1989