

Raymond E. Gaines, FCSI

"For your vision in moving the construction industry forward through education and leadership development; for being a sterling role model of how to inspire through action; for your compassionate mentoring of students and interns in an environment that instills confidence and stimulates personal growth; and for your pioneering work in green residential construction, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 19th day of June 2009."
Indianapolis, Indiana



RAYMOND E. GAINES has practiced architecture for the last 22 years in Charlottesville, Virginia. The grandson of a local architect, he began his career sweeping warehouses at the family lumber business while a student at Lane High School. He holds a BArch from Virginia Tech.

Following his registration as an architect in March 1983, Gaines ran field operations for Lanahan Construction, Inc., in Charlottesville. It is his experience in the construction world that allowed him to develop a reputation for saving his clients' money without lessening the quality of design.

In February 1987, Ray started the architectural practice that eventually became The Gaines Group, PLC. He joined CSI the following year as a member of the Richmond Chapter. Ray was the chapter treasurer at the chartering of the Central Virginia Chapter in October 1990, and ascended to the chapter presidency for FY 1995.

Following that term, involvement in the Middle Atlantic Region beckoned. Gaines served on the region technical, planning, and awards committees, eventually chairing the

planning and awards committees. He chaired the 1998 Middle Atlantic Region Conference committee more than once. Ray served on the region governance task team that rewrote the region bylaws in response to the Institute governance changes of 2008.

Gaines has served at the Institute level on the awards and certification committees as well as the PerSpective alpha test task team. Following his service on the awards committee, Ray assisted with judging the CSI Show exhibits until joining the certification committee in 2005.

In 1991, Ray began his involvement in the Albemarle County Public Schools as a volunteer. He worked continuously in the local elementary school library and spoke in the classroom on numerous occasions, on what it means to be an architect. Since 2001, he worked with students at Albemarle High School on stage set design and construction, and more recently has participated in the ACE Mentoring program at AHS.

Ray has been married to the former Nancy Newlon since 1976. They have three daughters, Julie, Emily, and Katherine.

CSI Membership

Charter Member Central Virginia Chapter, 1990
Richmond Chapter, 1988

Institute Offices, Committees

Awards Committee, FY 2003
Certification Committee, FY 2006-2008

Middle Atlantic Region Offices, Committees

Technical Committee, FY 1996-1997
Chair, Region Conferences, FY 1998, 2009
Planning Committee, FY 2002-2003
Chair, Planning Committee, FY 2004-2005
Awards Committee, FY 2005-2006
Chair, Awards Committee, FY 2007
Chair, Education Committee, FY 2009
President, FY 2010

Chapter Offices, Committees

Treasurer, FY 1991-1994
President, FY 1995, 2000-2001
Newsletter Editor, FY 2001-2007

Awards

Institute

Special Publication Commendation, 2006
**Central Virginia
Middle Atlantic Region**
Certificate of Appreciation, 1999
Director's Special Award, 2005, 2007
Robert P. Brosseau Memorial Award, 2008

Chapter

Founder's Award, 2005
Distinguished Service Award, 2008