

Robert Wayne Simmons, FCSI

"For your passionate dedication to CSI through leadership in forming the Big Sky Chapter, diligence in increasing membership, building a partnership with the Sheet Metal Workers International Association, establishment of the Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation, and commitment to fiscal responsibility at the chapter, region, and Institute levels, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 19th day of June 2009"
Indianapolis, Indiana



ROBERT (BOB) SIMMONS was born in Sayre, Oklahoma, where he completed his education, started a career in the construction industry, and found his niche in CSI.

Simmons has served non-members and members at chapter, region, and Institute levels through his commitment to continuing education programs. When Bob starts talking about how wonderful his CSI membership has been to his career, there is no stopping him. That is why, in 2006, he became a MasterFormat Accredited Instructor (MAI). He wanted to share his knowledge of how using CSI's premier formatting system would benefit Sheet Metal Workers International Association-Journeyman Apprentice Training Committee (SMWIA-JATC) students, instructors, specifiers, and contractors in the northwest.

Through this partnership, Bob started the membership process to increase membership through the CDT Certificate program. This was important as it caused the SMWIA organization and affiliated organizations to incorporate MasterFormat 2004 into their national JATC educational curriculum, in the spring of 2008. The results of his efforts were a national educational curriculum incorporating MasterFormat 2004 and a regional collaboration between the two organizations, which led to increased CSI membership and a CDT program for the SMWIA-JATC.

Simmons established the Puget Sound CSI Memorial Foundation, where he serves as President. His contribution in building the Foundation is two-fold; it allows individuals, companies, and other entities to donate to a tax exempted Foundation, and it assists CSI students in the Puget Sound Region with gifts, grants, and scholarships to pursue their dreams in the construction sciences, a benefit to both the students and CSI.

Bob's career in CSI can be summarized in understanding the value of the organization, selling the organization to nonmembers and to continuing members, strengthening the organization by using sound financial and growth principles, and challenging the organization by his careful attention to detail and business practices.

Bob also has contributed to the advancement of construction technology. In the early 1980s, while National Sales and Marketing Manager for Diversi-Tech General, a division of the General Tire Company, he found there was a need for a roof membrane attachment method that would not penetrate the membrane. Responding to this need, he was granted a patent for a new attachment method on 12 December 1989.

CSI Membership

Puget Sound Chapter, 1989
Mt. Rainier Chapter, charter member, 1990
Portland Chapter, 1996
Big Sky Chapter, charter member, 2006

Institute Offices, Committees

Membership Committee, FY 2005-2007
Board of Directors, FY 2007-2010
Audit Committee, FY 2008
Region Boundaries Task Team, FY 2008
Member scribe, Audit Committee, FY 2009
Region Responsibility & Accountability Task Team, FY 2009

Region Offices, Committees

Chair, Membership Committee, FY 2005-2007

Co-Chair, Northwest Region, FY 2007-2009

Awards

Institute

Robert P. Brosseau Memorial Award, 2007
Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, Membership, 2007

Region

Directors' Citation, Establishing PSCSI Memorial Foundation, 2004
Directors' Citation, Researching region history, 2005
Directors' Citation, Membership expansion, 2006
Frank Stanton Memorial Award, 2007

Chapter

Albert E. Barnes Award, 2001
Hugh S. Hallett Award, 2003
Chapter Citation, 2007