

J. Gerard Capell, FCSI

*"For your enduring commitment to revising Wisconsin's Division 01 Specifications; for developing curriculum and teaching specifications and contracts at institutes of higher learning; for your steadfast dedication and promotion of certification while serving on the Institute Certification Committee; and your dedicated service as a leader, always making the team stronger through your personal commitment, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 16th day of September 2011."
Chicago, Illinois*



GERARD CAPELL has been a member of CSI since his days as a young architect in Sacramento in 1986. His participation in the organization blossomed once he moved to Milwaukee in 1988, where he quickly rose from committee member, to chair, to board member, to Chapter President, and then was involved in Region and Institute committees and leadership. In 2008 he was elected to the Institute Board where he has served with great honor representing the North Central Region and providing his skills and knowledge to benefit the direction of the organization.

A native of Lodi, California, Gerard received his Bachelor of Architecture from Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo, in 1981 after he attended his final year in Florence, Italy, on the Cal State Overseas Program. He continued to live in Florence for another year and a half, working for several architectural firms. His work with one firm involved working on new technical schools in southern Italy and acting as the liaison between the Italian and American architects and engineers. When he wasn't working or studying, he was traveling through Europe from Grenada to Moscow, soaking up

centuries of architecture. He continued this wanderlust through most of 1983, looking for work on the east coast and exploring the architectural treasures there. His greatest tour was later, when he drove 6,000 miles across the US, visiting friends and significant architecture sites from Pennsylvania to California.

The lure of resolving a long-distance romance with a woman he met in Spain years before brought him to Milwaukee, where he has worked for a variety of firms, and has operated his own firm, serving clients on a wide variety of projects, teaching at the local universities, and preparing specifications for other architectural firms. Ofttimes, he was referred to as "Mr. CSI," the person to go to for information about CSI, best practices in the industry, or what or who has the best product to serve a particular need.

Gerard became an Eagle Scout in 1971.

He and his wife Julie continue to travel as much as possible and help their community through volunteering.

CSI Membership

Sacramento Chapter, 1986 to 1989

Milwaukee Chapter, 1989

Institute Offices, Committees

Certification Committee, FY 1999-2002

Institute Director, FY 2008-2011

CCCS BoKA Task Team, FY 2011

Region Offices, Committees

Chair, Region Certification Committee, FY 1993-1997

Chair, Region Conference Committee, FY 2004

Chair, Chapter Assistance Task Team, FY 2005

Chair, Region Conference Facility, FY 2007

Vice President, FY 2009-2010

Awards

Distinguished Service Award, 1992

Region Educational Award, 1995

Education Commendation, 1996

Honorable Mention, Specifications Competition, 2001