

# Jonnie Cox, FCSI

*"For your passionate service to CSI demonstrated by your tireless efforts to establish and nurture the Student Affiliate at UTC; for your fresh approach to member recruitment and certification; for taking the initiative in countless programs to benefit members; for all you have done to honor the contributions of others and as a catalyst for change working to improve our recognition programs, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 27th day of September 2013."*  
Nashville, Tennessee



JONNIE MCCLUNG COX has been passionate about CSI since her early days as an architecture student at the University of Tennessee. Originally from Somerset, Kentucky, she left the Bluegrass State to become a Big Orange Volunteer (much to the chagrin of her family), and later an architect at the Tennessee Valley Authority where she remains today.

Jonnie's steadfast commitment to CSI spans almost a quarter of century and has led her to serve in multiple, overlapping positions at all levels of CSI. Her primary contributions have been focused on communicating the mission of CSI, mentoring future leaders, and providing recognition to deserving people in the construction industry.

Jonnie's passion for communications began when she joined the Chattanooga Chapter and became involved in the Publications Committee. Since then, she developed numerous publications for the chapter, region, and Institute to creatively convey relevant information to CSI members and others in the construction industry. Although not a computer tech person, she also established the first website for the Chattanooga Chapter and developed a wide variety of electronic communications for CSI.

Knowing the impact that CSI had on her in college, Jonnie wanted to see similar experiences offered to students in the Chattanooga area. Working with three other chapter members over several years, she was instrumental in the creation of a Student Affiliate Chapter at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. In addition, she has been an integral part of the chapter's scholarship committee which has provided thousands of dollars in scholarships to students majoring in construction related fields.

Jonnie's unceasing enthusiasm to see deserving people recognized has been another driving force behind many of her contributions to CSI. From her work in the Knoxville and Chattanooga Chapters' awards programs to the simplification of the Institute Awards guide, Jonnie has worked to make CSI honors and awards program the best it can be at all levels.

Throughout the years and relocations between Knoxville and Chattanooga, Jonnie has willingly and continually taken on the tasks no one wanted to do and has strived to share her knowledge and leadership skills with others in the chapter, region, and Institute to ensure the objectives of CSI are successfully achieved now and in the future.

## **CSI Membership**

Chattanooga Chapter, 1989 to 1995, 1998  
Knoxville Chapter, 1995 to 1998

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Jury of Fellows, FY 2002-2004, FY 2006, FY 2023  
Institute Awards Committee, FY 2010-2012  
Institute Audit Committee, FY 2014

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Gulf States Region Board of Directors, FY 1994, FY 2008  
Gulf States Region Publications Committee, FY 1994, FY 1998-2001  
Gulf States Region Secretary, FY 1995-1997  
Gulf States Region Awards Committee, FY 2001-2002

## **Awards**

### **Institute**

Continuing Publication Award, 1993, 2005  
Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1994, 2008  
Certificate of Appreciation, 2004  
President's Plaque, 2011

### **Gulf States Region**

Continuing Publication Award, 1993, 2005  
Institute Director Certificate of Appreciation, 1996  
Certificate of Appreciation, 1997, 2000, 2001  
Special Publication Award, 2003, 2005  
Electronic Publication Award, 2008

### **Chapter**

Knoxville Gunnar Kraft Award for Special Merit, 1998  
Chattanooga Ken Brandenburg Service Award, 2003