

# Ronald L. Geren, FCSI

*"For your selfless passion, personal commitment and countless contributions to advance the mission of the Institute through leadership and education; for being an engaged member who delivered results on the Brand Revitalization, BOKA and Owners Task Teams; for your masterful Keynote and Code Corner articles; and for your service as an ambassador who drives the industry to recognize credentialed CSI professionals, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 27th day of September 2013."*  
Nashville, Tennessee



RON GEREN is an Arizona native, born in Tucson. He spent his precollege years in Tucson, Phoenix, and finally Yuma, where he graduated high school with honors. He returned to his birthplace to attend the University of Arizona, where he earned his Bachelor of Architecture and a commission as a second lieutenant in the United States Air Force.

After graduation, Ron spent four years on active duty with the Air Force as an architect, with assignments to Cannon AFB, Clovis, NM, and Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ. After completing his commitment to the Air Force, Ron transferred his commission to the Air Force Reserve, where he served for the next 19 years until his retirement as a lieutenant colonel in 2007. As a reservist, Ron was activated and deployed to Kuwait in support of Operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom.

After his active-duty military commitment, Ron returned to the civilian architecture market and obtained a couple of short-term positions with the State of Arizona and a small architectural office. During that time, Ron obtained his license as a registered architect in the State of Arizona. He later moved into positions of greater responsibility as an owner's representative for Arizona State University (ASU) and the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.

Ron left public service in 1997 to accept a position at the local emerging office of Kansas-based Gould Evans Associates. While employed at Gould Evans, Ron prepared the specifications for the projects he managed, decided he needed a greater understanding of specifications, and joined CSI. After a few years, Ron became involved in the Phoenix Chapter, starting in the position of Programs Chair, a position

he held for three years. Ron eventually became involved on the chapter board as second vice president in FY 2005, which eventually led to his election as president of the chapter in FY 2008.

In addition to his leadership roles, Ron has provided many other services to the Phoenix Chapter, including teaching the chapter's CDT preparatory seminar for the past seven years. As an experienced instructor, Ron has been a presenter for many CSI chapters and events, including CONSTRUCT. At the Institute level, Ron was appointed chair of the Brand Revitalization Task Team, which undertook the effort to improve CSI's image in the construction industry, resulting in part in the new logo that was adopted in FY2013.

At the beginning of 2008, Ron started his own consulting practice, RLGA Technical Services, which specializes in construction specifications and building codes - another one of Ron's passions. Ron is a prolific writer on technical topics, and publishes two quarterly article series - *The Code Corner* and *Keynotes* - which also appear on blogs under the same names. Ron's articles have appeared in several publications, including *The Construction Specifier*, *Doors & Hardware*, and *Life Safety Digest*.

Concerned with the insufficient coverage of construction documents in college architecture programs, Ron secured a position as an adjunct lecturer at ASU's School of Architecture teaching the CDT. This position led to his current position as Professor of Architecture at Taliesin, Frank Lloyd Wright School of Architecture, where he is a core faculty member teaching the CDT, Practice Management, Building Construction Technology, Comprehensive Design Studio, and Building Codes.

## **CSI Membership**

Phoenix Chapter, 1999  
Tucson Chapter, 2011

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Institute Director, Southwest Region, FY 2012-2013  
Chair, Brand Revitalization Task Team, FY 2013  
*The Construction Specifier* Editorial Advisory Board, FY 2009 to 2013  
Chair, CDT BOKA Task Team, FY 2008

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Southwest Region President, FY 2011  
Southwest Region Vice President, FY 2010

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

Phoenix Chapter President, FY 2008

## **Awards**

Institute Communications Award, 2012  
Phoenix, Professional Member of the Year, 2010  
Phoenix, Outstanding Professional Member, 2004