

Ann G. Baker, FCSI

"For your long-term diligence to CSI certification practices and programs at all levels including: innovative distance learning, CDT Body of Knowledge Analysis and exam preparatory classes; for your hands-on approach to mentoring - taking it "on-site" and your notable accomplishments as a mentor to women professionals; and for your tireless efforts as a CSI ambassador impacting all you meet, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 9th day of September 2014"
Baltimore, Maryland



ANN BAKER was born and raised in Birmingham, Alabama, the youngest of three children. Following a childhood spent building things and drawing whenever she had paper and pencil available, Ann followed a slightly circuitous route to her current profession as a specifier that included an English degree from the University of Alabama, an architecture degree from the University of New Mexico, while simultaneously supporting her husband's career in the United States Air Force.

Ann's passion for architecture was indulged when she was fortunate enough to attend the University of New Mexico and earn her degree there. It wasn't until 8 years later, after living and working in California and then England, that Ann was introduced to CSI. Her first exposure to the Institute was through *the Construction Specifier* magazine, for which she joined the San Antonio Chapter in 1989 as an Intermediate Member. Ann quickly saw that CSI is the resource for the tools we need to improve what we do in the construction industry. She also immediately saw the value in the certification program for her own professional growth, a realization that evolved into her involvement at chapter, region and Institute level certification efforts.

By the time she moved to Denver in 1996, Ann had been an active member of the San Antonio Chapter for a few years. She translated that involvement into chairing the Denver Chapter Certification Committee, and in 2001 moving into the role of Certification Chair for the Southwest Region. Seeing the value of certification for chapter members as well as the industry, Ann created a Certification Growth Award for the Southwest Region. Ann has also served on the Institute Certification Committee for several years, chairing the Certification Maintenance Group for two.

Ann encourages less-experienced CSI members to become actively involved in the organization, particularly women in the industry. She enthusiastically extols the benefits of volunteering beyond the chapter level, citing the opportunities to work with people from all over the country and the world in all corners of our industry. She has written a blog post on the topic, steering members toward a richer and more rewarding CSI experience.

Ann has practiced architecture since 1981, and has been a full-time specifier since 2002. She lives south of Castle Rock, Colorado, with her husband of 45 years.

CSI Membership

San Antonio Chapter, 1989-1996
Denver Chapter, 1996
Pikes Peak Chapter, 2008
CSINext, 2012

Institute Offices, Committees

Southwest Region Institute Director, FY 2006-2008
CDT Body of Knowledge Analysis Task Team, FY 2008
Certification Committee, FY 2009-2013
Chair, Institute Certification Maintenance Group, FY 2014-2015

Region Offices, Committees

Southwest Region Certification Chair, FY 2001-2002
Chair, Southwest Region Historian and Planning, FY 2009

Chapter Offices, Committees

San Antonio Chapter Director, FY 1995-1996

Denver Chapter Certification Chair, FY 1997-1999

Denver Chapter Director, FY 2000-2001

Denver Chapter President, FY 2004

Denver Chapter Webmaster, FY 2009-2014

Denver Chapter 50th Anniversary Committee, FY 2010

Chair, Denver Chapter Publication Committee, FY 2012

Denver Chapter Director, FY 2014

Awards

Institute Awards

Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 2008

Region Awards

Region Director Citation, 2002

Chapter Awards

Certificates of Appreciation, 2001-2013

Comeback Player of the Year, 2010