

Marc C. Chavez, FCSI

“For your tireless efforts in developing educational programs for CSI chapters and members using distance learning technology; for your wit and wisdom in presenting “dry” subject matter in an entertaining and educational manner; for your mentoring of numerous professionals and shepherding them into CSI membership; and for presenting CDT Boot Camps across the country sharing your passion about CSI, certification, product delivery and technical excellence, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 9th day of September 2014.”
Baltimore, Maryland



MARC CHAVEZ grew up in Idaho and graduated from the University of Idaho with degrees in Anthropology, Sociology, and in 1988, Architecture. He has been an advocate for the improvement of construction specifications since he joined CSI in 1997. Diving into the complex technical aspects of specifying and then volunteering to help teach the concepts to others, started Marc on the road to improving specifications for the built environment. He actively presented and pushed regionally for the adoption of MasterFormat 04 by becoming a MasterFormat Accredited Instructor. During his time on AIA MasterSpec Architectural Review Committee and by mentoring younger professionals and helping colleagues daily, Chavez has continued to improve the documents that he and his colleagues use every day.

Marc is a natural teacher, and has contributed to CSI's mission by educating. His ability to speak and to make the sometimes dry material of contracts and specifications entertaining helps the listener remember what she has heard. Chavez has reached over 1,000 certification Exam Candidates

and has been personally requested to present certification courses on several occasions by CSI chapters and regions across the country. Being the sole presenter of an eight-hour class is no mean feat. Keeping the listener engaged and learning are harder still.

Any volunteer organization relies upon its members to be its leaders and “spear-bearers,” to participate as a worker one year and a leader the next. Marc has provided service to the institute in recognizing the serious problems potentially facing his chapter and solving them, and providing a path to preserve those solutions after his time in office was past. He performed similarly in volunteering to establish a foundation to encourage the education of future professionals and in plowing the ground of the new governance at the region level. Furthermore, the certification presentations created by Marc as part of the Institute Education Committee, the recorded education sessions and public speaking opportunities repeatedly presented by Marc to appreciative audiences has helped spread a positive view of the Institute and the work we all do.

CSI Membership

Puget Sound Chapter, 1997

Institute Offices, Committees

Technical Committee, FY 2003

Education Committee, FY 2009

Education Committee, FY 2011-2014

Region Offices, Committees

Region Trustee (Treasurer and Secretary) FY 2007-2009

Region President FY 2010

Awards

Institute

Outstanding Chapter Award, 2003

Certificate of Merit & Appreciation, 2003

Special Award for CSI education Committee, 2012

Region

Directors Citation 2003

Specifications Proficiency, 2006

Directors Citation, 2008

Region Service Award, 2011

Frank Stanton Memorial Award, 2013

Chapter

Presidents Certificate of Appreciation, 1999

Hugh S Hallett, 2000

Presidents Certificate of Appreciation, 2001

President's Certificate of Appreciation, 2004

John D. Finnegan Award, 2005

Presidents Certificate of Appreciation, 2012

Not CSI related

PSHFES Occupational Ergonomics Symposium Speaker's Award, 2004

Certificate of Appreciation, 2010