

David A. Bishton, FCSI

"For your work with local city officials advancing construction technologies through building codes and government policies; for your outreach and encouragement to future design and construction industry members; for your efforts in educating local leaders; for your instruction and mentoring of students and professionals studying for the Architectural Registration and CDT exams, and training MasterFormat instructors; and for your continued service to the Institute, the Southwest Region, and the Denver Chapter, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 30th day of September 2015."
St. Louis, Missouri



DAVID BISHTON began his CSI tenure through an unexpected opportunity with his first employer after graduating from Ball State University in 1976 and becoming a Registered Architect in the State of Indiana in 1979.

The head specification writer at Schenkel & Shultz, Inc. in Fort Wayne, Indiana, had left the firm. This large multi-disciplined firm saw something in this novice architect with an eye for detail to warrant offering the opportunity to take his place. He was given a goal of composing the first office master and working with project captains to manage specification quality. With technical courses funded by his company, research of specification tools, and reorganization of all office resources to CSI standards, they also insisted that he join CSI in 1979. Challenge accepted!

Unfortunately, the closest chapter was Indianapolis, a 120 mile drive, and he remained an At-Large member. The educational resources of CSI, however, were beyond all expectations and he consumed everything he could obtain.

David never forgot the lesson of giving people a chance to do something bigger than their credentials might suggest. His employer's amazing "leap of faith" inspired his mentorship of others for the rest of his career.

After moving to Longmont, CO in 1984 he joined a startup architectural firm with a former schoolmate, which became Moore & Bishton Architects, PC. He also immersed himself in volunteer services for City Boards that required knowledge

of construction, both in Building Department issues and in a new Office of Environmental Affairs. He volunteered to be a "construction advisor" in a series of semester-long middle school honor classes focused on design and implementation of human colonies on the moon and Mars.

These activities however, together with raising a family and managing a firm, kept CSI activities in his current Denver Chapter to a low level. That all changed after the year 2000.

David started innocuously as newsletter editor in FY2003. Over six years, he got to know the chapter leadership and most of the active members well. He was in awe of the wealth of knowledge in CSI members for very real, practical impact on his practice as an architect. Colleagues quickly became trusted friends, and he joined the Chapter board. Certifications followed. He eagerly promoted the new CSI MasterFormat to Denver's construction community. His activities grew in the Southwest Region as he was now energized by another level of CSI involvement. As Chapter President in FY2010, Region President in FY2012-13, and on Institute Board in FY2016-17, he completed a whirlwind tour of CSI leadership.

No, not completed. With semi-retirement in 2020, he is back to mentorship, promoting opportunities for excellence to the next generations of CSI leaders. David believes CSI is a treasure, maybe (still) partially hidden, but a critical partner in all aspirations for excellence in the construction industry.

CSI Membership

At-Large Member, 1979
Denver Chapter, 1985
Tucson Chapter, 2018

Institute Offices, Committees

Board Member from Southwest Region, FY 2016-2017

Region Offices, Committees

Newsletter Editor, FY 2009-2011
Vice-President, FY 2011
President, FY 2012-2013

Awards

Institute

Denver Chapter Publications, 2006
Denver Chapter Communications, 2011, 2013
Southwest Region Communications 2011

Region

Member of the Year, 2009
Henry B. Baume Memorial Award, 2010
Distinguished Service Award, 2012

Chapter

Technical Award, 1990
Special Citation and Certificate of Appreciation, 2011