

# Billy J. Mathis, FCSI

*"For your role as a communicator in word and deed; for producing carefully crafted guides for chapter and region processes; for publishing many articles promoting CSI formats and methods; for your intense drive and strong determination creating construction documents and training peers in accordance with CSI principles; and for your enthusiasm as you recognize challenges, implement corrective measures, and remain at the forefront of solutions, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 14th day of September 2017." Providence, Rhode Island.*



BILLY JOE MATHIS was born in Monette, Missouri, and was raised first in Monticello, and then Lonoke, Arkansas. Billy graduated 22nd in his class of 125 members and went on to earn an associate degree in criminal justice, carrying a 4.0 GPA.

Billy proudly served his country as a Law Enforcement Specialist in the United States Air Force. He served for 22 years, reaching the rank of Master Sergeant, and managing many installation-level programs involving protection of resources and classified information.

After his retirement in 1997, Billy went to work for Taggart Architects where he is Administrative Assistant for Architecture. His job involves coordination of all project manuals for the office, preparing and coordinating all contracts, preparing letters of agreement, receiving and managing all submittals, and other general tasks assigned (even changing light bulbs and stocking office supplies).

Billy's involvement with CSI began in 1998 when he was invited to a Little Rock Chapter meeting by Betty Hays. His first contact with CSI convinced him that he would benefit greatly from the organization and the educational opportunities it offered. His active involvement did not start

for a couple of months, when he was asked to come to see what a board meeting was all about. At the meeting there was mention of needing someone to step up and take on the treasurer's position. When nobody seemed to want to take the position, Billy stepped up and took on the challenge.

Since that time, Billy has served as chair or member of every committee, board position, and office in the Little Rock Chapter. He also served the Gulf States Region as the Awards Chair, President-Elect, and President, and has volunteered to be the Planning Chair in FY18. He also served on the Institute Awards Committee and the Region Allocation Program Task Team, and is currently in his second year as Institute Director from the Gulf States Region.

Billy's stated goal in all things is to "always leave the committee and/or office a little better than it was when he started". Billy strives to be the best at what he does realizing that is a goal that can never be reached.

Billy is married to his lovely wife Karen S. Mathis, who has supported him throughout his career. They have two grown children, Allison R. Jordan and Robert J. Mathis.

## **CSI Membership**

Little Rock Chapter, 1998

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Awards Committee Member, FY2012-2018

Region Allocation Program (RAP) Ad-Hoc Committee – De-Facto Chair and Coordinator, FY2013-2014

Institute Director, Gulf States Region, FY2017-2018

Executive Compensation Committee, Institute Board FY2018

## **Gulf States Region Offices, Committees**

Awards Committee Vice-Chair, FY2009-2010

Awards Committee Chair, FY2012

Vice President, FY2013

President, FY2014

Meeting Consolidation Task Team Member, FY2015

Operations Guide Committee Chair, FY2016

Planning Committee Chair, FY2018

## **Awards**

### **Institute**

Communications Award, 2011, 2017

### **Gulf States Region**

Rookie Editor of the Year, 2016

### **Little Rock Chapter**

Rookie of the Year, 2000

Leo J. Hiegel President's Award, 2000, 2002, 2004, 2006, 2010, 2012

Member of the Year, 2004, 2009, 2010, 2012

Albert R. Hibbs Award, 2011

Betty C. Hays Mentorship Award, 2016