John T. Dunaway, FCSI

"For being a tireless advocate, dynamic leader, and relentless promoter of all things CSI, even forming an R&B band, The Spectones, with CSI members from several Chapters; for your passion to educate both young and old in the construction industry including your work with students at the University of Southern Mississippi; and for having galvanized a resilient relationship between architects, specifiers, and other professionals within the construction industry, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the tenth day of October 2019." Washington, DC



JOHN DUNAWAY got his start in architecture by enrolling in Southwest Mississippi Junior College, and luckily had a drafting and design teacher who saw a glimmer of talent and the willingness to work hard to achieve a goal. Upon graduation from community college, John enrolled at the University of Southern Mississippi in Architectural Technology. After graduation he began his 8 year internship to reach his goal of becoming an architect. During his internship, he worked for architectural firms in Mississippi and Louisiana, and began using his technical training to help designers for these firms put their ideas into reality by developing designs into quality construction documents both graphic and written.

Shortly after finding his niche as an architect with advanced technical abilities and with a passion for learning, he was introduced to CSI by an old friend. The friends and trusted advisors he met in CSI and the knowledge gained though CSI certification helped John hone his specification writing skills and allowed him to earn his CCS classification. He has continued to develop his knowledge of construction and

building materials in order to be the best he can in his chosen profession. John loves working with students, helping them find their niche in the industry or helping them achieve their goals. He has worked to bring students and professionals together through workshops, seminars, and mentoring sessions.

CSI camaraderie has always been one of John's favorite aspects of the organization. He is a people person, and as such always volunteers when there is a need to host an event for his chapter or region, quite often in his home. John brought his love for music into play in CSI and formed a band of Gulf States Region musicians, The Spectones, to play at CSI events over a number of years.

John's love for writing and communication has led him to serve numerous terms as editor of his region and chapter newsletters, which allows him to stay in touch with all the members of his region, and gives him the opportunity to inform others about CSI initiatives and events, and, of course, to espouse the benefits of CSI membership.

CSI Membership

Mississippi Chapter, November 1990

Gulf States Region Offices, Committee

Awards Committee, FY 1997-2012
Board of Directors, FY 2001
Awards Vice Chair, FY 2004-2006
Awards Chair, FY 2006-20
Board of Directors, FY 2009
Vice President, FY 2012
President, FY 2013
Publications Chair/Editor, FY 2014-2019.

Awards

Institute

Special Publication Commendation, 2002, 2003, 2006 Communications Award, 2014 Communications Awards, 2015 Special Publication Commendation, 2017 Communications Awards, 2018

Region

Outstanding Chapter President Award, 2002
Special Publication Awards, 2002, 2003, 2006, 2008, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2015, 2018, 2019
Outstanding Academic Liaison, 2007
Wetzel Award for Communication Excellence, 2008
Educational Seminar Award, 2010
Robert V. Bishop Award, 2015
Continuing Publication Awards, 2011, 2013, 2017
Award for Special Chapter Publications, 2016
People's Choice Award, 2017
Continuing Publication Awards, 2011, 2015, 2017, 2018, 2019
Presidential Citation of Merit, 2018

Chapter

Outstanding Member Award, 1999, 2002, 2013