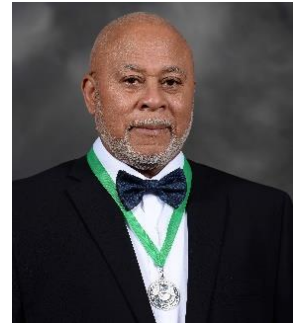


# Kermit E. Duncan, FCSI

*“For your long standing service to the Institute and dedication to educate industry members for 32 years; for mentoring the next generation in both certification courses and National Engineers Week program; for your willingness to serve in many roles throughout your membership on the chapter board, chapter committees, and North Central region; for your strong desire to help others learn and advance, personally and professionally, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this tenth day of October 2019.”  
Washington, DC*



KERMIT DUNCAN was introduced to construction as an elementary school student, accompanying his father to Sunday afternoon home showings around the Mississippi Delta near his hometown of Greenville, Mississippi. While his Dad handled the home sales, Kermit made sure the sugar and coffee creamer packets were stocked. The experience influenced his decision to study architecture when he attended the University of Notre Dame, where he later graduated with a Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1978.

Inspired by an elective course in construction management taken in college, and after obtaining his Minnesota Architectural license in 1984, he pursued an opportunity to work on a construction management team for a large municipal, multi-year project. This work opened a new arena of challenges and experiences that helped to shape his career choices.

Kermit followed a mentor's advice to join CSI in 1987 and accepted the challenge to take the CDT exam. Throughout his studies, he realized that the knowledge required for the exam applied directly to the skills needed to perform his tasks with the construction management team. His success with preparation and taking the exam was due to the many chapter members who organized and led study sessions for the exam.

In 1988, he joined the chapter Membership Committee, becoming chair of the committee a few years later. Remembering the help he had received in preparing for the CDT exam, he became a member of the Education Committee in 1995. For more than eight years, he served as a member, chair, and chapter vice president for the Education Committee. He organized, planned for, and presented at study sessions for candidates preparing for the CDT exam.

Kermit served as chapter president FY 2003. More recently, he served as chair of the Certification Committee, and currently remains a member of the committee. He continues in the role as presenter for study sessions and education seminars, assisting candidates in their preparation for CSI exams and certifications.

Kermit strongly believes in the value of CSI certifications, and he understands that improved knowledge of the construction documents benefits every project. He believes the collaboration required for a successful project occurs when each profession, construction trade, and supplier employs the best use of their services, skills, and products to best fulfill the requirements of the Contract Documents.

## **CSI Membership**

Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter, 1987

## **North Central Region Offices, Committees**

District Coordinator, FY2013 – 2019

President-Elect, FY2019-2020

President, FY2020-2021

## **Awards**

### **Region**

Education Certificate, 1998

Certificate of Appreciation, 2019

### **Chapter**

Education Certificate, 1996-1998, 2013, 2014

Peter A. Norum Continuous Service Award, 2015

John C. Anderson Award of Excellence, 2016