

Richard C. Ehmann*, FCSI

"In recognition of your distinguished and dedicated service to the Institute, as Vice-President, President and Director of the Portland, Oregon Chapter, for your service as Director of Region 12, and as Institute Vice-President, Technical, for your effective leadership and creative contribution in upgrading Chapter, Region and Institute activities, for your devotion to the aims and objectives of the Institute, for your efforts that developed the Spec-Data program to optional level, for your contribution to Convention Program planning, and for your recognition as an outstanding specification writer, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 4th day of June, 1969."
Houston, Texas



RICHARD CARL EHMANN was born in Boone, Iowa in 1926. He served in company A, 335th Infantry, 84th Division in Germany, and with the 970th Counter-Intelligence Corps, and was awarded two bronze stars. He attended the Illinois Institute of Technology and Iowa State College.

He migrated to Oregon in 1950 and worked in a variety of architectural offices. In 1956, he was made an associate in the firm of Williams and Martin. In 1961, he helped form the firm of Williams and Ehmann. In 1975, he formed the firm of Richard C. Ehmann & Associates. In 1988, with Robert Klas, he formed the firm of Ehmann Klas Associates, which became EKA Architects and Planners in 1993. From 1994 on he was an independent architectural consultant.

Having written all specifications for his firm since 1961, Ehmann received several awards for his construction documents. He was a long-time advocate of CSI's Certified Construction Specifier Program, having been certified at the inception of the program.

Richard joined CSI in 1959 as a member-at-large. The following year he became a charter member of the Portland, Oregon Chapter. He continued to be a contributing member of his chapter through the years.

Upon completion of his term as chapter president, Ehmann was elected to a three year term as Institute Director from Region 12. During his term as Institute Director, he helped charter the Willamette Valley Chapter. He also organized and chaired the first three region conferences.

Richard served as chair of the Ad Hoc Spec-Data Task Force Committee, which was responsible for setting parameters for Section requirements for manufacturers participating in the Institute's SPEC-DATA Program. Ehmann also served as Chairman of the CSI-PC Liaison Committee, and as a member of the Director's Guide Committee. For the Northwest Region, Ehmann served as chairman of the 1983 Region Conference Committee.

Ehmann passed away 20 March 2012, in Portland, Oregon.

CSI Membership

Member at large, 1959-1960
Portland Chapter, charter member, 1960

Institute Offices, Committees

Ad Hoc SPEC-DATA Task Force, FY 1966-1967
Director, FY 1965-1968
Vice-President, FY 1969
Secretary, FY 1970- 1971

Chapter Offices, Committees

Vice-President, FY 1962
President, FY 1963-1964

Awards

Portland Chapter: Certificate of Appreciation (5)
NW Region: Certificate of Appreciation, 1974