

**THE FIRST TWENTY YEARS:  
A LINEAR HISTORY OF  
RICHMOND CHAPTER, CSI**

**PREAMBLE**

There is a dearth of records, minutes, and other information regarding the organization and founding of this Chapter. The Historian, accordingly, has had to rely on the memories of some of the Charter members and past officers in order to bring the facts (?) to light. Some of the older Secretary's Minute Books still survive but none dating from the very beginning. With that as a preamble, we will do the best that we can and beg forgiveness for any "errors and/or omissions" as being beyond recall.

**HISTORY**

A small group of interested architects, specification writers, material suppliers (formerly called specification readers) and one engineer, under the urging of James Francis, Judge Hazelgrove and F. Milton Garey, met to discuss the possibility of forming a chapter of the Institute, which itself had only been organized in 1947. Several organizational meetings were held with information and support from the Institute in Washington to assist. After determined canvassing of local architects and engineer's offices, and contacts with interested suppliers, a total of twelve active members and twenty-three associate members were enrolled and a Charter was applied for with the Institute. This Charter was issued and a Charter meeting was held in June 1959 for the formal presentation.

**ORGANIZATION AND PROGRAMS**

The Chapter honored one of its founders by electing James E. Francis as its first president. Jim's major activity this first year was an all-out push to enroll new members and predicated entirely upon the 1960-61 roster, this activity was a success with a total of nineteen active and thirty-one associate members listed. All necessary committees were formed and began formulating programs within the framework of the guide lines laid down by the Institute. The programs generally were on topics of widespread interest to the membership and a theme of "a working organization" was established at the very inception, working to fulfill one of the principal aims of the Institute, that of the betterment of construction specifications. Since most specification writing was not taught as a college course but had to be "learned in the doing", the programs were developed toward that end. The meetings were to be workshop affairs using the experience and background of specialists in their particular fields to appear, offer a short lecture

presentation and then sit to have their brains picked by the attenders. Some were put on by individuals at first, but soon evolved into a panel of experts with a moderator.

### **TECHNICAL WORKSHOPS**

The analysis of a single section of specification actually used on a project proved popular for a while and if you had nerve enough to submit one for a program, you could expect to have it broken down, torn to pieces, reconstructed and restructured, and you'd be left with the feeling that you didn't know a thing. However, everyone accepted this in the proper sense because it helped you to realize how little you really knew and how much you needed to know.

### **EDUCATION**

Since most specification writers are mainly office-bound, the need to get out into the field to see how things were made, how they were put together and how the sub and general contractors used what you wrote, was quite evident. This led to the establishment of a spring field trip, usually in May, during which this phase of the spec writer's education came into being. We have watched fabrication and erection procedures of parts of the Hampton Coliseum, commercial and naval ship fabrication, making and burning of bricks from raw clay to finished product, production of concrete masonry units, production of pre-cast concrete items, production of operations in a ready-mix concrete plant, production of roofing slates and slate panels from quarry to application, production of light-weight concrete aggregates, production of specialty stone products, both natural and man-made, production of laboratory furniture, production of custom millwork and many more. These field trips were like a busman's holiday but the fellowship and camaraderie that went along with the basic education phases made it all the more enjoyable as well as fruitful.

### **PUBLICATIONS**

From its inception, the Chapter has published a monthly newsletter, presently called The Richmond Report. This publication has won national recognition several years as best publication of its kind for Chapters with our membership. It is now self-supporting through paid advertising. Not only meeting notices, minutes and necessary information are published in the Report but also technical and informative articles. Several such articles by Chapter members have found further publication in the national magazine, The Specifier, which is as old as the Institute.

## **OUTREACH**

The Chapter has been instrumental in organizing two other chapters in Virginia. The Tidewater Chapter, organized in 1964, was led into formation by several Richmond members, assisted just prior to Charter, by Edmund T. Pairo, Past National President and Charles Dorman, then Regional Director and subsequently National President of the Institute, both from the Washington Metropolitan Chapter. Just recently, several of our members have assisted in the organization and chartering of the Blue Ridge Chapter, based in Roanoke. We have always had members, not only able, but willing to "sell" the Institute and these two Chapters are the fruits of their efforts.

## **REGION ACTIVITIES**

The Chapter has acted as host for the largest Tri-Regional Conference ever held. In 1968, this conference was held in Williamsburg, Virginia, with more than 360 persons attending, a success not only in numbers but also in quality of program. One more Tri-Regional Conference was co-hosted with the Metropolitan Washington Chapter in Annapolis, Maryland, with great success. Recently a Regional Conference was held in Williamsburg, Virginia, in conjunction with a seminar sponsored by the Chapter, both well attended and successful.

## **JOINT MEETINGS**

The first meeting in the fall of each year is a joint meeting with the James River Chapter, AIA, Richmond Chapter, AGC, Richmond Chapter, VSPE and Richmond Chapter, CEC, with each organization taking turns acting as host for the meeting. These meetings are always well attended with programs of interest to the construction industry as a whole.

## **SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

From its inception, the Chapter's December meeting has taken the form of a social meeting attended by members, their wives and/or girl friends. There are several photo albums in the possession of Bob Neale and slides in the possession of Ken Barrie to testify to the fact that when fun is specified, we can complete the contract to the letter. Quite frequently, the field trips have terminated in some type of picnic outing, trips down the James, and shad plankings. For anyone who has not eaten a properly planked shad with hot buttered spoonbread, well, you've just not lived, that's all.

## **INSTITUTE PARTICIPATION**

Several of our members have served well on National Institute Committees and our own John Stonnell served a term as Section

Director, Northeast Section. We have had voting delegates in attendance at all National Conventions since being Chartered, as well as all Tri-Regional and Regional Conferences. Several of our members have served as instructors in courses offered by our local community colleges in the field of specification writing, cost estimating, critical path method and fast tract construction. We have also furnished lecturers to state colleges in the field of specification writing.

#### **CHANGES - INSTITUTE NOMENCLATURE'**

There have been some changes in the Institute nomenclature during the past twenty years. The "Active" members changed to "Professional" members. The "Associate" members have changed to "Industry" members. The attempt to change the name of "The Construction Specifications Institute", however, was soundly defeated and properly so. This name was chosen by one of the founding fathers, Carl J. Ebert, as a calm but forceful name which has impressed everyone and is so indicative of the aims of the organization.

History Compiled By  
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Historian, 1979

## Charter Members of the Richmond Chapter, CSI

### Active Members

Robert S. Buford	Miles C. Johnston, Jr.
Robert H. Clark	Edward J. Meredith
Robert A. Coutts	*Courtenay C. Welton
*James E. Francis	John E. Whitmore
*F. Milton Garey	Marcellus Wright, Jr.
*Elliott B. Hazelgrove	O. Pendleton Wright

### Associate Members

J. William Ash	Robert C. Neale
Harold H. Charles	Thomas E. Parrish
Russell P. Ellison, Jr.	George T. Parsons
William Hemsley Emory, Jr.	Leonard R. Perkins, Jr.
Luther G. Evans	Joseph L. Rosenbaum
*Rolj T. Hamre	Lawrence B. Sheffield
R. Ted Hamre	Parke F. Smith
Robert L. Hartsell	Walter P. Smith
Harold L. Hughey	Thomas B. Staley
Stuart M. Lamkin	William M. Walker
Frank G. Louthan, Jr.	William R. White
*George F. Marable	

\*Deceased

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**RICHMOND CHAPTER, CSI  
PAST OFFICERS**

1959 - 1960

President	James E. Francis
Vice-President	F. Milton Garey
Vice-President	Thomas B. Staley
Secretary	Lawrence B. Sheffield
Treasurer	Robert A. Coutts

1960 - 1961

President	James E. Francis
Vice-President	John E. Whitmore
Vice-President	William M. Walker
Secretary	William H. Emory, Jr.
Treasurer	Robert A. Coutts

NOTE: Francis resigned, succeeded by Whitmore for  
balance of 1960-61 term.

1961 - 1962

President	John E. Whitmore
Vice-President	Robert S. Buford
Vice-President	Robert C. Neale
Secretary	William M. Walker
Treasurer	Thomas E. Parrish

1962 - 1963

President	Robert S. Buford
Vice-President	Paul C. Fleishel
Vice-President	Thomas E. Parrish
Secretary	George F. Marable
Treasurer	Robert H. Clark

1963 - 1964

President	Paul C. Fleishel
Vice-President	Robert H. Clark
Vice-President	William R. White
Secretary	Robert S. Spratley
Treasurer	Z. Greene Hollowell, Jr.

1964 - 1965

President	Robert H. Clark
Vice-President	Robert S. Spratley
Vice-President	Robert H. Ward
Secretary	Charles C. Pearman
Treasurer	Z. Greene Hollowell, Jr.

PAST OFFICERS  
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1965 - 1966	Robert S. Spratley
President	D. Warren Hardwicke
Vice-President	John K. Stonnell
Vice-President	Charles C. Pearman
Secretary	William C. Cates, Jr.
Treasurer	
1966 - 1967	D. Warren Hardwicke
President	Thomas A. Hanson
Vice-President	John K. Stonnell
Vice-President	Briscoe B. Guy
Secretary	William C. Cates, Jr.
Treasurer	
1967 - 1968	D. Warren Hardwicke
President	Thomas A. Hanson
Vice-President	W. Norman Hall
Vice-President	Briscoe B. Guy
Secretary	James P. Fox, III
Treasurer	
1968 - 1969	Robert H. Clark
President	John E. Wilson
Vice-President	Ivory E. Worley
Vice-President	Norman F. Jacobs, Jr.
Secretary	James P. Fox, III
Treasurer	
1969 - 1970	William C. Newman, III
President	Harry S. Cruickshank
Vice-President	Leonard A. Brooks
Vice-President	Jan Hanrath
Secretary	J. Nelson Cowell
Treasurer	
1970 - 1971	William C. Newman, III
President	James H. Harris
Vice-President	Charles C. Pearman
Vice-President	Jan Hanrath
Secretary	J. Nelson Cowell
Treasurer	
1971 - 1972	James H. Harris
President	Charles H. Chamberlayne
Vice-President	Charles C. Pearman
Vice-President	Gene Windsor
Secretary	Walter P. Smith, Jr.
Treasurer	

PAST OFFICERS  
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1972 - 1973

President	Charles H. Chamberlayne
Vice-President	John E. Whitmore
Vice-President	Alvin Flick, Jr.
Secretary	Charles Creswell, Jr.
Treasurer	Walter P. Smith, Jr.

1973 - 1974

President	John E. Whitmore
Vice-President	Paul C. Fleishel
Vice-President	Alvin Flick, Jr.
Secretary	Charles Creswell, Jr.
Treasurer	Fred E. Will

1974 - 1975

President	Paul C. Fleishel
Vice-President	Joseph V. Ciucci, Jr.
Vice-President	Robert H. Ward
Secretary	J. Nelson Cowell
Treasurer	Fred E. Will

1975 - 1976

President	Joseph V. Ciucci, Jr.
Vice-President	Thomas A. Hanson
Vice-President	W. Norman Hall
Secretary	J. Nelson Cowell
Treasurer	Fred E. Will

1976 - 1977

President	Thomas A. Hanson
Vice-President	Brooke P. Chamblin, Jr.
Vice-President	Norman F. Jacobs, Jr.
Secretary	J. Nelson Cowell
Treasurer	Fred E. Will

1977 - 1978

President	Brooke P. Chamblin, Jr.
Vice-President	Norman F. Jacobs, Jr.
Vice-President	Ernest W. Rose, Jr.
Secretary	John C. Morgan, Jr.
Treasurer	Ivory E. Worley

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1978 - 1979

President	Norman F. Jacobs, Jr.
Vice-President	Ernest W. Rose, Jr.
Vice-President	Ivory E. Worley
Vice-President	David R. Mead
Secretary	John C. Morgan, Jr.
Asst. Secretary	Stuart D. Woolcott
Treasurer	Ivory E. Worley
Immed. Past Pres.	Brooke P. Chamblin, Jr.

THE NEXT FIVE YEARS

1979 - 1980<sup>1</sup>

President	Ernest W. Rose, Jr. <sup>2</sup>
Vice-President	Ivory E. Worley <sup>2</sup>
Vice-President	Wiley W. Glass, Jr. <sup>3</sup>
Vice-President	John K. Stonnell <sup>3</sup>
Vice-President	Stuart D. Woolcott
Secretary	John C. Morgan, Jr.
Asst. Secretary	James M. Chandler
Treasurer	William L. Shirey
Immed. Past Pres.	Norman F. Jacobs, Jr.

1980-1981

President	Ernest W. Rose, Jr.
Vice-President	Wiley W. Glass, Jr.
Vice-President	John K. Stonnell
Vice-President	Stuart D. Woolcott
Secretary	James M. Chandler
Asst. Secretary	John C. Morgan, Jr.
Treasurer	William L. Shirey
Immed. Past Pres.	Norman F. Jacobs, Jr.

1981 - 1982

President	Wiley W. Glass, Jr.
President Elect	John K. Stonnell
Vice-President	William L. Shirey
Vice-President	James M. Chandler
Secretary	John K. Perrin
Asst. Secretary	Frank B. Easterly (July-Dec.)
	Stuart D. Woolcott
Treasurer	Bruce G. LeLecheur
Immed. Past Pres.	Ernest W. Rose, Jr.

<sup>1</sup> Fiscal Year begins July 1 ends June 30

<sup>2</sup> Ivory E. Worley - died February 15, 1980

<sup>3</sup> John K. Stonnell - Interim appointment as Vice-President March 1980 to complete Ivory E. Worley's term of office.

PAST OFFICERS  
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1982 - 1983

President	Wiley W. Glass, Jr.
President Elect	William L. Shirey
Vice-President	James M. Chandler
Vice-President	Philip P. Reynolds
Secretary	Leonard A. Brooks
Asst. Secretary	Stuart D. Wolcott
Treasurer	Bruce G. LeLecheur
Immed. Past Pres.	Ernest W. Rose, Jr.

1983 - 1984

President	William L. Shirey
President Elect	James M. Chandler
Vice-President	Charles S. "Chuck" Ditsler
Vice-President	John L. Bock
Secretary	Leonard A. Brooks
Asst. Secretary	Stuart D. Woolcott
Treasurer	William G. McAllister
Immed. Past Pres.	Wiley W. Glass, Jr.