

BRIEF HISTORY OF CSI & Maine CHAPTER

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The following is a reminder of some of our history; these include many "First" events of a type.

1947	CSI Organizational Meeting
1948, 8 March	CSI Articles of Incorporation signed
1948, April	First Institute Board Meeting
1949	First CSI National Office in DC
1949	First Edition of "the Construction Specifier"
1951, 1 June	First Chartered Chapter, Metropolitan New York Chapter
1957	Established CSI Regions, developed by J. Norman Hunter – 12 Regions (Maine was located in what was identified as Region 1)
1957	First Institute Convention, Washington, DC
1958	First Institute Executive Director, George F. Lamb, CSI, Executive Secretary
1959	First Fellows Investiture, Chicago Convention
1960	First Institute Board Meeting with Region Directors (Now known as Institute Directors) in attendance
1960	Only year no member elevated to Fellowship
1963	CSI publishes <i>CSI Format for Building Specifications</i> , name later changed to <i>CSI Format for Construction Specifications</i> .
1966	Industry Members eligible to become Fellows; 5 Industry Members become Fellows
1966	Published " <i>Uniform System for Construction Specifications, . . .</i> "
1967	CSI published the first <i>Manual of Practice (MOP)</i> .
1967, 31 Mar	Maine Chapter Chartered as 91 st Chapter, with original name of "Portland Chapter". Robert Armitage serves as first Chapter President
1970	CSI considered name change because name did not reflect activity (Failed)
1972	CSI jointly publishes <i>Uniform Construction Index</i> covering Specifications, Data Filing, Cost Analysis and Project Filing. Five digit numbers shown for only Cost Analysis,
1972, Sept.	Maine Chapter hosts Region 1 Conference at Kennebunkport.
1974	First time female Member of Maine Chapter elected to Chapter Board – Gertrud Ebbeson
1975	Institute Regions went from 12 to 10. (Maine becomes part of NE Region)
1975-76	Industry Members allowed to vote, previously only Professional Members could vote
1977	Certified Construction Specifier (CCS) Certification Program launched
1978	First female CSI member became "Fellow", Alice E. Shelly, CSI
1978	Only Institute President elected by write-in vote, Lou Sams, FCSI
1978	Five-digit system for Spec Sections was formed; named " <i>MasterFormat</i> "
1979	Maine Chapter creates "Ralph Knowlton Memorial Award" to recognize a Maine citizen that has been instrumental in improving <u>Construction Communications in Maine</u> . Jerry Haynes is first recipient in 1980.
1980	First Maine Chapter Member serves on Institute Committee – Richard Eustis, Participating Member on Technical Documents Committee
1981	Ground Breaking for CSI Headquarters Building, Alexandria, VA
1982	First Maine Chapter Member Chairs Institute Committee – Richard Eustis, Technical Documents Committee
1982, Sept	Moved into new CSI Headquarters Building in Alexandria, VA
1984	First Maine Chapter Member becomes FELLOW – Robert Armitage
1985	Construction Document Technologist (CDT) Certificate Program launched
1986	CSI Published first in Technical Documents (TD) series titled TD-2-4 <i>Abbreviations</i>
1988/89	CDT Certification Program launched as prerequisite to other Certification Programs
1989	First Industry Member elected Institute President, Steve Blumenthal, FCSI
1989	Maine Chapter endows scholarship at University of Maine System for any student in a design or construction related program
1989	Established Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR) Certification Program.
1991	Established Certified Construction Contract Administrator (CCCA) Certification Program
1993	Maine Chapter endows scholarship at Central Maine Community College for any student in a design or construction related program
1995	First female Institute President-elect - Jane D. Baker, FCSI, CCS
1996	First Maine Chapter Member becomes Institute President-elect – Richard Eustis, PE, FCSI, CCCA

- 1996 Published the 1995 Edition of *MasterFormat*
- 1996 Published Manual of Practice (MOP) 1996 edition plus modules (primary resource for CSI certification exam preparation)
- 1997 First modules of the Uniform Drawing System (UDS) released
- 1998 CSI serves as "Organizational Co-chair" for National Engineers Week.
- 1998 Sold CSI Office Headquarters Building in Alexandria, VA
- 1998 CSI 50th Anniversary
- 1999-2000 First time Industry members filled positions of Institute President and President-elect
- 1999 First version of *National CAD Standard (Version 1.0)* released
- 2002 First female member of Maine Chapter elected Chapter President-elect – Pat Hinkley
- 2003 Maine Chapter receives its first CSI Outstanding Chapter Commendation for FY2002 activities.
- 2004 First African American elected Institute President, Edith Washington, FCSI, CCS
- 2004 CSI published MasterFormat 2004; revised from 5 digits to 6 digits and increased number of Divisions to 50
- 2007 Maine Chapter celebrates its 40th Anniversary
- 2010 Maine Chapter receives "Bronze Level" Outstanding Chapter Citation for fifth OCC
- 2011 Institute eliminated membership classifications for members other than Students and Emerging Professionals, Bylaws amendment
- 2011 Published Project Delivery Practice Guide to replace Project Resource Manual (PRM)
- 2011 Institute Board elevates Richard Eustis to "Distinguished Member", first Chapter Members to receive this HONOR
- 2013 Institute Approves Logo change
- 2014 Maine Chapter creates "Robert Armitage, FCSI Memorial Award" to recognize the demonstration of a high level of volunteer leadership, diligence, professionalism and dedication to CSI. Richard Eustis is the first recipient.
- 2015 Maine Chapter receives NE Region Award for greatest percentage increase in Membership