

Profiles published in past Maine Chapter Newsletters

PROFILES – Last name beginning with L through Q

The following are "Profiles" of Maine Chapter Members that have been published in previous issues of the Maine Chapter Newsletter. Some individual show may no longer be members of the Maine Chapter or CSI.

The indicated month and year is the issue of the Chapter Newsletter in which this appeared.

Profiles are shown alphabetically by last name.

June 2001 – Mike Landry, CSI, CDT

Specifications Writer, WRBC Architects/Engineers - Chapter Secretary

Before settling in at WBRC in the fall of 1998 Mike was in Massachusetts. After graduating from Wentworth Institute of Technology in 1990 Mike worked two tours at a Suburban Boston firm in Winchester, Stirling/Brown Architects. The introduction to CSI starts there through one of the partners, Les Brown, who I owe a great debt for the aspiring architect I am today. It was always stressed that as the Architect, the Chief Coordinator; you need to know about everything. As I found out through Les, CSI can help with that. Les, of course is a member in the Boston "Paul Revere" Chapter.

My first tour there began after graduation until the early nineties and the second ended with the marriage to Dr. Holly L. McDaniel. Holly is a partner at Dahl-Chase Pathologists in Bangor. The introduction to Holly I owe to my dear cousin in Vermont. That puts me in Orono, October of 1998.

In the time that has breezed by the last two and a half-years at WBRC, Mike has moved into a "Project Manager in Training" position and has worked on projects such as: Boyd Place Assisted Living Facility, Bangor, Penobscot Valley Country Club, Orono, University System Buildings at Orono, Department of Public Safety, & Hitchner Hall. Also on the Orono campus, The Alumni House. Mike's background includes a full-range of building types and uses. Including New Construction, Additions, Renovations and Adaptive Re-Use. With any luck Mike will be registered as an Architect in the near future.

Shortly after starting at WBRC the call came from one of the partners that more involvement was need in our Chapter of CSI. At this time, I sit as the Chapter Secretary. Meetings offer so much information to absorb, from the speakers to the interaction with members, to the long rides from Bangor with a past president.

As for Mike's personal life; being next door to the University in Orono is such a plus and the people in the area have been and continue to be genuine. Holly and Mike have started a family and will be celebrating Daniel's first birthday in June.

September 2002 - Jeff Larimer, CSI

I was born on an old cow farm in the small southwestern Pennsylvania town of Van Meter. No! Wait a minute! That was my Dad. I was born in a hospital in the thriving city of Worcester, Mass. However, at the tender age of 3 ½, my family relocated to the Jersey shore, which is where I grew up and attended both grade school and high school. It was as a freshman in high school that I became interested in drafting and obtained my first drawing board, T-square and other drafting implements. Anybody remember what those are? It was my high school drafting instructor who recognized my interest in architecture and accelerated my program, allowing me to take three years of architectural drafting when normally only two years was offered.

Upon graduation from high school, I went on to Penn State University and received my Bachelor of Architecture degree in 1974. A distinguished graduating class that also included such people as John Cappelletti (Penn State's only Heisman Trophy winner) and Jonathan Frakes (Star Trek: The Next Generation). During my fourth year at school, I participated in a work-study program that resulted in full-time employment after graduation. This was a very fortunate event, since finding employment in the architecture field was very difficult in the mid-seventies. Also, during my fifth year at school, I was selected as one of two recipients of an annual award presented by Glen Gery Brick.

With degree in hand, I started my career working for a small firm in Toms River, NJ. My stint there only lasted about two years when I decided to relocate to sunny southern California, where most of my family had relocated to over the years. It took about a year to find an architectural position since jobs were scarce. During that year, I worked for my brother on the printing business. And for this I spent five years in college? I stayed in southern California for thirteen years working for a variety of firms on a multitude of projects ranging from medical office buildings to several officers' clubs at the various military bases in the region. It was during this time period that I also obtained my first license as an architect. Working for a large, international A/E firm, the last project I designed before leaving California was a \$15 million salinity laboratory for the USDA to be constructed on the campus of UC Riverside.

In 1989, having had enough of the rat race in California, I decided I wanted to return to the east coast and, in particular, the New England area. Now married, to a California native, and with our first child on the way, my wife and I (and our cat) made the 3,200-mile trek across country to the state of Maine. From 1989 until 1997, I worked for Rea Design Associates in Auburn working on a variety of school projects throughout the state. Late in 1997, I took a position at Harriman Associates, where I am currently employed. Since joining Harriman, I have continued to be involved in school projects,

most notably, the design of the new St. Dom's High School in Auburn that was completed within the past year.

My wife, Tami, and I reside in Auburn with our two sons, John and Matthew, along with our three cats. I became licensed to practice architecture in Maine 1990 and, along with holding an NCARB certificate, I still retain my license in California.

May 2000 – Floyd Lawrence, CSI, CDT

Floyd has been a member of the Maine Chapter of CSI since 1993 and is currently 1st Vice President. Floyd has served the Maine CSI Chapter as a member of the Board of Directors, 2nd Vice President and 1st Vice President. Also, helping on the planning committees for the Northeast Region Conference held in North Conway, New Hampshire and a couple of the CSI products shows. He has attended the Northeast Region Conferences held in Long Island, NY; Hartford, Connecticut; North Conway, NH; Rochester, NY; and Lake Placid, NY.

Floyd is an architectural job captain with the firm of Harriman Associates in Auburn, Maine. Over the last 25 years at Harriman Associates he has worked on a wide variety of projects including projects for schools, municipal buildings, libraries, colleges, military projects, and most recently with retail clients such as Shaw's and Giant Eagle .

Prior to working at Harriman Associates Floyd worked for the firm of Deane Woodward in Auburn. While at Deane Woodward's firm, he did similar projects throughout the State of Maine including: buildings at the University of Maine, Central Maine Technical College, Maine Maritime Academy, Lewiston High School, Saint Philips Church and many residences.

Floyd is a graduate of Wentworth Institute in Boston, Massachusetts where he received an associate degree in Architectural Engineering Technology.

Floyd enjoys oil painting in his spare time. He has taken drawing and painting classes at the University of Maine in Portland and the Lewiston Adult Education Program. Although painting is for enjoyment, he has had paintings in a couple of local art exhibits including the Area Artist '95 exhibit at the Lewiston-Auburn College in Lewiston, Maine. For the last two years he has donated a painting for the CSI scholarship auction held at the Northeast Region Conference.

Floyd and his wife Jean are working on remodeling their cottage into a year round residence for retirement. It has been a very enjoyable project where they have done the majority of the work themselves, hiring out the parts that they couldn't do. The process has taken many years and the projected completion date will be on or about retirement time.

CSI has been a great experience for me. I have enjoyed the monthly meetings with their informational presentations and the new educational seminars the Chapter has been presenting. Most of all, I value the friendships that I have made.

February 2010 - Denis Lemieux, CSI, CDT, AIA, LEED AP

Born and raised in the Lewiston-Auburn area, I attended St. Croix Elementary School and at that time my text books were written in French. I learned to speak English by watching television. In the sixth grade the nun's required that I write a report on what I wanted to be when I grew up. As part of this assignment I was required to interview someone in that profession. I did not know what I wanted to be, but I did respect a neighbor who was a craftsman and I decided to interview him. His name was Oscar Desjardin. During my interview he said "You don't want to be a carpenter, you should become an architect." He took out a set of drawings from Alonzo J. Harriman, a project he was currently working on, and said "This is what I think you should become, an architect." He gave me a compass set and dividers, tools that to this day I still use. He made arrangement for me to meet with Mr. Harriman, and I can still remember my personal interview. It was on a Saturday morning, I had to take the bus and a transfer ticket to Auburn. With my broken French-English dialect I went through the interview and was given a tour of the office, met with some unique individuals, and was given some information from the AIA. The year was 1960, and from that moment I knew that I wanted to be an architect.

Being the oldest of seven children, my parents did not have the money to send me to college, but my uncle Don was a professor at Louisiana Tech University and he offered me the opportunity to stay with him and I was able to attend the university as an in state student. This made it possible for me to pay my way. The son of a shoe shop worker was on his way to become an architect. From 1967 to 1973 I worked part time (60 hours a week) and went to school full time. In 1969, Carlene and I got married and in 1970 Danielle was born. We graduated in 1973 and went back to Maine. My first job was with Pittsfield Industries as a purchasing agent. A year later, Nicole was born and my second job was with Wright Pierce Whitmore as a draftsman. Mr. Whitmore was currently president of the Maine Chapter CSI and a major influence in my introduction to the Institute. In 1977, I became a staff designer and specification writer for Aliberti, Larochell & Hodson Engineering/Construction Management. Having the opportunity to work with Dick Sullivan at Wright Pierce and having Dennis Pelletier's influence in joining CSI, I became a member in 1977. Richard Sullivan took me under his wing and to my first CSI Leadership seminar in Albany, NY, a trip that I will never forget. I became aware that this Institute was definitely the most influential organization in the construction industry. As a member I have served as an officer and/or a chair for XX years and eventually became President of the Maine Chapter. I also got involve with the Region and was honored with the Region Distinguished Award.

In 1983, I was given the opportunity to work at Harriman Associates as an assistant to Mel Cole in specifications and as the senior estimator. For those of you that know Mel, you know how much you can learn from his expertise. This was probably the most

educational position I have ever had. In 1988, I decided to join force with John Herrick and Ron Beauchesne and we established HBL Corporation; Architects, Engineers and Construction Management. During my tenure as President of HBL, I served as President of the Maine Chapter CSI from 1985 to 1987. John Herrick died in 1990 and Ron wanted to peruse another profession. In 1991, I was given the opportunity to return to Harriman Associates as a Senior Architect. This was a position that I held until 2005, at which time I opened DLL Associates, as a sole proprietor. In 2005, I was given the opportunity to be an adjunct professor to teach first year students how to draw manually and to teach first year architectural design. This has proven to be one of the most inspirational experiences. As an instructor, I am learning as much if not more than the students. Students are constantly challenging me, and I find myself reading and researching in order to be able to answer their questions.

My membership in CSI has proven to be a major milestone in my career. It has given me a platform to network with the majority of the construction industry. I have had the opportunity to serve on a chapter and region level, and recently I have been challenged to consider serving on an institute level. I will take this opportunity to ask you to support me and to consider voting for me as your next Institute Director. In a few years I will have to update this profile and I am in hopes that I will be able to mention my having the honor and privilege of serving you as your director.

April 2000 - Keith Lowell, CSI, CCS

Employment Keith currently owns and operates Lowell Specifications, Inc. with his wife Cathy. He has worked as a spec writer for Harriman Associates and PDT Architects prior to venturing out on his own. When employed at PDT he also prepared cost estimates and handled construction administration duties for many of their projects. Previous to joining the Architectural Community, he was employed by Davis & Hanscom as a construction superintendent. In earlier years, he also worked as a carpenter for a homebuilder and worked for a steel erection company setting structural steel and tying reinforcing steel.

He specializes in the preparation of architectural specifications for several southern Maine architectural firms. Keith's background in the construction field has provided great training for his current endeavors of writing specifications. He has provided specifications for many schools, office buildings, churches, art museums, libraries, renovation projects, and correctional facilities. He also prepares specifications for government projects using the SpecIntact program.

Career-Related Activities

Keith has been an active member of the Maine Chapter of Construction Specifications Institute and is currently serving on the Board of Directors. He is a member of SCIP (Specification Consultants in Independent Practice) and is an affiliate member of Maine Chapter of the AIA. He has recently scaled back his participation in CSI but in the past has served as an instructor for CSI certification, worked on the committee for a Regional Conference, prepared a monthly article for the Chapter Newsletter, and organized

chapter meetings and seminars. He has received several Certificates of Appreciation for his work with the Maine Chapter.

Personal Activities

Keith enjoys working at home with his wife in their flower gardens. He enjoys the hobbies of woodworking in his workshop and playing guitar with old friends. He and his wife also enjoy attending school activities of their two teenage daughters.

Goals

"To provide the best possible service to my clients and enjoy life with my wife and family along the way."

February 2009 - Linda Lowell, CSI

Linda D. Lowell has been involved in the commercial flooring industry for over twenty-six years, first as a Contract Specialist for Wellco Commercial Carpet (Mannington), then moving on to covering all of New England as a representative for several contract mills based in Georgia.

In 1998 Linda joined Capozza Tile & Floor Covering Center of Portland Maine, with a primary focus on expanding their commercial carpet business as well as developing new market segments for the company. Since that time, Capozza has grown to be one of the largest flooring contractors in the state. The company is known and respected for their expertise in the Healthcare, Educational, Hospitality and Corporate Markets.

At this time, Linda serves as the Business Development Coordinator for not only Capozza Commercial Division, but also Capozza Residential Division and their sister store, Old Port Specialty Tile Company.

October 2002 - Robin Lowell, CSI

I grew up in Freeport, Maine and worked with my father at Lowell Oil Company servicing boilers, furnaces and delivering oil in Freeport. Graduated from Freeport High School in 1975 and joined the U.S. Navy that following September.

I spent 4 years working in the engine rooms of various ships with 1200# and 600# steam systems. Most of my tour was overseas stationed out of Yokuska, Japan.

In 1979 I returned to the U.S. and back to civilian life. Worked as a Maintenance Mechanic at Pineland Center. This consisted of High Pressure Boiler Operator, Electrician, Locksmith, carpentry, plumbing and other various maintenance tasks.

After 18 years, the State of Maine closed Pineland Center and I relocated to Baxter School for the Deaf. Duties at Baxter were pretty much the same as Pineland.

In 2001, after 4 years at Baxter, I decided to change fields, thanks to my cousin Keith, and went to work for Lowell Specifications, Inc. as a Cost Estimator. I spent the first 6 months setting up estimating programs and testing the various programs. My duties now include performing plan take-offs, maintaining the estimating programs, and researching and cataloging historical cost data.

I have been married to Janet for 24 years. I have two sons, Ryan who is 22 years old and Tyler who is 19 years old. I enjoy playing the guitar, golf, snowmobiling, and putting around the yard.

November 2001 – Phil Meldrum, CSI

How did I happen to join CSI?

Almost 20 years ago our friend Dick Eustis spoke to me at an APPA meeting that we both were attending and briefly explained the benefits of CSI Membership to a fellow Physical Plant practitioner. At the time I had been at Bates College as Plant Engineer about 4 years, and had been reviewing new construction/renovation drawings and specifications, so I formally became a member in November of 1982.

Education Background

1950 BS - Mechanical Engineering - University of Buffalo, Buffalo, NY.
1965 Masters - Business Administration - Northeastern University, Boston, MA.
(5 years night school)

Career Highlights

1950-1952 U. S. Marine Corp - 1 st. Lt., Engineer Battalion, Camp Lejune, NC.
1952-1955 Koppers Company, Baltimore, MD. Management trainee 1955-1960
Artisan Metal Products, Waltham, MA. Project Engineer, metal fabrication, job shop
1960-1965 Jarrell - Ash Company, Waltham MA. Project Engineer, scientific instrument manufacturer
1966-1976 W. S. Libbey Company, Lewiston, ME. Plant Engineer, Controller, textile manufacturer
1976-1999 Bates College, Lewiston, ME. Plant Engineer, new construction coordinator
Retired 6/1999 1999-2001
Facility service consultant, some part time at Bates College, and recently at University of Southern Maine, Portland, ME.

Professional Organizations

CSI November 1982 to present
Illuminating Engineering Society of NA March 1982 to present

ASHRAE September 1983 to present
Association of Physical Plant Administrators 1977-1999
Maine (Public) OSHA Board 1978 to present

Family

Wife - Anne, of 49 plus years
Children - Brian, Michael, Helen
Grand Children - John and Melissa

Challenges to Professionals in CSI

Over the past 20 or so years, I have found the CSI 16 - step format as the basic building block to success on any new construction and/ or renovation project. All of the elements are there to be used from site preparation, soils analysis, heavy construction, to interior details. You name it! elevators, piping, HVAC, electrical, and to top it off, a variety of roofing materials and products.

Every job is a challenge and means researching new products and ideas with architects and engineers to have a resulting product. ie, a building/structure, or major renovation for the Owner's use. I have found great benefit from the series of workshops, table top displays, and discussions at our dinner meetings with the high quality of manufacturer's representatives that the Maine CSI Chapter has had over the years.

A continuing challenge is to produce the resulting project through general contractors and subs in a pleasing manner to satisfy the Owner's needs - on time and within budget constraints.

November 2004 - John Morey, CSI, CDT

An education in Mathematics and Education led to a career in Building Materials. How does it figure?

I'm a 4th generation Maine Native. Maybe more, but that's as far back as we have traced. Moving back to the family homestead in 1981 led me to the local lumberyard. First, for materials, then for employment. "Through the ranks" growth moved from a part time truck driver's helper in the Downeast town of Orland to today's position of sales in the states of Maine & New Hampshire. A variety of experience in the interim includes a 5 year stint selling a US produced window into New Brunswick, Canada and a period selling a Quebec window into the US. The product mix over the years has included most major and several minor windows.

Serving Community in rural Maine was a function of running the local lumberyard. No news came into town without passing through our workplace. Every person new to our town came in for something. People we didn't see had moved or died. And we knew

why they moved or what they died of. It was our town. The issues effecting it were part of daily life.

1990 was the beginning of road sales. I left for the work day. It took a few years to loose all my contacts, but eventually I realized that I was doing well with Family, Work & Self, but Community was lacking. Balancing the four is important to me.

The Family has grown older, but is still my primary base. I'm pleased that Work has always been there, I need it. Self is the one we all have to fight for, but should not be forgotten. For me, the tool is exercise; the reason is peace of mind. Community has become CSI. The balance is good at this point in my life. Like any balancing act, this one takes constant attention.

The future will be determined by my interactions with Family, Community, Work, and Self. The directional forces of each are impossible to know, but framing my perceptions in this way keeps me moving forward. I need to grow.

April 2008 - Steven Peary, CSI, CDT

Steve Peary, CSI, CDT is a native of Fort Fairfield, Maine. He graduated from the University of Maine with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forest Management and went on to graduate studies at Auburn University, Alabama before returning to Maine to work in the forest industry. He lives in Newburgh with his partner and two sons.

After four years of working in the industrial forestry market in Maine, Steve made a career change to help the University of Maine with its recycling efforts and soon was asked to change roles again and become the budget officer for the Facilities Management department at his alma mater. Steve's focus became one of process improvement and developing management systems and reporting. His particular area of expertise is computerized maintenance management systems.

Steve is currently an Associate Executive Director for Facilities Management and is charged with directing the Business, IT and Work Management efforts of the department. This brings him in contact with the Construction Management functions of the University and he has developed interest and knowledge in all aspect of the construction process. Steve's personal interests include rock and ice climbing, playing guitar, woodworking, and chess.

February 2001 – Dennis Pelletier, FCSI, CCPR

As an adolescent, I grew up in the industry. My father owned a construction company, from which I learned the building trade. That opportunity and experience became the foundation of my business career.

I earned a BS Degree in Business Administration and Marketing from the University of Maine. Since then, I have been a proponent of lifelong learning and the absolute need

for each and every one strive to continue to pursue knowledge and understanding as we become assimilated in our careers. If we are not attentive, within a short period of time we can be left behind, and a little longer than that we will follow in the footsteps of the dinosaurs, forever lost and extinct.

Subsequently, I have remained within the construction industry. I have amassed thirty years of experience in windows, doors, and fenestration. A summary of those years are as follows:

15 years as an architectural representative for the Brockway-Smith Company.
6 years as a commercial sales consultant with ARCCOM Sales, Consultants.
6 years in architectural / commercial sales with the old Portland Glass Company.
Currently, I am the Director, Design Support of Pella Windows and Doors in ME & NH.

From all of this, I have come to know and understand wood windows, clad wood windows, commercial aluminum windows, as well as vinyl windows.

As Director, Design Support, I coordinate the commercial sales presence of Pella within the states of Maine and New Hampshire. I am counsel, mentor and support resource to our field sales people, and maintain our liaison with the professional offices within our market area. I am available at (207) 865-1070 or on line at dmpelletier@pellanh.com.

I have been a member of CSI for twenty-five years. I have worked and served the Maine Chapter, Northeast Region as well as the Institute. A summary of those years are as follows:

Major Achievements:

Chairman, FY '83 Northeast Region Conference in Rockport, ME.
Maine Chapter President (1982-1984).
Successfully completed CSI's CDT Certification (1987).
Northeast Region Institute (Industry) Director (1991-1993).
Successfully completed CSI's CCPR Certification (1995).
Chairman, Northeast Region Strategic Planning Committee (1998-2000).

Key Recognition:

Ralph Knowlton Memorial Award (1996).
Northeast Region Distinguished Service Award (1996).
CSI Fellowship (1998).

What is interesting about my involvement in CSI is that I have always received more from the organization than I have given. There is a tremendous value in being an active participant. I would like to encourage each and every one to review your level of volunteer commitment, to the profession within which you are employed, and ask yourself if you given so that the industry is enhanced and has benefited from your participation. You might discover that it was the best decision that you have ever made.

One of the things that I do for the Maine Chapter is serve as Membership Chairman. If you have questions about membership or want to become involved in our activities, call or Email me. We can talk to discover your interests and I can suggest some considerations for you to begin to become involved.

On the personal front, I live in Freeport, ME and I have been married to Margaret (my first wife) since 1968. She is the Director of Bereavement Services with Hospice of Mid Coast Maine, in Brunswick, ME. I have two wonderful sons. Dennis II, is married, and owns a computer sales and service business called Compute-A-Lot (www.computealot.com), in Brunswick, ME. Keith has graduated with a BFA from the University of Southern Maine and a MFA from SUNY, Albany and is pursuing his dream, an impoverished career in Art.

I am in the senior years of my career. I have a wonderful job to which I add significant value, working for a great company with the best sales team that I have ever been associated, for a superior boss, who knows and understands the business and appreciates the commitment of our employees.

After all is said and done, the bottom line of all that we do and hold dear in our hearts, is the value of family, friends and relationships. I am extremely blessed with all of these, in each and every area of my life.