

Christopher W. Giffin, RRC, AIA, NCARB

Candidate for RCI Region II Director



Professional Experience:

I am a Principal with the professional consulting firm of Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates Inc. (WJE) located in their Duluth, Georgia office. I have been employed with the firm since 1988, working in Chicago from 1988 to 2003, before relocating to Atlanta.

Education:

University of Illinois at Chicago
Bachelor of Architecture, Structures Option, 1992

RCI Activities:

- Registered Roof Consultant (RRC) - No. 0715
- Past President of the Georgia Chapter (2013)
- Consultant Member since 2009
- RCI Document Competition Committee, Chairman (2015 and 2016)
- Continuous attendance at RCI Annual Conventions since 2007

Other Professional Activities:

- Architect in FL, GA, IL, NC, SC, TN, and WI
- NCARB Certificate
- Member of the American Institute of Architects
- ASTM International D08 - Roofing and Waterproofing
- Member of the National Roofing Contractors Association

Publications/Presentations:

RCI International Conventions and Trade Shows

- "Evaluating Storm Damage to Flat Roof Assemblies", Dallas, Texas, March 2009
- "Case Study: Restoration of a Historic Clay Tile Roof", Reno, Nevada April 2011
- "Structural Lightweight Concrete Decks and Moisture Related Issues", RCI Georgia Chapter, Atlanta, Georgia, June 2013
- "Metal Roofing", RCI Educational Program, Atlanta, Georgia, September 2014
- "Consultant & Contractor Collaboration: Understanding Roles and Responsibilities for the Successful Execution of a Building Envelope Construction and Rehabilitation Project", San Antonio, Texas, March 2015

Interface, The Journal of RCI

- "Historic Roof Decks: Design Issues and Considerations", April 2009, Volume XXVII, No. 4
- "Building Code Occupancy Groups: Challenges for the Building Envelope Professional", December 2015, Volume XXXIII, No. 11

Other Organizations:

- "Waterproofing Systems for Plazas", CSI, Mobile Bay Chapter, April 11, 2000
- "Where's That Water Coming From?", Roofing Contractors Association of Hawaii, August 2005
- "Design Issues and Considerations for Improving Sustainable Roof Design", AIA National Convention, San Antonio, Texas, May 2007
- "High Performance Roofing: Managing the Processes that Deliver", North Carolina Health Care Engineers Association, Inc., 60th Annual Conference, Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, August 2012
- "Evaluation of New and Existing Decks for Plaza and Green Roof Waterproofing Systems", NRCA 126th Annual Convention & International Roofing Exposition, San Antonio, Texas, February 2013

Position Statement:

The success of the RCI's regions depends on its leadership's ability to energize the member base and encourage professional growth in the areas of roofing, waterproofing, and exterior envelope consulting by providing topical educational programs that give exceptional opportunities for learning and networking. This is especially true when it comes to identifying our more junior future leaders and encouraging college level students to get excited about the industry. Current and future leadership must continue to seek other avenues for expansion while maintaining the intent of RCI's founders.

Our industry is evolving at an ever increasing rate and it is incumbent upon us to stay current with the trends while maintaining a level of common sense regarding new technologies and practices. If I am fortunate to be elected as Region II Director, I intend to continue the progress of my predecessors seeking opportunities whereby building envelope consultants can compete in a fair and open public arena. I will assist RCI in all current efforts to protect our work and the integrity of the public procurement process. I will also strive to encourage our young professionals to become leaders in the profession.

Personal:

I have been married to my wife Nancy for 22 years. I have two children, Kathleen (17) and Matthew (14), two German shepherds, two exotic birds, and two fish tanks. I am an avid golfer and enjoy playing any one of my electric guitars.