

## 2019 RCI Executive Committee Candidate Profile

### Christopher W. Giffin, RRC, AIA, NCARB

Candidate for RCI Secretary/Treasurer



#### Professional Experience:

I am a Principal with the engineering/architectural/material scientist 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. I manage and oversee a wide range of building enclosure projects.

#### Education:

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

#### RCI Activities:

- RCI Region II Director (2017-2019)
- 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, LA, and WI
- NCARB Certificate
- Member of the American Institute of Architects
- ASTM International D08 - Roofing and Waterproofing
- Member of the National Roofing Contractors Association
- Member of Associated Builders and Contractors of Georgia

#### Publications/Presentations:

##### *RCI International Conventions and Trade Shows*

- "Evaluating Storm Damage to Flat Roof Assemblies", RCI Convention, Dallas, Texas, March 2009
- "Case Study: Restoration of a Historic Clay Tile Roof", RCI Convention, 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", RCI Convention, San Antonio, Texas, March 2015
- "Case Study - Investigation of Water Leakage Problems in a Renovated Warehouse Facility", RCI Region V Meeting, Las Vegas, NV, June 2017

##### *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:

Our industry is evolving at an ever increasing rate and it is incumbent upon us to stay current with the technology trends, building code advancement, and procurement issues while maintaining a level of common sense regarding these practices. If I am fortunate to be elected as Secretary/Treasurer, I intend to continue the progress of my predecessors by working to enhance and market our brand, protect the integrity of the public procurement process, and strive to identify and encourage young professionals to become leaders in the profession.

The recent RCI brand assessment shed light on many facets of the organization. Many of which we may already know, some items we may have not been aware of, and others we may have known, but perhaps did not want to admit. Of particular interest was the aging population of our member base. Nearly 74% of our members are over the age of 46, with more than 45% of our members over the age of 56. In the next 10 years it would be fair to say that just under half of our nearly 3,400 current members would be retiring. To simply maintain and operate the organization as we do today, RCI will need to attract a minimum of 1,700 new members in that same time.

Identifying our more junior future leaders and encouraging college level students and young professionals to get excited and engaged into the practice of building enclosure consulting is going to be critical our success. Current and future RCI leadership must continue to seek other avenues for expansion while maintaining the intent of RCI's founders. Energizing the member base and encouraging professional growth in the areas of roofing, waterproofing, and exterior enclosure consulting by providing topical educational programs that give exceptional opportunities for learning and networking will be key to our success in attracting the younger professionals we will need.

#### Personal:

I have been married to my wife Nancy for 24 years. I have two children, Kathleen (19) and Matthew (16), two German shepherds, two exotic birds, and two fish tanks. I am an avid golfer and enjoy playing any one of my electric guitars.