

# Rodney E. Erickson, FCSI

*"In recognition of your notable contribution to education as evidenced by your many years as instructor for higher education programs and industry seminars, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on this 26th day of June 1993."  
Houston, Texas*



RODNEY E. ERICKSON was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1943 and has remained in the Twin Cities his entire life. He graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1964 and from Dunwoody Institute in 1966.

Prior to graduating from Dunwoody Institute, he accepted a position with Armstrong, Schlichting, Torseth, and Skold, Architects and Engineers, one of the oldest and largest A/E firms in Minnesota. Because of the technical training received at Dunwoody Institute, he was asked to write his first specification in 1967 and was placed under the firm's Principal responsible for specifications.

In the following years, he developed an in house master specifications and standard detailing system, a quality control process and department, became Director of Specifications and Production, and was the key figure behind the firm's reputation for quality construction documents. In 1983 the firm was renamed "ATS&R" and he became a principal and Director of Operations.

Erickson joined the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter of CSI in 1979. During his years at school and the early years of his

career, he had become heavily involved in working with youth and his passion for giving developed into his strong interest in education and professional development. It is this interest in education that caused him to become the spirit behind the Chapter's progressive educational pursuits which resulted in his becoming Chair of the North Central Region Education Committee for FY 1986 and 1987 and serving on the Institute Education Committee from 1986 to 1991. He was Chair of the Institute Education Committee in FY 1990.

In 1972, Rod developed a 6 month professional development course on "Construction Documents and Technology" for Dunwoody Institute and has taught that course since, with thousands of students having taken the course. In addition, he has developed and taught the 3 quarter "Contract Document Series" for the University of Minnesota, which provides intern architects with an in depth understanding of the technical and administrative aspects of contract documents, bidding, and construction phases of architectural practice. It is this course that was behind involvement on the Institute Ad Hoc Committee in development of the CCA Program for CSI.

## **CSI Membership**

Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Education Committee, 1986-91

Chair, Education Committee, 1990

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Chair, Education Committee, 1986-87

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

President, 1985-86

## **Awards**

Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1979

Education Commendation, 1986

Certificate of Appreciation, 1991