

Richard G. Howard, FCSI

“For your continuous efforts with ARCOM’s MasterSpec Architectural Review Committee to confirm guide specifications are consistent with CSI’s principles and formats; for your diligence on the Certification Committee to update certification exams, with emphasis on the CCS exam to conform with the Body of Knowledge Assessment; and for your tireless efforts serving the Institute, Great Lakes Region, and providing stability to the Columbus Chapter, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 8th day of September 2016.”
Austin, Texas



RICK HOWARD started life as a Buckeye in Columbus, Ohio and chose to attend The Ohio State University, graduating with a degree in architecture.

Upon graduation, he found work in Toledo, Ohio. Getting a chance to produce specifications soon led to his joining and joining the Toledo Chapter CSI. He took an active role in the chapter, serving as a board member, newsletter editor, secretary, and then chapter president in 1983. He passed the CCS exam that same year.

In 1985, he moved to Dallas and joined the Dallas Chapter. He moved again just over a year later to Fairfax, Virginia. His relocations were chronicled in a *Washington Post* feature story, "Job Trek: Rust Belt to Sun Belt, Beltway."

Rick joined the DC Metro Chapter and got involved on the Tellers Committee, Host Chapter planning committee for the 1988 CSI convention in DC, served on the chapter program committee, planning committee for the Mid-Atlantic Region Conference, and Specification Awards Jury.

He relocated to Cincinnati in 1992. The Cincinnati Chapter soon had him serving on the board arranging programs and special events. He also served as chapter secretary.

In 2002, Rick became involved with the AIA MasterSpec Architectural Review Committee where he continues to contribute as time permits. He also has worked as a consultant to ARCOM, writing updates to many MasterSpec sections.

An opportunity to move to Columbus in 2004 brought Rick full circle to his original hometown. On joining the Columbus Chapter, he began serving on the board, chairing membership and technical committees, serving as chapter secretary for a year, and then treasurer, the position he holds today.

Throughout his career, Rick has sought to raise the quality of construction specifications; improving the master guide specifications used by thousands of specifiers and architects and enhancing the competence of professional spec writers through certification.

CSI Membership

Columbus Chapter, 2005
Cincinnati Chapter, 1992-2005
District of Columbia Metropolitan Chapter, 1986-1992
Dallas Chapter, 1985-1986
Toledo Chapter, 1978-1985

Institute Offices, Committees

Certification Committee Member, FY2011-2013
Certification Maintenance Group Member, FY2014-2017

Awards

Institute

Institute Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 1984
President's Plaque, 2015

Region

Great Lakes Region Publication Commendation, 1983

Chapter

Cincinnati Chapter CSI Special Service Commendation, 1998
Cincinnati Chapter CSI Award for Excellence in Architecture, 1999
Cincinnati Chapter CSI Boyd J. Graves Professional Award, 2004