

Michael L. Spence, FCSI

*"In recognition of your notable contributions to the improvement of construction specifications through the development of master specifications programs, further exemplified by your dedication to the certification program on the Institute, and the needs of the construction specifier, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 26th day of June 1993."
Houston, Texas*



MIKE SPENCE earned his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology in 1975 and became a licensed architect in 1979. He took a job with Miller Hanson Westerbeck Bell Architects in 1980, where he rose to the position of Director of Specifications.

In 1988 he moved to Ellerbe Becket, where he served as Director of Specifications. Following an intense eighteen-year focus on specifications, Mike was promoted to Vice President, Architectural Director - Healthcare. In this expanded role he served as the technical lead and Architect of Record on several large healthcare projects around the world, including the 1,950,000 square foot Mayo Gonda Practice Integration Project, and the City Hospital of Dubai.

Mike joined the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter, CSI in 1980. Building on his belief in sharing knowledge and lifelong learning, he joined the chapter Programs Committee. After his certification as CCS (Certified Construction Specifier) in 1982, he led the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter's CCS training sessions. In 1983-1984, Mike served as Chapter Secretary, and in 1985-1986 as the Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter President.

Active at both the chapter and region levels, Mike also served as Institute Director, representing the North Central Region

from 1987 to 1989. A champion for the recognition of specifiers and the benefits they bring to the design and construction process, he served on the Institute Certification Committee for six years, three of those as committee chair. It was during this time that both the CDT and CCPR programs were launched.

In February 2008, Mike accepted the position of Director of Quality for Kraus-Anderson Construction Company, and was promoted to Vice President in 2015. At Kraus-Anderson, he has been responsible for the development and implementation of KA's Quality Program, which is focused on understanding and meeting customer requirements through continuous improvement, and on doing it right the first time. Through Mike's hands-on involvement, KA has become a knowledge-leader through its innovative and integrated design-assist approach to high-performance building enclosures.

Mike continues his commitment to life-long learning through his involvement in both the local and state levels of AIA and the Building Enclosure Consul (BEC), and is a self-proclaimed building enclosure nerd.

After spending his architectural and contracting career in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area, Mike moved to the quiet little lakeside community of Bayfield, Wisconsin on the south shore of Lake Superior.

CSI Membership

Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter, 1980-2015

Institute Offices and Committees

Institute Certification Committee, 1987-1993

Chair, Institute Certification Committee, 1990-1993

Institute Programs Committee, 1990-1994

Host Chapter Co-Chair, 1995 Institute Convention, 1993-1995

Institute Director, NCR, 1996-1999

Institute Nominating Committee, 1999-2001

Region Office and Committees

NCR Region President, 1997-1999

Awards

Institute

Ben John Small Memorial Award, 1992

Specification Competition Awards

1984 Honor Award: SouthWirth – a Condominium

1984 Honorable Mention: YMCA at Galtier Plaza

1985 Honor Award: Galtier Plaza Mixed-Use Complex

1985 Honor Award: Walker Place Apartments

Chapter

Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter John C. Anderson Award of Excellence, 1999