

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 EDWARD "ROD" ERICKSON was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota, in 1943 and 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

young people, 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. During the 1990s and 2000s, Rod authored numerous articles and made national presentations on specifications and quality control.

In 1972, Rod developed a six-month professional development course on "Construction Documents and Technology" for Dunwoody Institute and taught that course for many years to thousands of students. He developed and taught the three-quarter "Contract Document Series" for the University of Minnesota, which provided intern architects with an in-depth understanding of the technical and administrative aspects of contract documents, bidding, and construction phases of architectural practice. This course was used by CSI's Ad Hoc Construction Contract Administration Committee in development of the CCCA Program.

Erickson passed away on 7 April 2026 in Otsego, Minnesota.

CSI Membership

Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter, 1979

Institute Offices, Committees

Education Committee, 1986-91

Chair, Education Committee, 1990

Ad Hoc Construction Contract Administration Committee, FY 1993-95

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