

# Thomas c. Rauscher, FCSI

*"For your leadership and enormous contribution to building technology, working jointly with CSI and BICSI, by championing Telecommunications as a separate Division in MasterFormat 2004; for your ability to educate and unite CSI and BICSI for the betterment of the construction industry; and for your promotion of CSI and its standards and principles; you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 6<sup>th</sup> day of June 2008."*  
Las Vegas, Nevada



THOMAS C. RAUSCHER started in the communications and construction industries in the late 1980s with a regional cable installation company, prior to starting a consulting firm in 1996 that focused on the design of communications systems. He has extensive experience in the technology and communications industry.

As the author of the original Division 17 – Telecommunications document, Tom was recognized as the primary catalyst and early leader of the Division 17 Initiative, which had the objective of conveying to CSI the importance of integrating telecommunications systems into the design and construction of buildings.

Not only did Rauscher work to educate construction industry professionals about telecommunications systems, but he also worked to educate the telecommunications industry about the processes and methods used by the construction industry when designing and constructing modern buildings.

He did this through dozens of industry presentations throughout the US and Canada; he even gave a presentation in Costa Rica in 2004 to a group of engineers and architects

interested in MasterFormat and CSI's other resources and publications. Tom's list of presentations includes a variety of venues in the telecommunications industry, CSI Conventions and local programs, the Security Industry Association Standards Committee, BuildConn, CLADI, NSCA Systems Integration Expo, and a CSC National Conference.

In addition, Tom also wrote many articles about the integration of telecommunications into normal construction, many of which ended up being the cover stories for the trade magazines in which they were published. One notable article appeared in the April 2003 issue of *The Construction Specifier*, "Taking Communications Out of the Closet...and into Mainstream Construction."

Tom also authored a Chapter called Design and Construction in the 9th edition of BICSI's Telecommunication Distribution Methods Manual (TDMM). The TDMM is considered the industry leading publication for best practices and methods for designing communications systems in buildings.

## **CSI Membership**

Rochester Chapter, 1996

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Technical Committee

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Technical Committee

## **Chapter, Committees**

Technical Committee

## **Awards**

### **Region**

Certificate of Merit, 2003

Joseph S. Zajchowski Memorial Technical Excellence Award, 2002

Certificate of Appreciation, Archi-Technology, 2001

Citation of Service Award, 2003

## **Chapter**

President's Award, 2001

Certificate of Merit, 2001

## **BICSI**

David Blythe/University of Kentucky Distinguished Service Award, 2001

BICSI Member of The Year Award, 2001, for his efforts on behalf of the Division 17 initiative to create a separate telecommunications division in Master Format