

# John S. Rickert, FCSI

*"For your passion in furthering the mission of CSI while serving as advisor and specification instructor at four institutions of higher education; for facilitating improvements to education programs in response to a changing construction industry; for unselfishly sharing your knowledge of specification principles with students and construction professionals; and for leadership in developing a specification writing curriculum, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 19th day of June 2009"*  
Indianapolis, Indiana



JOHN S. RICKERT was born and raised in Rockford, Illinois. He attended Montana State University in Bozeman, graduating in 1976 with a Bachelor of Architecture degree, and returned to Rockford to practice architecture in the firm of Bradley & Bradley.

In 1981, John and his wife, Lori, relocated to Omaha, Nebraska to take a position with Leo A. Daly where he was a production architect for several significant projects in Saudi Arabia and eastern United States.

In 1987, he was presented the opportunity to establish an architectural department for Lee & Batheja, a small civil/structural engineering firm in Omaha.

In 2007 Rickert left the company and joined the Schemmer Associates as a Senior Architect and Project Manager in the Omaha Office.

John joined the Nebraska Chapter of CSI in 1990, where he soon became involved with the Product Show Committee

which led to added responsibilities, becoming the Chapter President in 1999. In 2002, following his tenure as Region Director for the Nebraska Chapter, he was asked to serve as the North Central Region Education Chair, continuing to hold the position through 2009. He became a MasterFormat Accredited Instructor in 2005, and made several presentations on the specification changes to various groups.

When not involved with CSI activities, Rickert is involved with the Mid-America Council of the Boy Scouts of America, serving on the Properties Committee, and chairing the Risk Management Committee.

In 2008, John expanded his education and completed the necessary credits to earn a Master of Architecture degree from Montana State University. In 2004, he earned the credentials of the Certified Construction Specifier, and in 2009, he earned the Accredited Professional certification of the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) program of the US Green Building Council.

## **CSI Membership**

Nebraska Chapter, 1990

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Region Conference Planning Committee, FY 1998  
Region Director, Nebraska Chapter, FY 1999-2002  
Education Chair, North Central Region, FY 2002-2009  
Region Task Team, NCR Chapter Development, FY 2004  
Region Task Team, NCR President-Elect Planning Committee, FY 2007  
Region Task Team, NCR District Development, FY 2008

## **Chapter Offices, Committees**

Scholarship Committee, FY 1993-2006

Vice President, FY 1995-1997

President, FY 1999-2001

Construction Fair Committee, FY 2001-2009

Alpha-Omega Committee Chair, FY 2002-2006

Long Range Planning Chair, FY 2004-2009

## **Awards**

Institute Certificate of Merit & Appreciation, 1999, 2000

North Central Region Certificate of Appreciation, 2004

## **Nebraska Chapter**

President's Citation Award, 1994

Certificate of Appreciation, 1995, 1997, 1998, 2007

Chapter Recognition, 2006

Chapter Commendation, 2007