

Edwin L. Avink, FCSI

"For your commitment and contributions to the mission of the Institute through education and service; for your distinguished and passionate work in education programs and publications; for creative and inspiring mentorship of new members of CSI and the construction industry; and for more than 30 years of active leadership in the Grand Rapids Chapter and the Great Lakes Region, you are advanced to Fellowship in the Institute on the 23rd day of September 2021."
Nashville, Tennessee



ED AVINK started his career working at Daverman Associates, a large architectural firm in Grand Rapids, Michigan, in 1973. When assigned to an architectural team, he was placed between two seasoned architects and enjoyed the one-on-one mentorship that occurred. Opportunities were given to grow and become a leader and mentor to others. Part of the opportunities came from a charter member of the Grand Rapids Chapter, and the invitation to join CSI. That was the beginning of Ed's involvement with CSI and membership, in 1987.

After 15 years at Daverman Associates, Ed was invited to join Progressive AE, a newly formed full-service firm in Grand Rapids, to take on leadership with technical guidance, specifications, and project management. With the support of CSI and Progressive AE, CSI principles and standards became a part of business. As a result, more than 80 employees earned their CDT. Many that have moved on are promoting CDT within their new firms. Though having had many titles in the firm, the title Senior Technical Leader – Specification Manager is a direct result of CSI's influence. That influence is on the firm's 250 employees in two offices: Grand Rapids, Michigan, and Charlotte, North Carolina.

Certification has been Ed's passion for many years, and his giving back to the industry has grown over the years. From

teaching CDT classes and proctoring the Saturday morning exams, to going virtual (in part due to the COVID pandemic), his techniques have evolved. He had 65 students from across the country in the Spring 2021 CDT exam preparatory classes.

Ed has over 30 years of active leadership participation at chapter, region, and Institute levels. For the Grand Rapids Chapter, he has held the positions of President, President-Elect, Director, and multiple committee chairs including Newsletter, Advertising, Membership, Technical, and Certification. At the region level, he has served multiple years as either Technical or Certification Chair. At the Institute level, he has made numerous contributions to CDT training, and was recognized for his contributions in the Project Delivery Practice Guide (PDPG) 3rd Edition Study Workbook. He was involved with the launching of MasterFormat 04 as a MasterFormat Accredited Instructor, making numerous presentations to AE firms, contractor offices, industry related conferences, and manufacturers national sales meetings.

CSI Certifications Ed received include:

CSI Construction Document Technology (CDT) April 1991
CSI Certified Construction Specifier (CCS) June 2001
CSI MasterFormat Accredited Instructor (MAI) May 2005

CSI Membership

Grand Rapids Chapter, 1987

Institute Offices, Committees

MasterFormat Accredited Instructor FY 2005

Contributor to CSI's Project Delivery Education Study Workbook FY 2020

Region Offices, Committees

Region Certification Chair FY 2003, 2004, 2019-2021

Region Technical Chair: FY 2009-2013

Chapter Offices, Committees

Chapter President, FY 2000, 2016, 2021

Certification Chair, FY 1998-2002, FY 2005-2006, FY 2008-2009, FY 2013-2021

Awards

Institute

Hans William Meier Award for Innovation of Certification Programs Award, 2019

Region

Certificate of Special Appreciation, 2010

Distinguished Service Award, 2001

Region Education Commendation, 2021

Bud Reed Memorial Award, 2021

Chapter

Outstanding Service Award, 2003

Special Service Award, 2004, 2010

Distinguished Service Award, 2008, 2015