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Thomas (Tom) Aasheim started as a part-time instructor and has worked his way up to the director of technical education for the Finishing Trades Institute of the Upper Midwest (FTIUM). He is responsible for managing technical instructors and trade coordinators, which includes all course scheduling. Aasheim facilitates technical instructors' and trade coordinators' professional development and serves as the FTIUM liaison with the FTI International and appropriate industry associations. He also manages continuing education for technical, health and safety courses and finishing trades' industry certifications. Aasheim's responsibilities also include managing learning resources, technical infrastructure and facilities (assets, IT, computers, modules, studios and buildings). He has over 20 years of experience in commercial and industrial painting and is a well-respected, industry-recognized instructor holding numerous industry certifications.