## How did you first get involved with CoreNet?

I was working at Whiting-Turner and encouraged to get out and network—so I registered for an event and just kept showing up. I explored different events and learned who everyone was and what they did.

## What is your first memory related to CoreNet?

Probably my first holiday party at our former CT office. I ended up sitting with Ron Zappile, his wife, and Andy Bessette. I just listened and learned so much.

# What has surprised you most about being a member and serving in various roles?

That the CoreNet community is genuinely invested in each other's success—regardless of background, career shifts, or challenges.

## What do you find most challenging about CoreNet?

As a Board member and committee leader, it's keeping our content and programs engaging enough that members never question the value of their involvement.

## What do you wish more people knew about CoreNet?

It's the best place to build a network and community of knowledgeable, caring industry professionals.

## Tell me about some of the people you've met through CoreNet.

Over 15+ years, I've met end users, service providers, competitors, and experts—every one of them caring, connected, and willing to help.

## Who influenced your decision to get involved with CoreNet?

Dave Jackson (now retired). He was one of the first people I met, took me under his wing, and always made me feel included. As a young woman in the industry, that meant everything.

## What might surprise people about you?

I have a degree in Civil Engineering—and I don't drink coffee or alcohol.

### What would you tell someone considering joining a local CoreNet chapter?

Do it! This has been the most impactful organization in my career—valuable, influential, and the best place to grow your network.

## What do you think will change about our chapter in the next five years?

We'll be more focused on delivering high-value experiences to end users and offering even more impactful programs.

# What trends do you see with CoreNet and the industry?

Embracing AI is no longer optional. Organizations must integrate it now to address the talent crisis and free people to focus on more meaningful work.

### What do you do when not working or volunteering with CoreNet?

Meditate, cook, walk in nature, shop in NYC, and go to rock concerts with my husband and three teenage daughters.

# What else can you share about your experience with CoreNet?

It's been entirely positive. I've learned a lot about myself, others, and the industry. CoreNet has grown my network locally and globally and supported me through multiple career transitions.

If you're in corporate real estate and not yet part of CoreNet, now's the time to join. Your community, your growth, and your next opportunity are waiting.