

Jori Bernat-Lipka Smith, CSI, CDT
Candidate – Institute Secretary



Year Joined CSI:	2006
Home Chapter:	Albuquerque
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Education:	Bachelor of Architecture, University of Miami, Coral Gables, FL 1987
Professional Registrations, Licenses and Certifications:	CSI Construction Document Technology Certificate; USGBC LEED AP BD+C
CSI Awards:	Institute Electronic Publication Commendation 2010 SW Region Service Award of Merit 2016 SW Region Distinguished Service Award 2014 SW Region Certificate of Merit and Appreciation 2013 SW Region Electronic Communications Award 2012 SW Region Website Award 2010 Albuquerque Chapter Distinguished Service Award 2016 Albuquerque Chapter Certificate of Appreciation 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014, 2015 Albuquerque Chapter Outstanding Industry Member Award 2010 Albuquerque Chapter Outstanding Board Member Award 2009

Other Professional/Civic Organizations and Awards:

General Contractor Project Manager of the Year, American Subcontractors Association, 2018

Extraordinary Volunteer Award, Associated General Contractors-Albuquerque, 2006

Current/Previous Experience as a Board Member for Organization(s) other than CSI:

President, Albuquerque Concert Band, 2016-2018 (Vice President, 2015)

AGC-New Mexico Young Constructor's Forum Steering Committee 2006

Candidate Statement:

The Institute Board has two primary functions – oversight and visionary leadership. Having served twenty-five years in the building industry, and in CSI leadership positions since 2006, I am well acquainted with the issues facing the building professions and various levels of our association. I began my career as an architectural intern, transitioned to a specialty trade subcontractor and product representative, and ultimately have dedicated the bulk of my career as a general contractor. This multi-faceted experience serves me well daily, giving me insight into the perspectives on each side of the table, and making me more effective as a CSI leader.

Serving CSI for the last two years on the Institute Board, I've gained a thorough understanding of Policy Governance, the roles and responsibilities of board members, and our expectations of our executive staff. It's critical that CSI officers have detailed knowledge of this structure, and its impact on our activities. Throughout my tenure, I've used my administrative skills, diligence and professionalism to serve our membership, and have demonstrated my commitment to the improvement of the building industry. I believe in CSI, its mission, and the ability of its leaders, volunteers and members to continue to positively influence the industry.

In 2012, as President-CSI Albuquerque Chapter, I was proud to be one of three chapters to present and sign the Building Technology Education resolution resoundingly approved at the CSI Annual Meeting. I continue to support the importance of CSI's role in this arena. CSI began with this kind of visionary leadership and will continue to improve our industry in the future by making bold, innovative steps to solve real-world problems.

What leadership skills do you possess that you could apply as a member of CSI's Board?

As a construction manager, I've developed negotiation, conflict mediation, budget analysis, task scheduling and management skills that are helpful in any arena.

As a CSI volunteer, I've taken advantage of the opportunities CSI offers to develop skills in the realm of leadership, association administration, education development, volunteer recruiting and management, and various media of communication. I believe in open honest communication, and diligent efforts to complete tough undertakings, and am prepared to tackle the challenges leadership brings. My opinions are shared, not hidden, because I am here to make a difference.

What skills and experience make you uniquely qualified for the position for which you are a candidate?

My familiarity with the Institute Board's procedures, relationships with other board members and staff, and intimate knowledge of the scope and context of the changes and initiatives of the Board since 2017 will be used to assist the Board achieve its mission for the next two years. Additionally, my experiences throughout CSI-as Communications and Programs Chair, Chapter and Region President, and Institute Board Director, give perspective which guides my efforts to help CSI evolve and grow.

What do you think should be changed about CSI or what changes would you make? What shouldn't change about CSI?

CSI must change in order to remain viable and influential in the future. The association space and our industry's work force has evolved, and so must we. The delivery of construction documents, and project delivery methods have changed, and so must we. My willingness to consider and support positive transformation is one of my most important attributes as a CSI leader.

CSI's greatest traditions are not how we've always done things, but our ability to imagine the solutions to problems in the real-world and follow the path forward. We must change the way we include volunteers in work efforts, without losing the value of our most knowledgeable members. We must change the way the industry values our products, without alienating potential new partners. We must more fully include ALL members of the building industry, without losing our mission focus. We must increase the value of our certifications without losing their ability to widely provide critical education. We must make sure that construction documents of the future reflect the considerable work already done to make them clear and concise.

What do you see as critical to CSI's future success?

This is a pivotal moment in the AEC industry, and CSI has a vital role to play. BIM's evolution toward the final deliverable document will substantially alter the form of our future work product, permitting, bidding, and project management. CSI must work quickly to lead the industry in these changes, to ensure that the new forms of communication maintain the clarity we've worked so hard to establish. The pace of change is astonishing. From my first board meeting, I've emphasized to leadership my concern that CSI not miss this critical opportunity to impact construction documentation for the next several decades. I am proud that CSI leadership has moved strongly into this arena and will continue to support those initiatives.

It was CSI's diversity that attracted me to this organization, and I strongly believe that the diversity of our members is one of our greatest strengths. I am committed to ensuring that updates to CSI's publications appropriately reflect our diversity, providing education that relates to ALL members of the project team, and attracting those who haven't yet realized the benefit CSI brings to their careers. CSI's technical staff has embarked on an aggressive plan to update our publications, and I support it as one of the most critical tasks we have ahead, ensuring our stability as an organization, and our positive influence in the education of the building industry.