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Anne Marie Roeper CSI CCPR

for the

Robert P. Brosseau Award for the Advancement of CSI

The Construction Specifications Institute

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Statistical Data

Anne Marie Roeper CSI CCPR

Member since 1997

Home Chapter: Greater Orlando

Profession

Southeast US Manager, Specifications, Roxul Inc., 2 years 3 months

Job Responsibilities: To professionally represent Roxul products to the architectural and design community in a nine state region.

Employment History

Mortar Net USA Burns Harbor, IN National Architectural Sales Manager

Contrax Furnishings Gainesville, FL Territory Manager, Outside Sales

Accuride International Santa Fe Springs, CA Eastern/Midwest Architectural Sales Representative

Education

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, Bachelor of Science Interior Design, 1982-1986

Licenses & Certifications

Certified Construction Product Representative - 2001 Certified Document Technologist – 1998

Professional Organizations

Construction Specifications Institute 1997 - present

Volunteer Organizations

Viera Soccer Club - Club Secretary 2010-2013 Zeta Tau Alpha Brevard County Alumnae - Treasurer 2011- present

CSI Service - Chapter

2014 – 2015 President, Greater Orlando Chapter

2014 – 2015 Director, Jacksonville Chapter

	President Elect, Greater Orlando Chapter		
	Secretary, Jacksonville Chapter		
2012 - 2013	Awards Committee, Greater Orlando Chapter		
2009	Transferred membership to Greater Orlando Chapter		
2007 – 2008	Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee, Columbus Chapter		
2007 - 2008	Immediate Past President, Columbus Chapter		
2006 – 2007	President, Columbus Chapter		
2005 - 2006	President Elect, Columbus Chapter		
2004 - 2005	Second Vice-President, Columbus Chapter		
2003 - 2004	Secretary, Columbus Chapter		
2001 - 2003	Membership Committee Chair, Columbus Chapter		
1997	Joined Columbus Chapter		
CSI Service -			
	Southeast Region Governance Review Committee		
2013 - 2015	District 3, Vice President, Southeast Region		
2013 - 2014	Board Liaison to Southeast Region Conference Committee		
2012 - 2015	Attended Southeast Region Conferences		
2005 - 2006	Region Awards Chair, Great Lakes Region		
2005	Attended Great Lakes/Middle Atlantic Bi-Region Conference		
2000 - 2001	Education Chair, Great Lakes Region		
2001 - 2008	Attended Great Lakes Region Conferences		
CSI Service - Institute			
2015	Incoming Director-at-Large FY 2016		
	Jury of Fellows – Non-Fellow Member		
	Chair, CCPR Institute Task Team		
2013	Co-author Construction Product Representation Practice Guide		
	Participant - Master Specifiers Retreat		
	Institute Awards Committee – Revision of Honors and Awards Guide		
2001	Participant - Product Representative Academy		
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CSI Commendations, Awards and Responsibilities Chapter

1999

2014 - Certificate of Appreciation, Jacksonville Chapter "For service as Secretary of the Jacksonville Chapter"

2014 - Certificate of Appreciation, Greater Orlando Chapter

"For your distinguished service, support, and active participation as a member of The Construction Specifications Institute and this Chapter, we extend our sincere appreciation for your notable efforts and guidance, as the President Elect, as serving as the Regional Vice President and as a Chapter representative to the Region Conference you have made a significant contribution toward the success of this Chapter and the advancement of its objectives."

Participant - Product Representative Academy 1997 – 2014 Attended CSI National Conventions and CONSTRUCT trade shows

- 2013 Chapter President's Certificate, Greater Orlando Chapter "For your distinguished service, honestly, integrity, active participation, and leadership as a member of The Construction Specifications Institute and this Chapter; we extend our sincere appreciation. Your notable individual efforts for taking charge of the membership Committee; helping with the first membership Orientation in recent memory, creating the nametags for the monthly membership meetings, and performing the secretary duties from time to time, have truly made significant contributions forward the success of this Chapter and the advancement of its objectives."
- 2012 Chapter President's Certificate, Greater Orlando Chapter "For your distinguished service, support, and active participation as a member of The Construction Specifications Institute and this Chapter, we extend our sincere appreciation. Your notable efforts and guidance, serving on the Awards Committee and especially helping with registration the day of the Products Fair, have made a significant contribution toward the success of this Chapter and the advancement of its objectives."
- 2008 Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, Columbus Chapter "For your devoted and selfless personal contributions to the Columbus Chapter."
- 2008 Chapter President's Certificate, Columbus Chapter
 "For exceptional work performed on behalf of the Columbus Chapter of the
 Construction Specifications Institute for Distinguished Service as Chapter
 President."
- 2006 Chapter President's Certificate, Columbus Chapter
 "For exceptional work performed on behalf of the Columbus Chapter of the
 Construction Specifications Institute for distinguished service as President Elect."
- 2005 Chapter President's Certificate, Columbus Chapter "For you Distinguished Service to the Columbus Chapter while serving as 2nd Vice President."
- 2004 Chapter President's Certificate, Columbus Chapter
 "For exceptional work performed on behalf of the Columbus Chapter of the
 Construction Specifications Institute for Distinguished Service as Secretary."
- 2003 Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, Columbus Chapter "For your devoted and selfless contribution to the Columbus Chapter while serving as Membership Committee Chair."
- 2002 Chapter President's Commendation Award, Columbus Chapter "For demonstration of commitment to performance excellence and exceptional contribution as a member of the Columbus Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute."

2001 - Chapter President's Award, Columbus Chapter

"For exceptional work performed on behalf of the Columbus Chapter of the Construction Specifications Institute while performing the role of Membership Chair."

2001 – Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, Columbus Chapter "For your devoted and selfless contribution to the Columbus chapter while serving as Membership Committee Chair."

CSI Awards, Commendations and Responsibilities Region

2015 - Region Service Award

"For your devoted and selfless personal contribution to the Southeast Region serving as District 03 Vice President, July 1, 2013 to June 30, 2015, you are hereby presented this Region Service Award on the 25th day of April 2015."

2014 - Charles J. Huckleberry Memorial Award, Southeast Region

"For your devoted and selfless contribution rendering distinguished service to the Professional members of CSI in the expert promotion of the product; and the promotion of CSI; and in organizing and maintaining the leadership necessary to obtain the goals of the Institute throughout the Southeast Region, you are hereby presented the Charles J. Huckleberry Memorial Award on the 3rd day of May 2014."

2008 - Certificate of Recognition, Great Lakes Region

"For your devoted and selfless personal contribution to the Great Lakes Region while serving as Great Lakes Region Director you are presented with this Region Certificate of Recognition."

2004 - Certificate of Appreciation, Awards Chair, Great Lakes Region "For your time and talent as Awards Chair."

2001 - Certificate of Appreciation, Great Lakes Region

"For rendering distinguished service to the Great Lakes Region in advancing the objectives of the Institute by serving as Chairman for the Education Committee."

CSI Awards, Commendations and Responsibilities Institute

2014 - President's "Trusted Advisor" Plaque

"For your outstanding service to the Institute as Chair of the CCPR Revitalization Task Team while quickly becoming an inspirational champion for product representatives, uncovering the needs for improving this credential and driving

forward the "Trusted Advisor" initiative from July 2013 to present, and being an inspirational editor and sounding board for new ideas, and volunteering when needed for numerous other Institute, Region and Chapter responsibilities while proving to be an outstanding leader for advancing the mission of CSI, you are hereby presented with this President's Plaque on the twelfth day of September, at CONSTRUCT 2014 & The CSI Annual Convention in Baltimore, MD."

CSI Professional Development

2001 Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR)

1998 Certified Document Technologist (CDT)

CSI Speaking Engagements

2013 Speaker, Understanding Stone Wool Insulation in Interior and

Exterior Commercial Applications - CSI Web-Reach National Webinar

for over 400 attendees

2006 Speaker, Great Lakes Region Conference - Awards

2001 Speaker, Great Lakes Region Conference – Education

Contributions and Achievements

Anne's contributions and enthusiastic service to her profession as an architectural product representative and to CSI are demonstrated in her commitment to client customer service and education, selfless volunteer effort and team attitude for everything she does. She has served the Architectural and Design community since 1986 covering much of the United States. As a very active member of CSI since 1997, Anne has served Columbus Ohio and Greater Orlando Chapters, as well as the Great Lakes and Southeast Regions and at the national level on several Institute Committees.

Anne's career has varied from office and school furniture sales, to the representation of plastic laminates, ball bearing slides, thru-wall flashing and mortar collection devices, to her current position with Roxul Inc. promoting stone wool insulation to design professionals for the commercial building envelope. Although the products have been wide-ranging, the constant has been the tie to the construction industry and the service and education to the customer. Throughout her tenure working with various clients: school districts, office managers, architects, specifiers, building envelope consultants and contractors, Anne has continually gone the extra mile for the client to ensure reliable, timely and professional product advice and customer service. The result is a multitude of contacts and a network of design professionals from California to Florida, Minnesota to Louisiana who call on Anne whenever they need knowledgeable product recommendations and solutions.

It was the acceptance of her position as architectural sales representative at Accuride International in 1997 that set Anne's CSI career into motion. As an employee in the architectural sales position, she was encouraged to join CSI. Within

the first month of her new job, she became a member of the Columbus Chapter and attended the first of many CSI conventions to follow. Anne immediately began attending board meetings to increase her knowledge on chapter operations. Impressed with the education aspect of CSI, Anne quickly registered for the CDT and passed it on her first attempt in 1998. To continue advancing her CSI education and product representation career, she attended the first Product Representative Academy (PRA) in 1999. Both the CDT and PRA track prepared her to accept the position as Columbus Membership Committee chair, a position she served for two years. Wanting to do more than just track membership numbers, Anne took the initiative to develop a new Membership Orientation Guide, a first for the Columbus Chapter. Not only did she singlehandedly create a new guide, but she instituted an annual chapter New Member Orientation meeting to indoctrinate new members to the local chapter, Region and Institute. She also made sure each new member was recognized with a CSI membership pin, something that had not been done in recent past. Today, the Columbus Chapter still uses an updated version of this Membership Orientation Guide along with several other Chapters and Regions who requested this document from Anne.

Anne's enthusiasm for CSI extended beyond just her local chapter. She looked for every opportunity to attend other CSI meetings around the country as she traveled. A benefit of this initiative was to share her knowledge, experience and passion for all things CSI. It was easy for everyone she met to see her leadership potential, so Anne was soon asked to serve as Great Lakes Region Education Chair. Admittedly, this was a challenge as some of the committees' tasks were new to her. Grabbing the bull by the horns, Anne developed an Education track for the region conference her first year. With the guidance and mentorship of CSI veterans such as Edith Washington Lifetime Member, FCSI, CCS, Former Institute President and Tracy Van Niel FCSI, CCS, Anne was able to successfully implement a well-attended educational program that was highly regarded at the conference. Working with these experienced leaders also taught Anne the value of mentoring, something she is now doing for new and emerging members.

Anne, always looking for ways to expand her relationships within the industry and refine her approach to product representation, earned the CCPR credential when she attended the 3rd Annual Product Representative Academy in 2001. Lessons learned at the Academy taught her to continually seek new and different presentation techniques to work successfully with specification partners such as BSD SpecLink, ARCAT et al, and to practice professional product representation with the goals of CSI always in mind.

Locally, Anne's leadership abilities continued to be recognized by the Columbus Chapter, and she quickly moved through the ranks to become Secretary, Second Vice President (President Elect), and President in 2006. While serving the chapter as Second VP, Anne simultaneously served as Great Lakes Region Awards Chair. This began her avid devotion to awards and member recognition. Seeing a gap in the region awards program, Anne began the substantial task of overhauling the Great

Lakes Region Awards Guide. This project was finalized the following year under the direction of the incoming Awards Chair – Brandilyn Fry CSI, CDT, along with Anne's support. Anne's eagerness to revamp the Region Awards Program and through the promotional efforts of Anne and Brandilyn, the new program made the 2006 awards event one of the most participated events in the Great Lakes Region. In addition, the region resurrected one of the region's highest awards, the Bud Reed Memorial Award, ensuring that deserving members in the region, like Lane Beougher FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, LEEP AP –Institute President Elect (2015), were properly recognized.

When Anne was President of the Columbus chapter, she was the only woman on the Columbus CSI Chapter Board. When this came to the attention of Business First, a local Columbus periodical, they sought Anne to include in an article about women in construction. Capitalizing on this, Anne seized the opportunity to promote CSI's mission and values to local community leaders. As President, Anne continued the work set in motion by the excellent leaders before her focusing on areas like long range planning, quality programs for meetings, active board participation, and increased membership. Because of her enthusiastic leadership, she was well respected by her colleagues and accomplished both short term and long-range chapter goals. As a result of this tireless leadership, Columbus received the Outstanding Chapter Commendation that year at National Convention. Post presidency, Anne's eagerness to do more for CSI sent her on a path to run for Great Lakes Region Director. Although she lost by just one vote, it did not diminish her passion to do more for CSI. She quickly stepped up to chair the Columbus 50th anniversary celebration that year. She developed an efficient and thorough model on how to organize and run a fun and enjoyable 50th Anniversary Chapter event. As a result of her successful orchestration of Columbus' 50th celebration, she has once again volunteered to chair the Orlando Chapter's 50th anniversary celebration in 2016.

In 2009, Anne moved to Florida and immediately joined the Greater Orlando Chapter. Although Anne's job in school furniture sales did not serve the construction industry as had her other positions, Anne knew the value of CSI and remained a staunch CSI member. She promptly began supporting the Greater Orlando Chapter by volunteering to serve on three committees: Membership, Awards and Newsletter. With her notable success on the Great Lakes Region Awards committee and her hard work at the chapter level awards, Anne was nominated to serve on the Institute Awards Committee. On her third year of the Institute Awards Committee, the committee undertook the difficult task of completely revising the Honors & Awards Guide. Under the new leadership of Jonnie Cox FCSI, CCS as chair, the entire Honors & Awards Guide was completely overhauled. Not only was the guide improved, several awards, like the Outstanding Chapter Commendation, were completely rewritten. In addition the committee also developed new processes for award submittals. Many thought all of these tasks could not be accomplished simultaneously in a single year, but due to the tireless work of Anne and the rest of the committee it was all accomplished in record time! As if this was not time

consuming enough, Anne was also concurrently developing content for a new Product Representation Practice Guide. Anne enthusiastically volunteered to author several chapters of the new guide for CSI via the PRPG Task Team in concert with Institute Certification Technical and Education Committees. This guide was published in 2013 and has helped many product representatives advance their professional careers with CSI Advanced Certifications.

Once again seeking more ways to support CSI's mission, Anne participated in the inaugural Master Specifier's retreat and successfully brought on her new employer as a participant in the Corporate Partner program. She continued to look for new opportunities to serve the Southeast Region and was soon elected as District 3 Vice President, serving the Greater Orlando and Jacksonville Chapters. Wanting to be a part of both chapters she served, and keen to facilitate the transfer of knowledge between chapters, Anne joined the Jacksonville Chapter. Not one to join and sit on the sidelines, Anne quickly volunteered to serve as the Jacksonville Chapter Secretary. As chapter Secretary, she ensured the chapter newsletter was edited and distributed on time each month and that meeting announcements were circulated to the membership. Not only did she serve as Secretary, but with her passion for awards she was soon involved with the Jacksonville's awards program. With her knowledge and experience on awards Anne is in the process of developing an Awards Guide as well as a plan and timeline for the Jacksonville Chapter CSI to submit for the Outstanding Chapter Commendation. She has also been instrumental in bringing several new speakers to their lunch programs, which in turn has led to greater attendance at the chapter meetings.

As if all of this was not enough for even the most passionate and energetic member, Anne assumed the role of President of the Greater Orlando Chapter summer 2014. Anne's goal was to start with a balanced budget and a full calendar of truly informative lunch programs at each of the monthly chapter meetings. Both of these goals were successfully accomplished by the first fiscal meeting in September. In addition to serving both the Greater Orlando and Jacksonville Chapters, Anne was selected to serve on the Institute Jury of Fellows as a non-Fellow member. With her ardent passion to recognize deserving members, this was just one more opportunity Anne could not pass up. At the 2014 induction ceremony, Anne was responsible for the reading of the citations at the National Convention in Baltimore.

Her passion for the role of product representatives in the construction industry has been recognized by many in CSI which led to her being asked to join the CCPR Advisory Committee early 2013. This group of several zealous CCPR's, under the leadership of Stephen Nash FCSI, CCS, CCCA, AIA, SCIP and Casey Robb Lifetime Member, FCSI, CCPR, LEED AP, came together to improve communication surrounding the CCPR certification as well as determine goals to improving participation in the exam. In fiscal year 2014, Anne was appointed chair of the newly formed and officially sanctioned Institute CCPR Task Team. Charges were determined, goals set and the Task Team developed recommendations to enhance the CCPR credential and improve its connection with product manufacturers,

Corporate Partners, and architects across the United States. Anne and some of the other members of the Task Team served as Beta testers for the new revision of the CCPR exam to begin its cycle in the Spring of 2015. With this task team's mission successfully accomplished, the Institute Board just recently voted to "sunset" the CCPR Task Team and commended the task team for a job well done.

Regionally, at the request of Ken Buschle FCSI CCS CCCA Immediate Past President of the Southeast Region (then Region President), Anne acted as a liaison to the Southeast Region Conference Committee, which held a conference in May 2014. The committee, led by Tammy Overgaard CSI CDT, was one of the most profitable and enjoyable for the Southeast Region in recent years. It was this participation on the committee, her role as District VP, and her dedicated work for the Southeast Region that she was selected to receive the Charles J. Huckleberry Memorial Award. This award is the highest honor attainable by a product representative in the Southeast Region. As further recognition of Anne's dedication and untiring efforts on behalf of CSI, she was also awarded the Institute President's Trusted Advisor Award at the National Convention (CONSTRUCT), by Casey Robb, Lifetime Member, FCSI, CCPR, LEED AP, Institute President FY 2013-2014.

In between CSI responsibilities Anne manages her manufacturer's representative position with enthusiasm and competence. She has developed new literature ideas: a hot and humid brochure to address southern climate zones - and is working on expanded Lunch and Learn educational presentations. Recognizing Anne as a fervent CSI supporter, a major goal was set forth by her company for Anne to serve as liaison to CSI nationally which will include new opportunities to promote Roxul via CSI with participation of the Master Specifier's Retreat, CSI webinars and continued membership involvement. Furthermore, Roxul is now encouraging CDT participation with other sales employees within the company.

Anne 's leadership and devotion to CSI is above and beyond even the most enthusiastic member. Her willingness to serve in multiple, overlapping positions at all levels of CSI and successfully accomplish all of the goals she sets is truly remarkable. She exemplifies the strongest convictions to promote CSI in everything she does and continually strives to share her knowledge and leadership skills with others throughout CSI to ensure the objectives of CSI are successfully achieved. Her unfaltering commitment to the people and principles of CSI make Anne a tremendous asset to the chapters, the regions and the Institute, which is why she is truly worthy of the Robert P Brosseau Award for the Advancement of CSI.



Construction Product Representation Practice Guide

- The must-have reference on product representation
- An invaluable study aid for the Certified Construction Product Representative (CCPR) Exam
- Bonus content available on a password-protected website



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A CONVERSATION WITH ...

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Institute, an organization that provides continuing education and technical support to its Anne Roeper, 42, is president of the Columbus chapter of the Construction Specifications manufactures ball bearing slides for a variety of applications. Roeper has a Bachelor members in the architecture, engineering and construction fields. Roeper is also a specification manager for the Ohio division of Accuride International Inc., which of Science degree from the University of Illinois Champaign-Urbana and her hometown is Moweaqua, Ill.

What is the Construction Specifications Institute? CSI has a very active role in educating

documents and drawings. organizing and presenting construction dustry. Our organization is best known for industry about the latest trends in our in-MasterFormat, a common system for members of the design and construction

mentoring programs, online learning and networking with industry peers. CSI offers me, the greatest benefit of CSI has been and institutional design and construction architects, suppliers, facility and construcbenefits from being a member of CSI. For tion law. Anyone involved in commercial tors and even lawyers involved in construction managers, engineers, general contrac-Who makes up your organization's membership? certifications. CSI members are a diverse group of

> fellow members. nothing but support and respect from my timidating at times, but I have been shown



Anne Roeper says she has received much support running an organization in a male-dominated industry. JANET ADAMS | BUSINESS FIRST

members?

Locally, there are chapter meetings that typically include a tour or educational presentation. Our chapter meetings cover a broad range of topics to appeal to the varying interests of our membership. We have a quarterly newsletter that keeps membership appraised of the various events we sponsor. There are regional conferences for leadership and a national convention/product show.

What is the biggest challenge facing your organization?

Like any association these days, our biggest challenge is getting the word out and gaining new members. Since there are so many proprietary groups for architects, engineers and contractors today, deciding where time and money is best spent is a challenge. Since CSI covers all disciplines, I think you get more bang for your buck with our organization.

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How does your organization interface with new development concepts such as green and sustainable building?

CSI is very much at the forefront of these new concepts. Not only do we partner with other organizations for trade shows and presentations, but we offer online educational sessions through the CSI Web site to keep our members constantly aware of changing tides. Our biggest opportunity is Design Columbus, scheduled for spring at Columbus State Community College.

What is it like to be a woman leading an organization in an industry that has historically been male-dominated?

Although the design and construction industry has been historically male-dominated, women have made tremendous inroads. Women are often in leadership positions not only in organizations, but also in their own companies. CSI has many women in leadership roles throughout the organization. For me personally, it has been a wonderful experience. It can be in-

primation for their company,