



**Lee Ann Slattery, CSI, CCPR  
Candidate – Institute Director-at-Large**



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<b>Year Joined CSI:</b>	2002
<b>Home Chapter:</b>	Greater Lehigh Valley
<b>Firm:</b>	ATAS International, Inc.
<b>Occupation/Position</b>	Sales Support Manager
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<b>Education:</b>	AS in Computer Information Systems - 1982
<b>Professional Registrations, Licenses and Certifications:</b>	CCPR, LEED AP BD+C Toastmasters International – CC (Competent Communicator)
<b>CSI Awards:</b>	2015 – Institute President’s Plaque (Bob Simmons) – Certification Committee Maintenance Group Member 2014 – Middle Atlantic Region – Robert P. Brosseau Memorial Award 2013 – Institute Award and Middle Atlantic Region Award – Special Award and Letter of Commendation for organizing CSI Allentown Chapter’s involvement in the Homes for our Troops project 2012 – Institute Letter of Commendation from Institute President (Paul Bertram) – for recognition of the promotion of CSI and the Corporate Partner Program 2010 – President’s Award from CSI Allentown Chapter 2006 – President’s Award from CSI Allentown Chapter CSI Greater Lehigh Valley Chapter also received the Outstanding Chapter Commendation Award at CONSTRUCT in 2016 and 2015 (I was Chapter President for those two periods)
<b>Other Professional/Civic Organizations and Awards:</b>	Serve on the planning committee for the Lehigh Valley Branch of the Delaware Valley Green Building Council Serve as director on the board of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association Serve on the planning committee for the Construction Greater Lehigh Valley annual competition (assisted in forming the group and our first competition in 2015).

Serve on the planning committee for “Let’s Build”, a Girl’s Construction Camp (a joint venture between the local ABC and CSI chapters). First camp will be held in June 2017. This camp will encourage girls to consider careers in the construction industry.

An Allied Member of the Eastern PA AIA Chapter

A member of the Lehigh Valley IFMA chapter

Chairperson of the Staff Parish Relations Committee for St. Peter’s United Methodist Church

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

Currently serve as director on the board of the Mid-Atlantic Chapter of the Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association

**Candidate Statement:**

I have served on the board of CSI Greater Lehigh Valley for many years, including in the roles of Immediate Past President (which I am now), President, President-Elect, Vice President, and Hospitality Chairperson. I am also the current chairperson for the chapter’s awards and nominations committees.

As a member of the Institute’s certification committee for the past three years, I have contributed toward improving the CCPR exam. I was recognized for this effort, along with other certification committee maintenance group members, with an Institute President’s Plaque by Bob Simmons in 2015. As a member of the CSI CCPR Task Team from 2013 to 2015, we worked together on ways to further promote the CCPR certification. I feel strongly that the CSI certifications are an important offering to all members of the design and construction team and I am passionate about promoting this.

In 2014, I received the Robert P. Brosseau Memorial Award for the Middle Atlantic Region. It is given to only one person per year within the region. The award recognizes a member who has, through their activities, exemplified dedication and enthusiasm for CSI.

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

I feel that leading teams of inside and outside salespeople at two architectural building product manufacturers for the past 25 years has given me a wide variety of experience. My recent two year term as CSI Greater Lehigh Valley chapter president (approximately 140 members) has added to that experience. In my 15 years as a CSI member, I have chaired many committees and served on the chapter board for most of those years in a variety of positions. From my first year of membership, I became involved in the hospitality committee and quickly became chairperson of it.

For the past two years, I have participated in the Young Professionals’ events that have been held the day prior to CONSTRUCT, which were led by Cherise Lakeside. I spoke to the YP’s about “Setting Yourself Apart” the first year, and last year, I participated in the “speed mentoring” exercise, as one of the mentors.

In 2010, ATAS became the second company to sign up for the new CSI Corporate Partner program, at my recommendation to the owners of ATAS. Since then, I have acted as the ATAS liaison to the CSI Corporate Partner staff, and have given many recommendations to other companies who were considering becoming a corporate partner.

An article I wrote on the “Benefits of CSI Corporate Partnership” was published in the Construction Specifier’s April 2011 issue.

I was a member of the CSI CCPR Task Team from 2013 to 2015, appointed by the CSI President, to help further develop and promote the CCPR certification.

I am currently a director on the board of the Middle Atlantic Metal Building Contractors and Erectors Association, and serve on the publicity committee of the Toastmasters Club (Concretely Speaking), to which I belong. I have also led the Staff Parish Relations Committee at my church, which often deals with sensitive issues between our church members and the staff.

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

My current and past involvement in many different types of organizations, including corporations, industry trade associations, non-profit volunteer groups, and my church uniquely qualify me for this position. I have been told that my communication and listening skills, along with the ability to analyze a situation from different viewpoints, are some of my strong suits. I am passionate about the CSI organization and what it has done for me in my career and always take the opportunity to tell “my personal CSI story” to others who are not aware of the group or its member benefits, and who may consider joining CSI as a member.

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

I would like to see an emphasis on promoting the CDT, CCCA, CCS and CCPR. Not only through the Construction Specifier and other CSI-related publications, websites, etc., but also through non-CSI related organizations and publications. Having served on the certification committee for the past three years, a lot of effort has been invested into improving the exams. We’d love to see more people taking them.

To help recruit young professionals who are often on tight budgets, I think a membership dues payment plan would be a great addition for those who pay for the membership dues themselves (vs having their employer pay the dues for them). I know this was suggested by others in the past, as well. By giving the option to have a monthly automatic withdrawal from an account to cover dues payments, it might entice more people to join. Another benefit of that is that membership renewal could be automatic until they physically cancel the automatic payment, which may help in retaining members.

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

I think recruiting new members, and especially younger members, from ALL types of companies involved in the design and construction of a building, is crucial for CSI’s future success. We must embrace change and seek to find ways to provide value for members of all ages in all related professions. Success stories at the chapter levels must be shared with other chapters, regions and with the institute to build upon that success. In addition to an updated “speakers’ bureau”, I’d like to see a similar “programs bureau” created as a means to share program ideas and hot topics that are increasing attendance at certain meetings in chapters across the country.