

CERTIFIED ACCESS SPECIALIST INSTITUTE
2016-2017 BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION



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CANDIDATE GUIDE

This guide is intended for use by the CASI membership in voting during the 2016-2017 Board of Directors election. Enclosed are this year's candidate's statements – designed to provide all members with the background necessary to make an informed decision when voting for CASI's new Board of Directors. Your vote will help to shape the future of the organization – as CASI strives to improve and continually better serve its members and the public.

Please note that only received candidate's statements are included.

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PRESIDENT

Bill Zellmer



At heart, I am a practical person, and I have a passion for bringing practicality to our world of Access Compliance. In particular, I'd like to help our industry develop a 'shared understanding' of what our codes and standards require. It is a shame that we spend so much time arguing about the codes, and so little time 'teaming with' the disabled. It is really an opportunity lost.

In relation to CASI, my first year as President has taught me that all of us on the CASI Board have 'day jobs' and therefore, have limited time to dedicate to CASI. I'd like to suggest that CASI might be smart to do fewer things...but do them well. This is my short list of top priorities:

- Nationally Known Speakers for our Speakers Programs
- Code Discussion Groups / Code Forums
- Legislative Affairs / Regulatory Requirements
- Development of CASp 'Industry Standards'
- Develop Joint Programs with Organizations that Represent the Disabled

This past year as President, I have developed a quarterly newsletter 'CASI CENTRAL' to help communicate better with our membership, and included a column called 'Difficult Codes' designed to help our industry understand some of the more complex code sections.

For those who don't know me, I have included a short bullet point bio below:

- Building Official: 13 years at OSHPD, access compliance plan checking, general code compliance
- Licensed Architect: Experience includes hospitals, schools, low income housing, zoos.
- Field Assessor: Accessibility surveys of medical, prison, and general commercial work.
- Owners Representative: In-house accessibility expert at Sutter Health

At Sutter Health, I am part of the team that is managing our response to a class-action accessibility lawsuit, and overseeing the 'Barrier Removal' work at our 24 hospitals and hundreds of clinics. In this regard, it was particularly sweet that Sutter received an 'Eagle' award this year "In recognition of outstanding contributions to people with disabilities" ...from the very law firm that represents the plaintiffs. It was an especially nice feeling, being part of the team that helped make it happen.

I'd like to close by thanking you all for your various contributions to our industry, both directly through CASI, and outside of CASI. Thank you.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Eric Sifuentes



My name is Eric Sifuentes and I am honored to be nominated to the Board of Directors for the position of Vice President. I graduated from California State Polytechnic University at Pomona with a Bachelor of Architecture and currently work at Nacht & Lewis Architects in Sacramento. I specialize in the modernization of K-12 education facilities which often include numerous accessibility upgrades. Over the past 5 years I have worked with various members of the CASI leadership with a particular interest in local group discussions and code development. I would like to continue working with members of the Board to develop new programs including enhancing the website, developing brochures/informational flyers, and the forthcoming checklist template for our members. Through my continual involvement and participation, I hope to bring new energy and resources to the Board. Thank you for your time and consideration.

VICE-PRESIDENT

Dawn Anderson

No Candidate Statement

SECRETARY

Robina Wright

No Candidate Statement

TREASURER

Gary Layman



I would like to thank all CASI members for your support during my tenure as the Vice President, President and Director of Professional Standards terms. I have accepted the nomination to run as the Treasurer for CASI for the 2016-2017 term.

In my tenure as Vice President, President and Director of Professional Standards for CASI, I assisted all board members and positions. I created new committees and assisted in the development of discussion groups throughout the State. At general CASI meetings, I promoted code review, education and discussions, and represented CASI at public meetings. Beyond

CASI, I will continue to be active in the community. Through my network of individuals and experience, I am ready to continue with the board in the Treasurer position with a positive vision for our future.

As the Treasurer, I will continue to work with a broad range of individuals including property owners (landlords), business owners (tenants), defense counsel, plaintiff's counsel, CCDA, DSA, DGS, news broadcasters, Chambers of Commerce, ICC Chapters, and fellow CASp inspectors. Refer CASI members for project surveys, and support CASp outreach. My relationships with individuals across this broad spectrum provide me with diverse input on the needs of the community and CASI members for the "rubber on asphalt" type approach which CASI embraces.

My goals are to continue the CASI foundation system; assist and support the Committees and Board leaders in the operation of CASI; promote proper distribution and control of the CASI financial funds. I am passionate about team work and continually improving the service is an objective that is important to me both personally and professionally.

I am an achiever, not a politician. I pride myself in my integrity and honesty and that I never compromise my standards. My work ethic, connections with large corporations, groups and associations, experience with accessible field construction, inspections, and designs, provide me with the qualifications that CASI needs in supporting and implementing programs and procedures that will assist in growth for CASI. As Professional Practice Standards Chair and Past President of CASI, I will continue my dedication, commitment, experience and the belief that as part of the management team, we will take CASI to even greater heights.

DIRECTOR – MEMBER OUTREACH (PUBLIC SECTOR)

Steven E. Schraibman

Steve Schraibman provides consulting and expert services with respect to a broad range of areas in construction and design. He currently holds licenses as an Architect, General Contractor, Certified Professional Cost Estimator (CPE) and Certified Access Specialist (CAsp).

With his qualifications and broad range of experience he brings a multitude of related skills to the resolution of often complex problems that would ordinarily require the services of a number of experts.

He has developed a proprietary tablet based application for ADA compliance as well as patented tools and templates to facilitate compliance. He regularly presents seminars on aspects of code compliance to Architects, Contractors, Attorneys and business owners.

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DIRECTOR – PUBLIC OUTREACH (PRIVATE SECTOR)

Terry McLean

No Candidate Statement

COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR

Michael Mankin



Many of you already know that I was Communication Committee Chair a year ago, and now would like to serve again. I was before Supervising Architect and Chief of the Office of Universal Design in the Division of the State Architect (DSA) for many years, establishing the Universal Design (UD) Program and implementing the Certified Access Specialist Program (CASp) at DSA. Professionalizing Access Compliance is the heart and soul of what CASI can do, and developing our shared knowledge will promote our brand as a powerhouse of resources.

As Communications Chair, I will work with the board to develop and maintain timely announcements of upcoming seminars and training opportunities.

My Proposed Communication Strategy:

- With the CASI Board and other Committee Chairs, identify key organizational messages
- Work with the Board to maintain current E-Newsletter update to members, stakeholders, and potential clients
- Add more pictures and construction details to our CASI website
- Update messages and communication tactics as new issues arise

EDUCATION CHAIR

Steve Dolim

No Candidate Statement

SPECIAL PROGRAMS CHAIR

Thomas Durbrow



A licensed Civil Engineer for 36 years and an OSHPD and DSA Certified Project Inspector for 26 years, Thomas A. Durbrow has over 40 years of varied experience in construction including inspection, management and engineering. His recent accessibility experience includes Accessibility Plan Reviewer for the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitations (CDCR) prison projects. Other recent experience includes Inspector of Record (IOR) for the \$60 million Recreation Center at Chico State University, IOR for \$77 million Health and Wellness Center at Sacramento State University, and accessibility inspector for the new Spartan Complex at San Jose State University.

Mr. Durbrow was one of the Founding Members of the Certified Access Specialists Institute (CASI) and served as the CASI secretary for two years. He is a designated Subject Matter Expert by (DSA), and serves on the DSA committee to develop the California State CASp examinations. He has presented national webinars on accessibility and has been a guest speaker on accessibility to local business associations.

Mr. Durbrow serves as the current National Secretary of the American Construction Inspectors Association (ACIA) and also serves on the ACIA Education Committee.

If elected to one of the Special Programs Chairs, he will support the President and the Board in implementing special projects. He looks forward to serving CASI in this new capacity.

His aim is to increase CASI membership by raising awareness and gain recognition for CASI as a professional organization. His plans to achieve this goal include increasing exposure of CASI with other professional organizations as a CASI representative at the National ADA Symposium and other regional professional events.

SPECIAL PROGRAMS CHAIR

Kaylan Dunlap



I have served as an Accessibility Specialist with Evan Terry Associates, LLC (ETA) for over thirteen years. I am a Licensed Physical Therapist Assistant in the state of Alabama with over 9 years of healthcare experience in the outpatient rehabilitation and acute care settings, where I was involved with patient care and program development for breast cancer patients and student athletes, creating programs to benefit those specific patients that incorporated different specialties such as oncology/radiology, physical therapy, occupational therapy, orthopedics, athletic training, and nutrition. My primary responsibilities with ETA include project management, surveying facilities to identify barriers, preparing reports, quality assurance, surveyor training, code analysis, survey form development, and seminars/trainings, for organizations such as the Congressional Office of Compliance, the Architect of the Capitol, Sutter Health, Kaiser Permanente, Partners Healthcare, Boston Medical Center, CVS, Sears/Kmart, Pacific Gas & Electric, J. Paul Getty Museums, and other clients in the state of California and nationwide. I assisted in the development of the survey tool that is currently being used by the California State Health Plans, in conjunction with Disability Rights Education & Defense Fund. I participated in the Comparative Analysis of the 2010 ADA Standards and 2010 California Building Code for the California Department of the State Architect and am a Subject Matter Expert for the California Division of the State Architect. I became a Certified Access Specialist (CAsp) in 2011, served on the United States Access Board's Advisory Committee on Standards for Medical Diagnostic Equipment, and am on the Board of Directors for the Alabama Spina Bifida Association. I welcome the opportunity to continue with CASI, to be as visible as possible in the design and construction community, to be recognized as a valuable resource by members and non-members alike, and to remind us all of why we do what we do – to make our world a more accessible place for all. I plan to use my experience outside of California to help CASI members make a connection to the federal requirements and to other access and design specialists outside of California.