



Get to know the CKCA Board of Directors

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You have now served 8 of the 9 years on the board. Why did you engage by serving on the CKCA Board and what compelled you to stay?

Can I say I was roped into it? I remember an event in Las Vegas where I was approached and thinking "why would they want me?" It was a different time, trying to grow the association and figuring out what was needed to continue to engage the industry across the country and how we could get more people involved. I've been compelled to stay because of the people I've had the pleasure of working with... from Dawn to Sandra to the other board members, past board members and association members. We have quality people in our industry and the opportunity to get together is always valued. Getting the opportunity to travel our beautiful country and get out of our businesses a couple of times a year is a nice refresh too.

Biggest advantage to being a CKCA member?

Collaboration and knowing you're not in this alone. We all have similar successes and struggles and need to be able to discuss current situations with others who have either dealt with it before or will be dealing with it in the future.

What would you say to others in the industry who might consider a position on the Board in the future?

The CKCA board is a great opportunity for people to get involved in our industry and see how the industry works from coast to coast. All the board members I've worked with have been open, honest, forthcoming about their businesses and where they see opportunities. From small shops to large ones, we're all trying to get ahead of the curve.

What have you enjoyed most about being on the Board?

Honestly, I'll go back to the people I've met and had the pleasure to be on the board with. Some very intelligent and savvy people who've all contributed to my personal and professional growth. I value all their input to my questions or comments and can't imagine not being able to call on them for advice as needed.

Thoughts for the future of the organization?

CKCA has grown so much in the last 8 years since I've really gotten involved, but we're still no where near where I'd like it to be, especially in terms of membership. It's headed in the right direction. As we continue to provide value to members, word will continue to spread and the association will continue to grow. Can't lose sight of our strategic goals and the big picture!

