

# T.J. Gottwalt, FCSI

*“For your devotion to and belief in CSI certification and education; for leadership in refurbishing the Certified Construction Product Representative program and revitalizing its future; for diligent work with the Certification Maintenance Group; and for your dedication to the Minneapolis, Hartford, and Charlotte Chapters, Northeast and Southeast Regions, and Institute, you are advanced to Fellowship on the 14th day of September 2017.”*  
Providence, Rhode Island



TIMOTHY “T.J.” GOTTWALT began working for his father’s door hardware company in Minneapolis, MN when he was ten years old, keying locks and packing/shipping hardware. By the time he graduated with a dual degree from the University of Minnesota Duluth in 1986, he had already been working in the industry for twelve years.

T.J. worked for four years at Hauenstein & Burmeister, a hardware distributor located in south Minneapolis, during which time he began writing door hardware specifications for area architectural firms, and joined the Minneapolis/St. Paul Chapter of CSI. He liked writing specs so much, he left the distributor and began his own consulting firm. After only one year, he had a generous offer from Essex Industries (which eventually became ASSA ABLOY) to write specifications on their behalf as an architectural representative. He began to get more involved in CSI, benefitting from the mentorship of others such as Sheldon Wolfe, Alana Griffith, Jerry Putnam, and many others. After six years, he was promoted to Director of Architectural Development and relocated to Connecticut.

Once in Connecticut, T.J. immediately got involved in the Hartford and Housatonic CSI Chapters, as well as the Northeast Region. He served as the Hartford Chapter’s president and became Northeast Region secretary. Serving on the board gave T.J. a greater sense of what it took to run a successful chapter and region.

After serving as Director for ten years, T.J. left to work for one German door hardware company, then worked for a second one who relocated him and his family to North Carolina. Once again, T.J. got involved in the local chapters of Charlotte and Raleigh-Durham, serving as Director for both, as well as the Southeast Region.

T.J. then joined Ingersoll-Rand Security Technologies, who became Allegion, where he works as Strategic Architectural Account Manager. His experience across the country and internationally has taught him the value of continuous improvement and lifelong professional development, especially certification. T.J. now takes every opportunity to learn, and to pass on that knowledge to others to their benefit.

## **CSI Membership**

Charlotte Chapter, 2011  
Raleigh-Durham Chapter, 2011  
Hartford Chapter, 2000 to 2011  
Housatonic Chapter, 2000 to 2011  
Minneapolis-St. Paul Chapter, 1991 to 2000

## **Institute Offices, Committees**

Institute Certification Committee, FY2013-2017  
Jury of Fellows, FY2011-2012  
Institute Membership Committee, FY2005

## **Region Offices, Committees**

Southeast Region, President-Elect, FY2018  
Southeast Region, Outreach Committee Chair, FY2016-2017  
Southeast Region, Vice-President, FY2014-2015  
Southeast Region, Membership Committee Chair, FY2011-2012  
Northeast Region, Board of Directors, FY2004-2007; FY2000-2001

Northeast Region, Membership Committee Chair, FY2004-2005  
Northeast Region, Secretary, FY2002-2003  
Northeast Region, Education Committee Chair, FY2000-2001

## **Awards**

### **Institute**

Continuous Service Award, 2016  
President’s Plaque, 2015  
Certificate of Merit and Appreciation, 2006  
Certificate of Appreciation, 1995, 1998

### **Region**

SE Region, Certificate of Achievement, 2017  
Charles J. Huckleberry Memorial Award, April 22, 2016  
SE Region Service Award, April 25, 2015  
NE Region Citation of Service, 2001; 2004; 2005  
NER Institute Director’s Award, January 14, 2004