

CASF Welcomes New Director of Member Services

CASF has hired Maureen Hodgson to lead the association's membership development and education activities. A resident of South Florida for more than 30 years, Hodgson has an extensive resume working with associations as a meeting and events professional.

"We're excited to welcome someone with Maureen's expertise and energy to our team," said Remy Mackowski, Executive Director of CASF. "Maureen's experience with non-profit association membership, operations and sponsorship development will greatly expand CASF's continual focus on enhancing membership value."

Hodgson most recently served as the General Manager of PRA South Florida, the local office of the nation's largest destination-management company. Prior to that, she was the Associate Executive Director for the International Urogynecological Society, an international medical association with more than



3,000 members. Hodgson has also served as chapter relations manager for Meeting Professionals International (MPI), the largest association for meeting, event and hospitality professionals.

"I'm thrilled to be part of the CASF team," Hodgson said. "My passion is in the association industry and I look forward to providing best in class service to CASF's current and future members."

Working at CASF is a return of sorts to her roots, according to Hodgson. Growing up in the Midwest, she fondly remembers going to construction sites with her father, an executive for Bechtel. He eventually transferred to

Turkey Point Nuclear Generating Station in Homestead, and following a final dismal winter at Purdue University, Hodgson followed her family to South Florida. Today, she can be found most weekends on her boat enjoying the area's water-sports lifestyle.

Titan Florida: Charter CASF Member thriving after more than 70 years in South Florida

Titan Florida LLC is a leading supplier of building materials, such as aggregates, cement, ready-mix concrete and block. Previously known as Tarmac America Inc., the company was acquired in 2000 by Titan Cement International, Greece's leading producer of cement and ready-mix concrete. After additional acquisitions of all Tarmac America locations, the company's U.S. operations became collectively known as Titan America LLC in 2014.

Titan Florida maintains the company's long-standing commitments, with a people-oriented approach, respect for the environment, and a substantial focus on safety.

"Safety has always been our No. 1 value," said Mark Wachtel, Director of Sales, Concrete Products, Titan Florida LLC. "That enabled us to make a quick transition to new COVID-19 workplace standards. We immediately supplied all workers with adequate PPE and even rolled out touchless ticketing to help drivers and on-site personnel maintain social distancing while on the job."

Titan's commitment to safety mirrors the company's decades-long practice of adapting to ever-changing environmental regulations. Titan is guided by an Environmental Policy designed to mitigate operational impact and pursue win-win opportunities for both economy and ecology. "Titan has actively participated in South Florida's massive growth over the decades," said Wachtel. "We also live in the communities we help



build. Titan operates with concern for the wellbeing of the environment so we can continue to develop in a sustainable way."

According to Wachtel, Titan Florida's long record of success has been driven in part by its active membership in CASF. Titan Florida is one of only three companies to have been a continuous member of CASF since the organization was founded in 1950. "Attending CASF events is the 'meat and potatoes' to help build business, but the organization is much more than that," Wachtel said. "I feel fortunate to be part of a group that has been at the front of the vision and direction of the local construction industry for all these years."

As for Titan Florida's part in the South Florida construction industry, Mark is very proud of the work that they have accomplished. "I'm very proud of the team we have and the work we do," said Wachtel. "Yes, we basically supply materials. But because we do that very well and so conscientiously, I also feel we have a small hand in improving people's lives in South Florida."

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On June 30, 2020 Florida Governor Ron DeSantis signed "The Occupational Freedom and Opportunity Act" ("HB 1193" or the "Act"), an act relating to the deregulation of professions and occupations, with the goal of eliminating barriers of entry to certain professions licensed by the Florida Department

of Business and Professional Regulation ("DBPR"). HB 1193 provides for significant changes to licensing requirements for a range of professions regulated by the DBPR, including construction contractors, landscape architects, architects, engineers, interior designers and inspectors. Many chapters of the Florida Statutes are revised by the Act. [Click to download the full document](#)



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