

## CAICF 2023 Candidate Submission



1. **Candidate Name:** Valerie Bender
2. **Email Address:** valerie@stonebldg.com
3. **Desired Position:** President/Vice President/Board Member
4. **Company/Organization/or Association Name:** Stone Building Solutions
5. **How long have you been a member of the Chapter?** 10 years
6. **How would your role on the Board of Directors contribute to the Chapter?** I've had the unique privilege of working with property management companies, community association managers, and board members for many years. This perspective has shown me what it takes to be successful in each role and what impact we can have in our industry. As a member of the board, I intend to bring this perspective and experience to enhance the success of our chapter, drive our mission forward, and broaden our reach to more members in our community.
7. **What would you like to accomplish during your term on the Board?** My personal mission is to inspire. As a leading business partner and sales director in our industry, I understand the value of effective leadership, listening, mentoring others, patience and providing education. Over the years, I've learned many valuable lessons, tricks of the trade and understand the hard work and dedication it takes from all sides. This perspective, coupled with the insight I've gained from other leading mentors within our industry, has armed me with the unique ability to inspire and teach new managers and business partners, all while proactively increasing membership for our chapter.
8. **Other Board Experience: Related Work/Volunteer Experience:**
  - I've served on several committees throughout the state for multiple CAI chapters, including the membership committee for the Central Florida chapter.

- I currently serve as board president in my own community, volunteering my time and experience **to ensure compliance with local laws** and governing documents, as well as manage the interests of our membership.
- Presented hundreds of times at board meetings and manager events throughout the state, providing education and industry information.
- I've partnered with many attorneys over the last decade to provide continuing education and board member certification courses, as well as personally provided CE courses for licensed community managers.
- I have an extensive history in collections for all community associations and am currently at the forefront of the newest legislative condominium changes. Building safety and financial security are two of the biggest topics right now for many communities throughout the state. Being with a firm that is on the forefront of this legislation gives me real-time access to legislative representatives and real-time experience and updates that need to be shared.

**9. Other Information Relative to Your Candidacy:** I'm proud of the reputation I've built, and the relationships and partnerships I've created. Our industry is hard work and I've never been one to shy away from that. I'm also a responsible citizen, and mom of three, and have a keen ability to multitask. At the end of the day, I believe in doing the right thing, inspiring others, and pushing for growth in those around me. I appreciate your consideration and look forward to serving our chapter.