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When and why did you join CSCMP?	I joined CSCMP in Oct 2024, shortly after moving to the ATL area for my new role as Director of Distribution with Essilor Luxottica. My decision to join CSCMP was driven by three key factors: 1. ☐ Professional Development: With my background in Industrial Engineering and recent focus on Warehouse automation, I recognized CSCMP as the premier organization for staying at the forefront of supply chain innovations. What piqued my interest was the focus on Artificial intelligence applications during EDGE 2024. The resources on CSCMP were invaluable in guiding my thought leadership in my new role. 2. ☐ Knowledge Sharing: As someone passionate about process improvement, warehouse automation, I am eager to contribute to the supply chain fraternity. I believe my experience and unique insights would be valuable to fellow members of the trade. 3. ☐ Networking: Given my diverse experience across multiple industries including healthcare, retail, and now eyewear, I saw CSCMP as an ideal platform to connect with like-minded professionals. Joining CSCMP has already enhanced my ability to drive strategic improvements in my organization and contribute to the broader supply chain community. I'm excited about the opportunity to further engage with and give back to this professional network as a Featured Member.

What advice do you have for new CSCMP members on how they can maximize their membership value? What membership benefit do you find most valuable?

To maximize your membership value, I recommend the following approaches:

1. ☐ Participate in local roundtables: Engage with your local CSCMP chapter to build strong connections. These small, more intimate settings often lead to valuable mentorships and partnerships.

2. ☐ Leverage AI for networking: Use AI powered tools to analyze CSCMP member directory and identify professionals with complementary skills and experiences. This helps you forge strategic connections.

3. ☐ Take advantage of free webinars and educational resources. CSCMP's monthly webinar portfolio helps you to stay current with supply chain trends and best practices.

And of course, don't miss EDGE!. It is like Supply chain Disneyland - inspiring keynotes, cutting-edge sessions and unparalleled networking. Personally, I find the community aspect to be the most valuable part of my membership. Having a trusted network of peers to bounce ideas off of and learn is priceless.

What has been the most impactful connection you have made through CSCMP membership?

The most impactful connection I've made through my CSCMP membership has been with other young professionals in Warehouse Automation field. During one of the ATL roundtables, I visited Geek+ tech center and met some amazing people. With these connections, I was able to schedule a visit to the tech center for my team. This will enable my team to witness different warehouse automation technologies and help them update their knowledge.

How did you get into supply chain management/logistics?

I got into Supply chain management somewhat unexpectedly, but it turned out to be one of the best decisions of my career. I began my journey as an engineer with an Aerospace company in material management. I was immediately drawn to the fast-paced environment, the cross-functional problem solving opportunities, and the realization of how many moving parts are involved in delivering a product to the customers. This experience sparked my curiosity, and I pursued additional education in supply chain management and sought out roles that allowed me to deepen my understanding of logistics and operations. Over time, I realized that what excited me most about this field is its impact on everyday life 0 how supply chains keep businesses running and ensure people get what they need and when they need.

What is the biggest challenge you face on the job, and how are you managing it?

The biggest challenge I face on the job is that with optimizing warehouse efficiency. The consumer market is always changing and my team plays a key role in helping the warehouse achieve consistent efficiency without sacrificing cost in meeting the market demands. We utilize AI to manage our forecasting and slotting. We use process improvement meetings/brainstorming sessions to come up with new ideas to reduce costs and utilize several continuous improvement tools to problem solve.

What technologies, trends, or disruptive forces do you see having the biggest impact on supply chains?

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