Art Mesher is currently the chancellor of CleanSL8 DNA (Clean Slate Development Network and Advisors) and chairman of the board of The Core Group and Versapay Corporation. Mesher also sits on the board of directors for Livingston International, Absolute Software and Nulogy, and is chairman of Build Directs Advisory Board.

More recently, Mesher was the CEO and chairman of the board of The Descartes Systems Group Inc., leading the creation of the first on-demand logistics network that provides application and communication capabilities. Appointed CEO in 2004, he spearheaded the company’s turnaround from large losses to awarding-winning accolades and financial performance. During his tenure, Descartes was consistently recognized: Awarded Best Canadian Corporation from Canadian Business magazine, Best Business Turnaround from International Business Awards in 2006, and winning one of Canada’s 10 Most Admired Corporate Cultures from Waterstone Human Capital in 2012. Most notably, Mesher was selected as the Council of Supply Chain Management Professional’s (CSCMP) 2008 Distinguished Service Award recipient.

A pioneer in harnessing the integration of business communities, Mesher is considered one of the founders of SaaS networks and cloud computing. He began building SaaS-based technology to automate freight processes in the 1980s and helped start and grow Vocam Systems, a logistics network software company that went public before being acquired by Pitney Bowes in 1990. Subsequently, Mesher was president of Advanced Logistics Research, where he helped leading companies such as AMR (Sabre), CSX, and Caterpillar develop and deploy emerging technology-based supply chain strategies. He also launched the Integrated Logistics Strategies Services practice at Gartner Group, Inc., a leading technology research and advisory firm, and elevated the research firm to one of the premiere advisors to major global corporation.
Irv Grossman is executive vice president of the Americas at CHAINalytics, a leading global supply chain consultancy. Grossman is responsible for the delivery of strategy, design, and transformational consulting efforts for many of the top-tier global supply chains.

His extensive industry and consulting experience that spans Retail, Consumer Product Goods and Hi-Tech, includes supply chain operations, logistics, strategic sourcing, procurement, and enterprise transformation.

Prior to its merger with CHAINalytics, Grossman founded and managed Chainnovations, a consultancy focused on supply chain transformation. Previously, he served as vice president of Supply Chain Operations for Cingular Wireless (now AT&T Mobility). In this role, Grossman managed all forward and reverse logistics operations and concurrently championed the development of a supply chain competency.

Additional past experience includes Accenture (Andersen Consulting Supply Chain Practice), American Honda Motor Company, and Kraft Foods Group, Inc. Grossman holds a bachelor of science in business logistics from The Pennsylvania State University. In addition, he holds an Accenture Program Accelerated Executive Certificate from the J.L. Kellogg Graduate School of Management.
Alex Stark
Senior Director, Marketing

Alex Stark is the senior director of marketing for Kane Is Able (KANE), a national, third-party logistics company headquartered in Scranton, PA since 1930. Before assuming his current role, Alex held positions in both business development and supply chain operations.

Stark’s passion is promoting KANE’s mission of helping manufacturers and their retail partners efficiently and effectively distribute products throughout the United States. He is a vocal proponent of collaboration and disruptive thinking in the supply chain and blogs extensively on the Kane Is Able website on matters affecting the industry.

He holds a bachelor of science in marketing from the University of Scranton. He is a certified, Six Sigma Green Belt and in LEAN Six Sigma from Villanova University.

Stark is actively involved in many professional and community organizations, including the Center for Supply Chain Research (CSCR) at the Smeal College of Business at Penn State University, a member of International Warehousing Logistics Association (IWLA) where he served on the marketing committee, American Logistics Aid Network (ALAN), where he assists in a marketing capacity, Warehouse Education & Research Council (WERC), and the Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals (CSCMP), serving twice as a track chair for the annual conference. Additionally, Stark serves as a board member for Johnson College, NEPA Alliance, and the Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Building Company. He is a past board member of the Greater Scranton Chamber of Commerce, the Lackawanna Blind Association, and the Northeastern Pennsylvania Regional Bioscience Initiative.

He resides in Clarks Summit, PA with his wife, Kelly, their two sons, Andrew and Aidan and daughter, Addison.
Paul Delp is president of Lansdale Warehouse Company, a regional warehousing and trucking company located in suburban Philadelphia. Lansdale currently operates five facilities, two of which are rail served and its trucking operation that serves within a 250 mile radius of Philadelphia.

Lansdale provides a wide range of services for customers with products as diverse as lumber, roll paper, chemicals, consumer products, food and beverage, and pharmaceuticals. To ensure Lansdale customers’ inventory management is kept to the highest of standards, the company’s documented quality system is certified to ISO9001 and uses WMS, RF and EDI technology to mitigate errors while adding value to the goods entrusted to Lansdale’s care and custody.

Delp graduated from Penn State with a supply chain degree and during breaks worked as a truck driver and warehouseman for the family trucking company. After graduation, he enlisted in the Air Force and was a crewmember on cargo planes serving his last two years in Southeast Asia. Maintaining ties to the University, Lansdale Warehouse is a corporate sponsor of the Penn State Smeal Center for Supply Chain Research.

Paul is also an active member of the International Warehouse Logistics Association (IWLA) and recently completed a six-year term on its board of directors. He was also instrumental in starting the association’s Rail Council to develop tools reducing or eliminating rail demurrage and championing rail freight as a competitive advantage in the 3PL industry.

Because corporate social responsibility should be part of every company’s DNA, Delp serves on the county board of the American Red Cross, is acting president of the local Kiwanis Club, an advisory board member of the local hospital, board member of the United Way, and also serves on the Delaware Valley Regional Planning Committee Goods Movement Taskforce. Delp is also an active member of industry associations; Council of Supply Chain Management Professionals and the Warehousing Education and Research Council.
Adept at building high-performance sales organizations and establishing integrity-based client relationships within highly competitive markets, Owens brings a unique blend of strategic and creative thought to every client engagement to create an environment of proactive collaboration and common value for both SDI’s clients and future clients.

He has a passion that drives him to develop innovative ideas and strategies to help clients solve their toughest challenges. With a history of commercial and industrial business development for companies like EMCOR, Transfield Services, and IFCO, Owens’s experience of creating and implementing successful and strategic value-driven solutions transcends industry sectors.