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ANNUAL MEETING

The 2014 MCCE Annual Meeting, hosted by Angie Whitcomb, Shakopee Chamber, will be held January 29-31 at [Mystic Lake Casino Hotel](#) in Prior Lake. Don't miss this great event - plan now to attend! Given the popularity of this venue, rooms are at a premium – but not a premium price at \$79! Book your room today by calling 952.445.9000 and securing a room in the MCCE Block. [Register now!](#)



SAVE THE DATE! U.S. CHAMBER SMALL BUSINESS SUMMIT

The 10th Annual [U.S. Chamber Small Business Summit](#) will be held in Washington D.C., June 11 – 13, 2014. Plan to attend & mark this date on your calendar!

ONLINE RESOURCE LIBRARY

Help us populate our new [online resource library](#). If you have a document you think would be useful to other local chambers please send it to Leah at ltomasetti@mnchamber.com.

JOIN OUR LINKEDIN GROUP!

The MCCE now has a group on [LinkedIn](#). Search for the group by typing Minnesota Chamber of Commerce Executives into the search bar. Join to hear about the latest news and events and connect with your peers.

MACE Chamber Operations Survey Report

The MACE Chamber Operations Survey Report has been released. In addition, they will also be opening registration for the 2013 Webinar Series which will feature industry experts delving further into trends and best practices of various sections of

the operations survey. MACE implemented a pay-to-download system this year that they hope will encourage participation in these surveys in future years. The report is available on the [MACE website](#). Participants of the survey will receive a code that will allow them to receive the survey report for free. Non-participant chambers will be prompted to pay \$45 to download the survey report. MACE will redistribute \$5 to each CCE for every survey report that is sold with quarterly checks.

SAVE THE DATE! 2014 BUSINESS DAY AT THE CAPITOL

2014 Business Day at the Capitol will be held on Wednesday, March 19 at the [Crowne Plaza Riverfront](#) in St. Paul. Please help spread the word and invite your members! If you are already planning on bringing a group or your leadership class, please let Leah know at tomasetti@mnchamber.com or 651.292.4669.

NEW EXECUTIVES

[Long Prairie Area Chamber](#) – The chamber has named Tamie Barber as the new president.

[Milaca Area Chamber](#) - The chamber has named Rich Melvin as the Executive Director who will be starting on January 6, 2014.

[Northfield Chamber](#) - The Northfield Area Chamber of Commerce has found the person that will lead the organization into 2014 — at least temporarily — and he is a familiar face to many in the community. The Chamber announced on Wednesday that John Stull will serve as the organization's interim executive director....

JOB OPENINGS

Greater Mankato Growth, Inc. – Marketing & Communications Director

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and references to Jonathan Zierdt at jzierdt@greatermankato.com or mail to: 1961 Premier Drive, Suite 100, Mankato, MN 56001.

Greater Mankato Growth, Inc. – Vice President

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and references to Jonathan Zierdt at jzierdt@greatermankato.com or mail to: 1961 Premier Drive, Suite 100, Mankato, MN 56001.

Burnsville Chamber of Commerce - Membership Development Coordinator

Interested candidates should submit a cover letter, resume and references to Bill Corby at 952.898.5641 or bill@Burnsvillechamber.com.

IN THE NEWS

Steele County governing bodies push collaboration

During a combined meeting on Monday, representatives from the Owatonna City Council, the Steele County Board of Commissioners, the Owatonna School Board, the Owatonna Public Utilities Commission and the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism reviewed their top priorities and ways to possibly collaborate for the betterment of the community as a whole...

Metro chamber urges Minnesota lawmakers to repeal 'stifling' new taxes

The metro area chamber is calling on Minnesota Gov. Mark Dayton and other Minnesota legislators to repeal numerous new taxes that were instituted last session....

Austin chamber adds position to woo young professionals

The chamber recently posted an opening for a new job they are calling Workforce Relations Coordinator....

Education commissioner discusses progress with Chamber

After learning that Minnesota's fourth-graders led the nation in testing this year, Education Commissioner Brenda Cassellius began challenging school administrators

and teachers...

[Commentary, Sandy Forstner, Austin Chamber: Program to help people stay in Austin](#)

Attracting and retaining key employees is critical to the long term success and growth of all business and to our local economy....

[Commentary, Katie Nelson, Owatonna Chamber: Public policy agenda of the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism reflects business priorities](#)

“Dedicated to the prosperity of our member businesses and the vitality of the area” is not just a catchy phrase that the Owatonna Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism feels good about or takes lightly...

[Weighing in on wages: Bemidji Chamber takes stance on state minimum wage debate](#)

The Bemidji Chamber of Commerce is in favor of raising Minnesota’s minimum wage — just not to the degree some in the Legislature would like...

[Cold Spring business owners, officials plan ahead of road improvement project](#)

“With the scheduled road construction coming up over the next few years, we have decided to be proactive about making some changes,” said Kathy Faust, vice president of the Cold Spring Area Chamber of Commerce and branch manager at the Central Minnesota Credit Union in Cold Spring...