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2015 FALL CONFERENCE

– DETROIT LAKES SERVES AS A GREAT HOST

Carrie Johnston, president, Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce provided an excellent setting to welcome all MCCE attendees to her region. The meeting offered chamber executives the opportunity to connect with peers and learn from industry experts about emerging topics that affect local chambers. To view presentations from the meeting, please [click here](#).

Thank you to all of those who donated items and contributed to the Annual Auction. With your help and generosity, the Fall Conference Auction raised over \$3,100 dollars for the MCCE Scholarship and David Olson Memorial Scholarship funds. Additional contributions to the funds may be sent to MCCE, 400 North Robert Street, Suite 1500, St. Paul, MN 55101.

SAVE THE DATE! UPCOMING EVENTS

2016 Annual Meeting | January 27–29 – TBA

2016 Mini Institute | June 2 – Holiday Inn & Suites, St. Cloud

2016 America's Small Business Summit | June 13–15 – Omni Shoreham Hotel, Washington, D.C.

2016 Fall Conference | September 28–30 – Holiday Inn & Austin Conference Center, Austin

INSTITUTE FOR ORGANIZATION MANAGEMENT | SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Institute for Organization Management, sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, is the premier training program for chambers of commerce. The four year program is offered at five locations across the country for one week each year. For more information on Institute, go to www.institute.uschamber.com.

This scholarship will be awarded over 2 consecutive years. The award will be ½ of the tuition for 2016 Institute and ½ of the tuition for 2017 Institute. The amount will be approximately \$500 per year. [Click here](#) to download the scholarship application.

BOARD NOMINATIONS

The MCCE Board of Directors will be filling three director positions. If you are interested in serving on the MCCE Board of Directors, please contact Lisa Workman at the Fergus Falls Chamber of Commerce at lworkman@fergusfalls.com. A nominating committee will be formed this fall. MCCE Board terms are three years.

EXECUTIVE UPDATE

Sue Schafroth, who served as the director of the Cass Lake Chamber of Commerce passed away on September 21st, just about two weeks after being diagnosed with breast cancer. Sue was active in MCCE and the Northwest Chamber Executives group. She will be missed. Terri Vail has been named the interim director at the Chamber.

JOB OPENINGS

[Falls Chamber of Commerce | Director](#)

Contact Matt Sonnentag at 651.465.3225 x501 with any questions.

IN THE NEWS

[St. Paul soccer stadium gets Midway chamber's support](#)

The Midway Chamber of Commerce and its membership have, until now, taken a wait-and-see approach to having a professional soccer team move in virtually next door. The wait is over...

[Commentary, Jennifer Libby, Owatonna Chamber: Week shines a light on importance of manufacturing](#)

Manufacturing Week will be held Oct. 1 through Oct. 10 this year. This week is celebrated every year to recognize the significant impact manufacturing makes on our economy and our quality of life...

[Chamber weighs in on Highway 5, city hall move](#)

The local Chamber of Commerce presented two resolutions to the Chisholm City Council last week. Both resolutions were recently adopted by the Chamber's Board of Directors...

[On-the-job training: New Minnesota Chamber President meets Bemidji business community](#)

With less than a month under his belt as the new president of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, Doug Loon is making it a priority to visit cities statewide for a better understanding of local business communities...

[Winona sizes up extra sales tax](#)

The Winona Area Chamber of Commerce has not taken a position on whether it supports a half-cent sales tax, but it does support the overpass project, Levee Park improvements, and other improvements to the downtown, said Chamber President

Della Schmidt...

[Blooming Prairie manufacturers attend appreciation luncheon during Manufacturers Week](#)

We can't say enough about our manufacturing community," said Becky Noble, Blooming Prairie Area Chamber of Commerce director...

