

TSMA Board Meeting Highlights - March

The TSMA board of directors meeting was called to order by President Mark Petersen at 2:35 PM on March 26, 2019, at ITW Heartland in Alexandria MN. The meeting adjourn 4:08 PM.

The board approved a proposed discussion list provided by Angele Hartell, MN DEED. The April 23 board meeting will run from 2:30 – 4:30 PM to accommodate a 30 minute collaborative conversation with Angele.

Mark, Tom and Liz agreed to represent TSMA at the CMMA board meeting in St. Cloud on April 19. Discussion will focus on sharing best practices and exploring the potential for increased collaboration.

Manufacturing Outreach: It was agreed that Tina should continue to share the list each month so that board members are reminded to encourage manufacturer attendance.

TSMA Committees

- Motion to form a TSMA Finance Committee. Nicole volunteered to chair.
- Marketing Committee: Amy volunteered to join Liz on this committee.
- Descriptions provided by Finance and Special Events committees. Liz will share the document in Google Drive so that each committee can update their description prior to the April board meeting.

Remote Access to TSMA meetings: Amy volunteered to “test drive” a potential procedure at the April 2nd meeting in New York Mills. For now, the meetings will not be available for live viewing.

Discussion was heard regarding a new approach to newsletter production; i.e. one newsletter to represent all MMA affiliates. Additional discussion needed re: AMFA and CMMA board members.

The board brainstormed several options to incorporate local “CEO Stories” into the TSMA program schedule; further discussion needed.

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- Educator Tours were held March 1 in Alexandria and March 8 in Fergus Falls. The tours were well done, but educator attendance was low.
- Based on the three-year rotation, Alexandria is to host Tour of Manufacturing in October 2019; follow up needed. TSMA suggests involvement of the Career Dream Team.

Sandy reported that no progress has been made with regard to exploration of potential sources of grant funding for TSMA [workforce] projects.

The Executive Director report for March 2019 was reviewed.

The TSMA Board is next scheduled to meet from 2:30 – 4:30 PM on April 23 in Alexandria.