

TSMA Board Meeting Highlights – September 2019

The TSMA board of directors meeting was called to order by director Tom Mastellar at 2:40 PM on September 24, 2019 at Glenwood State Bank, Alexandria MN. The meeting adjourned at 4:12 PM.

The [August 2019 Minutes](#) and [August 2019 Financial Reports](#) were approved, pending a correction to the attendance list.

[Delinquent member list](#) reviewed, with agreement that the Membership Committee will assist staff to ensure contact with all delinquent members prior to the next board meeting.

Sandy Kashmark provided an update on the [MMA staffing situation](#); Tina's resignation has created an open, fulltime position. Two positions have been advertised: Executive Assistant and Assistant Director. MMA has the workload to justify both positions but funding to fill just one position at the present time.

[Stein & Wine Fest](#), October 10 in Alexandria – Tom Mastellar provided an update on sponsorships and planning for this annual fundraiser, which is co-hosted by Alexandria Sertoma.

[2019 TMA Board Election](#): Six 2-year terms up for election. The slate of nominees was reviewed.

[Career Dream Team Recognition](#): Production of plaques is underway, courtesy of Lowry Manufacturing (CAD design) and Northern Contours (production). The board recommends awarding the plaques to CDT employers at the November 5th meeting in Glenwood. Team members will also be acknowledged.

[Fergus Falls Career Expo](#): The Career Dream Team will man a booth at the October 10, 2019 event. The Board recommends a Lincoln Log activity, with a \$25 gift card as the prize.

[2019 Manufacturer of the Year and 2019 Collaborator of the Year](#): Please send nominations to Sandy Kashmark.

[Remote Access to September meeting](#): Diedrich RPM provided assistance with video and interviews at Ichor and Panther Distillery; the link should be available soon.

[MN Manufacturing Conference](#) on October 16-17 in Brooklyn Park; TSMA will share exhibit space with AMFA and CMMA.

[Workforce Summit: Engage and Retain](#) scheduled on November 19 at Alexandria Technical College; TSMA is a partner in planning this event along with DEED, AAEDC, WCI, ATCC, and CEP. The board provided insight regarding employers in the region who excel at employee retention.

[TSMA Holiday Social](#) will be held on December 3, 2019 at Raapers Eatery & Bar. Marilyne Morisette will coordinate a Mystery Basket auction, with proceeds going to the Jingle Bells Foundation.

[2 for 1 Membership Drive](#) in September – this first-ever event was considered a success with nine potential members registered to attend.

[TSMA 2019 Work Plan](#): No discussion. [Executive Director Report](#) September reviewed. TSMA attendance at September 20 [CMMA board meeting](#): Liz was the only one in attendance. It was agreed not to reschedule.

[Upcoming TSMA Board Meetings](#): November 5 from 9:45-11:15 am in Glenwood, prior to the general meeting. Annual Board Retreat anticipated in mid-January, date to be determined.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Kashmark, Acting Secretary