

SHARP Board of Directors



GEORGE BAUMANN

Board Chair, Board Member since 2019
President and CEO at Great Lakes Industrial

George is President of Great Lakes Industrial, an industrial distributor of rubber, fittings, and miscellaneous products to OEMs and MROs around the world. He has worked with Great Lakes since 2011 in a variety of roles, including finance, operations, sales, and customer service. He currently serves on the Distributor Advisory Council for Parker Hannifin's Engineered Materials Group. He is also a graduate with honors of the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.



MEGHAN SLOCUM

Vice Chair, Board Member since 2016
Financial Advisor at Merrill

Meghan is a Financial Advisor at Merrill. A magna cum laude graduate of Duke University, Meghan also serves on the board of directors for COA Youth and Family Centers. She lives in Mequon with her husband and their two daughters.



TODD CLEMENS

Treasurer, Board Member since 2023
Principal at SVA Certified Public Accountants, S.C.

Todd works with closely held businesses in the manufacturing, distribution, and construction industries. His specialties include offering assurance services (audits, reviews, compilations, forecasts and projections), mergers and acquisition services, fraud and litigation support services, and outsourced CFO services. Todd also works with companies during the mergers and acquisitions process. Todd sat on the Mukwonago school board for 12 years. He is married and has two adult sons.



SCHUYLER FILE

Secretary, Board Member since 2022
Board Member since 2022
Employee Benefits Consultant, Principal, Hausmann Group

Schuyler is a shareholder and consultant at Hausmann Group where he connects people and businesses with the expertise needed to solve their most pressing business challenges. Prior to joining Hausmann Group an employee benefits consultant, Schuyler practiced law with a national health law firm where he advised health care providers on a wide range of corporate and transactional matters. Schuyler received his J.D. from Regent University School of Law and completed his undergraduate at Hillsdale College where he majored in marketing management.

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JASON ALLEN

Board Member since 2010
Partner at Foley & Lardner LLP

Jason Allen is a partner with Foley & Lardner LLP, and is a member of the Finance & Financial Institutions, Private Equity & Venture Capital Practices and the Energy Industry Team. Jason joined the firm in 1998 after graduating from the University of Wisconsin School of Law. He also holds bachelor's degrees in business and in economics, conferred in 1995 by San Jose State University.



LORI BECHTOLD

Board Member since 2006
Civic Volunteer

A civic volunteer for more than 20 years, Lori has served on the boards of several not-for-profit organizations including SHARP Literacy, the Milwaukee Art Museum, Friends of Art, the Milwaukee Ballet, Junior Achievement Women's Association and Family Service of Milwaukee. Prior to her volunteer service, Lori's career included Development Director for the Milwaukee Ballet, and Coordinator for Development and Special Events at the Brookfield Zoo and the United Performing Arts Fund. Lori is a graduate of DePauw University with a degree in Economics.



JACKIE BULKOWSKI

Board Member since 2022
Executive Director of Commercial Finance, Nelson-Jameson

Jackie recently started as the Executive Director of Commercial Finance at Nelson-Jameson. Previous to that she was the Group Finance Director at Hydrite where she supported several of the commercial teams. She actively engaged in Hydrite's Community Involvement Program whose goal is to invest in programs that impact the local community. The areas of focus include: children's needs and development, education, environment and local needs. Jackie joined Hydrite in 2020. Prior to Hydrite, Jackie worked in a variety of finance and commercial supporting roles at Johnson Controls. She is a Certified Public Accountant and a Certified Fraud Examiner. She started her career at Ernst & Young after graduating from the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater, with a bachelor's and master's degree in Accounting and a master's degree in Business Administration.



JAMES BURKE

Board Member since 2016
Vice President/General Manager of Building Automation Systems at Johnson Controls

James Burke is the VP & GM - Building Automation Services at Johnson Controls, a Fortune 500 company. James is responsible for leading the Milwaukee Branch to achieve profitable growth and increase market share in the building efficiency market. James is a member of the American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers. James has held various sales and leadership roles at Johnson Controls since graduating in 2001 from the University of Wisconsin-Madison, with a BS in Mechanical Engineering.

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PAUL COMBS
Board Member since 2019
Civic Volunteer

Paul came to UWSP after most recently at Carroll University as the head men's basketball coach. He won 320 games over his 24 years of head coaching between Division II and Division III. He posted more than 104 wins at Carroll in nine-plus seasons.

Prior to Carroll, Paul spent four seasons at the helm at Wayne State College. There he won 54 games and led WSC to national prominence. His 2012-13 team had the best start in school history and most wins in more than a decade. That season, his team had the top scoring and three-point defense in the NSIC. Paul started the partnership between Carroll University and SHARP with "Reading with the Pios."



LINDA FISCHER
Board Member since 2021
Chief Operating Officer, CSI Inc.

Linda is an energetic executive with wide-ranging experience in a variety of industries including financial services, hospitality, insurance and retail. Her most notable strengths are in sales and business development, P&L leadership, product launch and go-to-market strategy, client care and change management.

Lynda joined CSI in 2023. Previous to that Lynda was the general manager of the hospitality segment at NCR. Linda was responsible for the P&L of this \$850M business including the strategic focus and day-to-day operations for over 100,000 restaurants around the globe. She also managed the Milwaukee office for NCR.



THOMAS GALE
Board Member since 2022
Senior Advisor, NAI Greynwolf

Tom joined NAI Greynwolf in 2022. Tom's areas of interest include the Leasing and sale of Commercial buildings with a primary emphasis on downtown office buildings. Sale of buildings converted to condos in Milwaukee's Third Ward, Fifth Ward and the CBD. Tenant and Buyer representation, often representing clients in confidential property acquisitions.



BOB HAU
Board Member since 2021
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at Fiserv, Inc.

Bob Hau oversees all financial functions for the \$15.8 billion global payments and fintech company that serves thousands of financial institution clients and millions of business partners and consumers. Hau is a member of the Board of Directors for Open Text Corporation (NASDAQ: OTEX, TSX: OTEX), and is member of the Marquette University College of Business Finance Department Advisory Board and the Marquette University President's Council.

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TOM HECHT

Board Member since 2020

Vice President of Partnership Sales & Management at Milwaukee Brewers Baseball Club

Tom is Vice President of Partnership Sales & Management with the Milwaukee Brewers and has been with the club since 2005. Tom is responsible for overseeing corporate partnerships relating to Brewers' advertising and promotional rights. He has overseen the development of new partnerships with various companies instrumental in creating many new amenities at American Family Field, including the Miller Lite Deck, Northwestern Mutual Legends Club, Johnson Controls Stadium Club and the U.S. Cellular Power Playground.



PATRICK HENDERSON

Board Member since 2019

Director of Government Affairs at Quad

Since joining Quad, Patrick has focused on the public policy goals of the company throughout the United States such as U.S. Postal Service, environmental compliance, tax policy, patent reforms, International Trade policy and health care reforms. Before coming to work for Quad, Pat was the Legislative Director for Wisconsin Governor Jim Doyle as well as Deputy Secretary for the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. He graduated from the University of Wisconsin with a degree in political science.



RANDAL HOPPER

Board Member since 2018

President at Mountain Dog Media

Randal was born in Illinois and attended boarding school at The Hill School in Pennsylvania. He received his BA from Denison University and earned an MBA from Northwestern Kellogg School of Business. Randy owns and operates radio stations in Fond du Lac and Sheboygan, WI. He is the founding partner of Tall Corn Music, record label and music incubator.



GEORGE JUSTICE

Board Member since 2016

Senior Vice President at Town Bank

George is Senior Vice President in the Pewaukee office of Town Bank where he is leader of the office's commercial team. George has over 17 years of providing guidance to business owners in debt capital decisions. He has a broad range of business and real estate financing experience, including acquisition financing, management buy-outs, interest rate SWAPs, SBA 504 and 7a loans, construction, and alternative credit markets

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MATTHEW KATZ

Board Member since 2022

Chief Financial Officer, Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren, S.C.

As Chief Financial Officer at Reinhart, Matt Katz leads across a variety of areas with one ultimate goal: to provide expertise, technologies and efficiencies that foster excellent client service. Along with handling the financial planning, reporting, analysis, budgeting, compensation and accounting operations of the firm, he also oversees the firm's Information Governance Team, Legal Project Management and Information Resource Center (IRC).

Matt is a leader in change management and firm development, heading the effort to continually evolve the firm through the implementation of enterprise level software, instituting an Information Governance Team and driving a message of constant innovation and improvement. He also works to enhance the firm's focus on client centricity by continual attention to internal service standards and team development.



HANNAH KITZEROW

Board Member since 2021

Festival Director at Saz's Hospitality Group

Hannah has been with Saz's Hospitality Group since 2004 where she started in their Festivals Division, of which she is now Co-Director. Two years ago, she was named SHG's Community Engagement Lead, partnering with different groups and organizations throughout Southeastern WI. Hannah is a CASA Volunteer for Kids Matter, Inc., an Emerging Professionals Co-Chair for Safe & Sound, Inc., and a member of TEMPO Milwaukee's Emerging Women Leaders group.



DEANNA LEITZKE

Board Member since 2018

Associate Vice President of Academic Excellence at MSOE

DeAnna is an Assistant Professor in the Civil & Architectural Engineering and Construction Management Department at Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) where she also serves as the Director of CREATE Institute. DeAnna holds a B.S. in Architectural Engineering, M.S. in Engineering Management & is currently pursuing her doctorate in Leadership for the Advancement of Learning and Service in Higher Education at Cardinal Stritch University.



JAN LENNON

Board Member since 2000

Civic Volunteer

Jan currently serves on the boards of Froedtert Hospital Foundation, MACC Fund, Marquette University Women's Council and Advisory Board, Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) Women in Science Committee and MCW Community Advisory Boards for the Digestive Disease and Neurosciences Centers, WBCS, Inc. (Wisconsin Breast Cancer Showhouse), Waukesha County Technical College Foundation, and Women for MACC. Jan has a Master of Science degree in urban history and believes education is foundational for maintaining a strong and vibrant community.

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P. MICHAEL MAHONEY

Board Member since 1998
Civic Volunteer

Mike served as Chairman, President and Chief Executive Officer of Park Bank. Mike joined Park State Bank in 1983 as President. In 1986, Mike became President of Bankmanagers Corp as well as Chairman, President, Chief Executive Officer of Park State Bank and Park Bank East. In 2020, Park Bank was acquired by First Midwest Bank, where Mike still provides guidance. He has a B.A. in Finance from Marquette University and is a graduate of the Bank Administration Institute of Wisconsin. Mike is also a graduate of the Wisconsin Graduate School of Banking.



DAN MEYER

Board Member since 2009
Publisher and Owner at BizTimes Milwaukee, President of BizTimes Media LLC

Dan launched his company in 1995 originally under the name Small Business Times following ten years as sales representative and later as advertising director for another Milwaukee business publication. Meyer is a graduate of Marquette University and Marquette University High School. He currently volunteers for the Marquette University High School marketing committee.



TOM MROCKOWSKI

Board Member since 2014
Civic Volunteer

Tom led product management for the Endpoint and Multimedia Experience capabilities of Northwestern Mutual's Digital Workplace division. His career also included eight years with M&I Data Services and working for several software vendors, an IT consulting firm, Time Insurance Company (now Assurant Health) and American Appraisal Corp. He has also served as a student mentor in Northwestern Mutual's Time to Read program. Tom helped organizations achieve great things and enabled individuals to grow personally and professionally.

JIM MUELLER

Board Member since 2019
Vice President Brown & Brown

Jim joined Hays Companies of Wisconsin in June of 2023.

As a Vice President, Jim is responsible for the overall relationship management of his clients that he manages. Bringing market insight, fostering innovative and traditional models for all lines of coverage we service. His passion is to connect people and ideas to not only look at insurance coverage but how insurance is best used for his clients' overall company strategy within their industry and geography in order to help them succeed as an overall business.

Jim is born and raised in the Milwaukee, WI and has a huge passion for the city with involvement on the SHARP Literacy Board, St. Augustine Preparatory School, Marquette University High School Alumni Relations Committee. Jim is an alumni of Forward 48 and YP Waukesha Business Alliance



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BRITTANY LOPEZ NALEID

Board Member since 2016

Assistant General Counsel and Assistant Secretary-Northwestern Mutual

Brittany works with employers on a variety of claims, including employment discrimination and retaliation, occupational safety, wrongful termination, harassment cases and more. In addition, She also provides pro bono representation to victims of domestic abuse. She is a past recipient of the Milwaukee Business Journal's 2021 40 Under 40 recognition, Wisconsin Law Journal's Up and Coming Lawyer award, the Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee's Future Leader Award and has been named a Wisconsin Super Lawyers Rising Star since 2013.



AMANDA PORTERFIELD

Board Member since 2021

Anchor at CBS 58 News

Amanda Porterfield is the noon and 4pm anchor at CBS 58 News here in Milwaukee. She is award winning journalist who has covered four states throughout her 15 plus year career. She is a proud graduate of Saint Mary's College in Notre Dame, IN who grew up in Milwaukee and Chicago. She's held every role in a newsroom that you can imagine. Her passion is journalism that focuses on highlighting social justice issues in the community. Porterfield is also a founding member of Milwaukee Crime Stoppers and contributor to the CBS 58 Sunday Morning Show hosted by her co-anchor Mike Strehlow.

DEB ROESNER

Board Member since 2021

Director and Team Lead-BMO Harris Bank, Commercial Banking



Deb manages both a team and a portfolio of middle market clients across a variety of industries and located primarily across the greater Midwest. Deb has been in banking for over thirty years. Deb currently serves on the Board of Directors of the Wisconsin Chapter of Women in Manufacturing, the Board of Directors of the Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee and the Finance Committee for the Milwaukee Chamber Theatre. Deb was the president of the Fox Point Bayside Education Foundation from 2009-2012. Deb served on the Fox Point Bayside School Board for four years from 2016-2020 and was as the school board president from 2019-2020. Deb is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a degree in Finance.



ANDREA SCHLOEMER

Board Member since 2003

Gray Log Art

Andrea is active in volunteer and philanthropic activities in her community. Andrea received formal artistic training in Milwaukee, Scottsdale and Maui. Her work is strongly influenced by her life experiences while living in Wisconsin, Canada, Hawaii, and Florence.

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OMAR SHAIKH

Board Member since 2013

Co-Owner, President at SURG Restaurant Group

A graduate of Cardinal Stritch University, Omar provides Milwaukee residents and visitors with exceptional dining experiences as partner of SURG Restaurant Group. Thriving in the upbeat, fast-paced service industry, Omar finds balance with his involvement in several Milwaukee and Wisconsin-based community and tourism organizations including the Urban League, MMAC, and VISIT Milwaukee. Shaikh also has the privilege of serving on the State Tourism Council and a seat on the Greater Milwaukee Hotel and Lodging Board.



CANDACE SPEARS

Board Member since 2023

Founder & CEO Floor 23 Digital

Candace Spears joined the SHARP Literacy board of directors in 2023. She is an influential entrepreneur and author and is currently CEO of Floor23 Digital, a technology company that brings the power of crowd-based research and innovation to clients like NASA, U.S. Department of Interior, MPS, and the Nuclear Regulatory Commission. She formerly taught and coached Agile mindset and Lean Startup principles across three multi-billion-dollar companies, helping them rethink the work they do, innovate in approach, and deliver business value faster. She is in relentless pursuit of game-changing growth and innovation that will positively impact freedom in the lives of others and is excited to bring positive impacts to SHARP Literacy.



NICK SULLIVAN

Board Member since 2021

Tax Managing Director at BDO USA, LLP

Nick is a Tax Managing Director in BDO's Milwaukee Core Tax Service's practice and helps lead their strategic growth segment. Nick has over a decade of public accounting experience and is a member of various professional business organizations both locally and nationally. Nick has been a local Milwaukeean since he moved here to attend UW-Milwaukee where he received his undergraduate degree in Business and a master's degree in Professional Accounting. He has been involved with classroom teaching with Junior Achievement and is a supporter of the United Way, UPAF and Milestones Program's for Kids.

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WENDELL WILLIS

Board Member since 2020

Managing Director Froedtert Health and Milwaukee Bucks

Prior to his current position with Froedtert Health and the Milwaukee Bucks, Wendell became the second Executive Director for the MPS Foundation leading the organization into its next phase for growth and philanthropic engagement. In this role, his activities center on working with the region's philanthropies, corporations, and individuals on a variety of impactful programs that deliver equity for the district's 78,000 students. The Milwaukee Business Journal recognized Wendell as one of its Pandemic Power Brokers.



JOHNNY ZIZZO

Board Member since 2023

Account Director at Zizzo Group (ZG) Engagement Marketing

After graduating from the University of Iowa with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications Marketing, a Minor in Spanish and a Certificate in Entrepreneurial Management, Johnny spent his first years out of college working in Atlanta at NCR Corporation's Global Headquarters, in their Corporate Marketing and Communications department. Since then, he's been slowly working his way back home to Wisconsin; first working at Compass Real Estate Group in Chicago as a Marketing Advisor, and most recently joining the family business (Zizzo Group — Engagement Marketing) in Milwaukee as an Account Director. He is passionate about helping people see and reach their own potential, building up those around him and in his community, carrying a positive and light-hearted energy through his day, and of course, the Green Bay Packers.
