

SHARP Board of Directors



GEORGE BAUMANN

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

George is President of Great Lakes Rubber, 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
Group Finance Director, Hydrite

Jackie is a Group Finance Director at Hydrite where she supports several of the commercial teams. She actively engages 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 Combs was the Head Men's Basketball Coach at Carroll University from 2013-2022. Combs has experienced considerable success coaching in NCAA's Div. II and III, at Nebraska's Wayne State College, UW-Platteville and Lakeland College. He attended Ripon College for his undergraduate studies and UW Oshkosh for his master's degree. Paul started the partnership between Carroll University and SHARP with "Reading with the Pios."



DOUG ERLACHER
Board Member since 2009
Senior Vice President & Financial Advisor at Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC

Doug is a graduate of Bowdoin College and The Emory University School of Law. He has held various leadership roles in local charities and formerly served as head of the Finance Committee for the City of Cedarburg, WI; President of the Homestead Orchestra; and Vice President and board member for the Children's Outing Association.



LINDA FISCHER
Board Member since 2021
Civic Volunteer

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.

As 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 Greywolf

Tom joined NAI Greywolf 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.

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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.



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.

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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



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.

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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.



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.



NANCY MEHLBERG TOMKO
Board Member since 2017
Principal at SVA Certified Public Accountants, S.C.

Nancy is a Principal with SVA Certified Public Accountants, S.C. and member of the Business Advisory Service. She works closely and proactively with clients to improve company profitability and value, protecting their interests. She establishes internal financial reporting procedures, provides year-end financial reporting services and helps to streamline business processes. Her expertise includes selection, training, and establishing procedures for a variety of financial reporting software options.



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.

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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.



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.

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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.



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 mindsets principles across three multi-billion-dollar companies, helping them rethink the work they do, innovate in 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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TODD TOWNSEND
Board Member since 2020
Owner of WI Routes

Todd is the owner of WI Routes, an active interstate freight carrier dedicated to a diverse and committed team of employees and the ever-changing world of logistics. Todd was an assistant coach for the Valparaiso University men's basketball program. He helped guide Valpo to 15 victories in his first season on staff.



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.



KELLEY YUNK
Board Member since 2013
Civic Volunteer

Kelley started her career at GE Healthcare, where she held a variety of positions in finance. Kelley joined Brady Corporation in 2006 and would conclude her time at Brady as Director of Strategic Marketing and Sales Effectiveness. Kelley has a passion for the improvement of early childhood education and enjoyed her role on the Americas Sustainable Communities Team as the Grant Coordinator for organizations that enrich educational opportunities for children from birth through fifth grade.



ANNE ZIZZO
Board Member since 2015
President and CEO at Zizzo Group (ZG) Engagement Marketing

Located in the heart of Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward, Anne's business is a fearless, results-driven communications firm. One of the Top 10 largest organizations of its kind in southeastern Wisconsin, its clients include the Milwaukee Brewers, BMO Harris Bank, Marquette University, and Milwaukee Theatre. Anne has been named Entrepreneurial Woman of Influence by the Business Journal and has received the All University Spirit of Marquette University Award. Anne also supported SHARP's A Novel Event 2021 as a co-chair.