

## Executive Director's Report | April 2022

*Happy Spring MSNA members!*

It's been a winter of change at MSNA and we are looking forward to a productive spring and summer ahead.

After months of transition and training from Sharon Maus, former Executive Director, on January 1<sup>st</sup> Fusion Learning Partners took over management of the Minnesota School Nutrition Association. Along with my colleague, Noelle Hulshizer, Program & Communications Coordinator, we dove right into the work of the association. I extend my heartfelt thanks to Sharon for all the time, effort, and wonderful organization that she provided to the Fusion staff. Her work on behalf of the organization over the years was tremendous. We look forward to continuing the spirit of service she embodied.



It has been a busy few months of supporting the members, the board, and learning more and more about this industry. We appreciate your grace as we have moved through these months, discovering the vastness of the work of MSNA.

As President Carrie Frank states in her article, the MSNA board has worked diligently to move through the goals of the strategic plan. I can say without hesitation that the MSNA board is one of the most motivated, committed, and creative group of volunteers I have had the pleasure of working with over the years.

Going to the Legislative Action Conference (LAC) in Washington DC was an enlightening experience. It was the first in-person conference I'd been at since 2019. A room full of school nutrition professionals from around the country coming together to connect, share their experiences and learn how SNA is working on the behalf of school nutrition staff and the kids we serve – it was invigorating.

Over the next several months, the work of our association will be focused on planning the annual conference, the SNIP conference, and reaching out to members to learn what you want and need to succeed. Please check the MSNA [website](#) for Calls to Action, annual conference updates, and the latest news from around the state. If you are on Facebook, be sure to like MSNA's [Facebook page](#) and share our posts with your friends and colleagues.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the annual and SNIP conferences. I welcome hearing your thoughts and concerns. Reach out anytime: [msna@fusionlp.org](mailto:msna@fusionlp.org).

Happy Spring!

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