

We don't realize that time moves as fast as it does! It is so amazing to me that I have been working with MSNA for the past fourteen years, first as the Administrative Coordinator and then as Executive Director. I started in January 2008 and have now reached the proverbial "fork in the road", deciding where the next part of my journey will take me. It was a decision a year in the making and the right decision for me and my family.

I started my school nutrition career at my children's parochial school part time and then moved to the public schools in Hutchinson, MN. Throughout my career in school nutrition, I can honestly say that I have done every job in the kitchen and then worked my way to assistant director before working with MSNA.

I have met so many fantastic people in each and every school and truly enjoyed *almost* every minute of it! Now let's be real, we all know working in a school kitchen can sometimes have its challenges with personalities, but in the end, we all knew how to work together to feed the kids!

One thing about being MSNA Executive Director that's a bit different from most jobs is that I got a new boss every year. Working with the Executive Board, every year brought a change of presidents. Think of it as 14 different perspectives to learn from, while making great friendships that will last a lifetime.

As with all jobs, there are so many great things that I have learned and of course challenges that come with managing this wonderful association. I have made so many great friends, been mentored and learned what a great association MSNA is and will continue to be.

I know the incoming Executive Director Margaret Winchell, and staff from Fusion Learning Partners, will be amazing. She is ready to get to know all of you and can't wait to meet you and help in any way you need.

I am looking forward to what the future holds for me and to see what is out there waiting for me to find it. I plan on spending time doing all those things that I have put off, thinking that I would get them done someday. Well, that day is almost here, and I want to thank everyone for the past 14 years. I have enjoyed working for you and I wish you all the best!