

President's Message | December 2022

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to my fellow MSNA members.

If you are like me, I look forward to the beginning of a new year with a new start, both personally and professionally. I would encourage you to make a resolution to get involved with MSNA. My journey has been so amazing, and being part of and learning more about SNA and MSNA makes our profession so worth doing. It gets me to thinking I should have gotten involved sooner.



The board continues to focus on the Strategic Plan. The topics of Career Growth and Development continue as we follow through with our new director mentorship program. We continue to collaborate with industry, which happened at the SNIP Conference in November. We continue to advocate for feeding our country's children by working with the public policy committee. We are also focusing on member recruitment by continuing our chapter meetings. Our chapter met in person on December 6th, and it was great to get together with everyone and to see how their year has been going and progressing. A word of advice I will give is to hold your chapter meeting via zoom if it doesn't work to meet in-person. If you would like any help in getting your chapters a little more active, please reach out. I am willing to come to your meeting to discuss MSNA and how things work.

The planning of our Annual Conference is underway for August 2023 in St. Cloud. The co-chairs are Julie Kronabetter, Burnsville-Savage-Eagan Schools, and Ashley Schneider, Moorhead Area Public Schools. More information will be coming, however, I know they will be reaching out for presenters for workshops. Consequently, on your holiday break, take some time and think about what you could possibly present to our fellow members. When the call for proposals opens, you will then be ready to make your submission!

MSNA has reviewed and renewed the contracts of CJPR, Capitol Hill Associates, and Fusion Learning Partners. I have been working with them all, and the professionalism they give MSNA is outstanding. They have helped me so much with my journey, and they continue to help MSNA Grow to New Heights!

Happy New Year to you all. May 2023 bring the best to all of you.

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