

Meet Your New Board Members 👋

MSNA is excited to announce the outcome of the 2025 MSNA Board Election. Please give a warm welcome to your new board members:

Vice President Ross Larson, Nutrition Service Specialist, ISD 196

Leadership Development Committee (LDC)

Amy Kimmel, Director of Nutrition Services, Spring Lake Park Schools

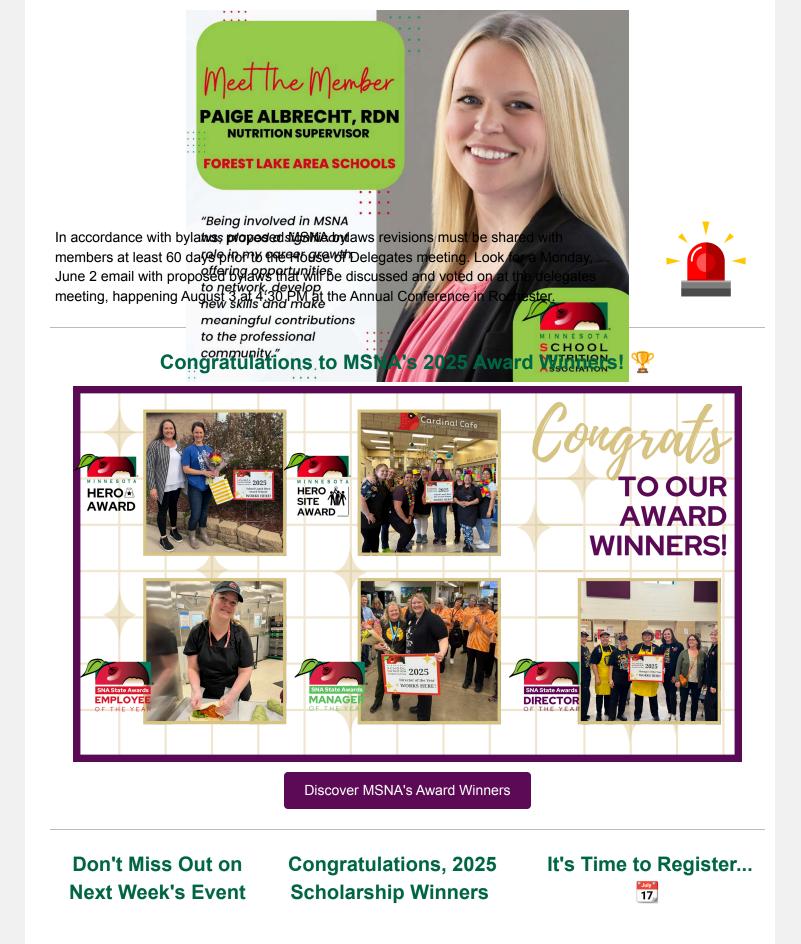
These positions will begin their terms in August 2025 following installation on Wednesday, August 6 at the Annual Conference in Rochester. Thank you, members, for voting, and a big thank you to Aaron Krulc, Deborah McMenomy, and Vickie Speltz for putting your names forward to be considered for a position. Your commitment to serving MSNA and its members is greatly appreciated.



Learn about Ross and Amy

In the Spotlight! ***** Learn About Paige

Welcome to MSNA's May member spotlight! We're excited to feature Paige Albrecht, Nutrition Supervisor at Forest Lake Area Schools. Learn about Paige's involvement with MSNA and what she enjoys about her role!





Celebrate the end of the school year with good food, great company, and baseball! Join MSNA on Tuesday, June 3 at CHS field in St. Paul to network, enjoy a ballpark buffet, and watch the St. Paul Saints take on the Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders.



- Janine Teske, Clinton-Graceville-Beardsley School District #2888
- Darcy Nelson, Epiphany Catholic School
- Paul Strand, Moorhead Public Schools
- Diane Dwenger, St. Michael
 Albertville Schools
 Genna Deprey Apoka

SCRATCHING THE SURFACE:

THE FUTURE IS UNLIMITED

Both attendee and exhibitor registration are now open for the MSNA 68th Annual Conference: *Scratching the Surface: The Future is Unlimited*.

The conference will be held August 3-6, 2025 at the Mayo Civic Center in Rochester, MN.

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MSNA Members in the News



On School Lunch Hero Day, a hero at Centennial Middle School in Lino Lakes, Barbi King, was awarded the midwest region Employee of the Year by the School Nutrition Association (SNA).

Watch Barbi in Action

May 2

May 6

Jennifer Walters, Director of Nutrition at Winona Area Public Schools, was named the 2025 Minnesota Director of the Year. The Post Bulletin and the Winona Post detail her contributions to her district and MSNA.

Read the Story





May 14

"I've often said that being a teacher is like being the parent in the building, but being the lunch lady is like being the cool aunt—we get to have fun, show kindness, and make sure every student feels welcome." Roseville Area Schools Nutrition Services Coordinator Stacey Gaetz has been named the 2025 School MSNA Lunch Hero Award. The Roseville Reader covers the story.

Read the Story

May 16

The nutrition staff of Willmar Public Schools' Lakeland Elementary School was named the 2025 MSNA Hero Site Award recipient. The West Central Tribune as well as Lakeland Media describes how this team earned this honor.

Read the Story



Upcoming Events



June 3: Socialize at the Saints Networking Event, St. Paul, MN

July 9: Early Bird Deadline for the MSNA Annual Conference

