

Updates & Opportunities to Serve the MSAA!

I hope everyone is having a great summer! As always it seems to be going by way to fast. Enjoy the time we all have with family and friends.

We as the board, have had a few things going on in 2023. As some may know, Frank has thought about retiring from the Executive Committee. I would personally like to thank Frank for all he has done for the Association and Foundation. Frank has kept a close eye on everything to help make the MSAA and Foundation as successful as possible. If anyone would be interested in talking to any of the board members about Frank's position, give any one of us a call, and we can share what Frank does for all of us. We asked Frank to put a job description together, and I truly believe none of us understood how much time and energy Frank and Peg put into making this all happen. They also put a list of things they do every year to prepare for Conference and Show. We all received a list of 40 things they do to make each and every Conference and Show come together. Again, what they all do for every one of us. To name a few things that are included in this position are; Frank works closely with the Board of directors and executive committee to handle all of the day-to-day business of the MSAA. Frank is at all in-person meetings to take notes and writes a summary for every meeting. He also gathers information for the MN Auctioneer magazine and provides that information to Sara or anyone else that may need that info. He sends out dues statements and collects and updates membership. He registers attendees at Conference and Show, and a whole list of other things. Frank and Peg have been doing this since 1987, and we can only hope to fill this position someday with someone as half as good as Frank and Peg. Again, THANK YOU Frank and Peg for everything you have done for our Association and Foundation!

On another note, we got news that Sara Fahey will no longer be helping with putting our 2 magazines together. Sara has been very involved and has done a wonderful job with this. She is at a spot in her life where there are other things she has going on and feels she can no longer do this job. We all know how life gets hectic and we respect Sara's decision and want to thank her for all she has done. Let us know if you are interested in taking over this job. Sara was done after the summer magazine that hopefully everyone has received. We are in immediate need of someone to take on that responsibility. If no one steps forward, we will either have to outsource this at a cost to the association, or the magazine will no longer exist. Unfortunately, those are the three options we have. This is a very timely commitment for someone to take on. Again, if anyone is interested in this position feel free to reach out to any board member or Frank and we will get you some info and the amount of time it takes to make this happen.

I hope to see everyone at the summer picnic in St. Cloud! The picnic will be on August 13th at Frank and Pegs.

Take care and see you all soon.

Jim Connolly
MSAA Director