

## Happy New Year!

Dearest Members and Friends,

2023 was an exciting and eventful year for the Minnesota State Auctioneers Association. We experienced several changes as an organization. I feel we were able to meet the challenges head on and turn every stumbling block into a stepping stone. As we take down the old calendar from 2023 off the wall and hang the 2024 calendar in its place, we see that the MSAA 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference & Show is just mere weeks away! I hope you have made your plans to be in attendance at the Courtyard by Marriot in Moorhead. We have lots of exciting activities for all to enjoy.

Real Estate Continuing Education starts Wednesday afternoon, January 17<sup>th</sup> and continues on Thursday the 18<sup>th</sup>. Of course our Spotlight Event- The Minnesota Champion Auctioneer Contest- will be hosted Thursday evening by our reigning champion, Cody Aasness. A new champion will be crowned, and there will be an opportunity to Bid and Buy some special merchandise to commemorate our 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Conference and Show officially kicks off Friday morning with our opening ceremony and continues with a list of excellent educational opportunities and speaker presentations. As usual, the Marketing Contest will be hosted on Friday morning. Back by popular demand, the MSAA Auxiliary will be hosting a BINGO session.

Friday evening's events get started out after dinner with our Junior and Amateur Auctioneer Showcase, so don't forget your bid number and checkbook, Grandpa! Following the future hall of fame kids, Reigning Champion Ringman, Kurt Johnson, will host the Champion Ringman Contest. Again, there will be an opportunity to Bid and Buy special memorabilia. The ever popular Minnesota State Auctioneers Foundation Fun Auction will follow. Please bring an item or three to sell and help us donate back to the association.

Our Conference & Show continues into Saturday with more educational presentations during the morning. The MSAA Auxiliary will hold their Bi-annual Meeting Saturday morning. The Bi-annual Business Meeting of the MSAA will be held after lunch in the afternoon. We wrap up the weekend with the President's Banquet, Scholarship Presentations, and Hall of Fame Inductions.

So as you can see, we have a busy weekend planned. Plus there will be plenty of friends to visit and do a little catching up. Our Room Block at the Hotel has expired, however they currently have rooms still available as of 1/1/2024. If you haven't booked your reservation, wait no

further. Also, a friendly reminder to take care of your Conference Registrations and annual Dues. Those can now be paid for online at our website, [www.MinnesotaAuctioneers.org](http://www.MinnesotaAuctioneers.org).

Hoping you had a Blessed Holiday Season, a Wonderful New Year!

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2023 MSAA President