

MICC Board of Directors 2020-2021



Jeff Gauvin, Chair

Jeff is currently a community volunteer, after a career in the financial services and consulting fields, including 25 years with Wells Fargo in Milwaukee and Phoenix. His most recent role at Wells Fargo was in Community Development. Jeff earned a Bachelor's degree and an MBA in Finance from the University of MN. He has volunteered in the nonprofit community for thirty years. He currently serves on the Board of Directors of The Education Foundation of the Forest Lake Area (TEFFLA), and Live the Solution (in AZ) and serves in an advisory capacity to the Maryvale Revitalization Corporation and the Diaper Bank of Central Arizona. Jeff and his wife Judy split their time between Arizona and the Midwest. Jeff's step-daughter is a member of the MICC Community Program.



Rob Bass

Rob is the Chief Supply Chain Officer for Best Buy Corporation. Best Buy's corporate office is located in Richfield, Minnesota near the MICC Campus. Prior to his management career, he served in the US Navy and spent 11 years as a commercial airline pilot. Rob has been an enthusiastic supporter of MICC since his first Gala in 2011. He received his Bachelor's Degree in Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. Rob currently resides in Edina, Minnesota with his wife and two children.



Rochelle Brandl

Rochelle is a psychologist who focuses the majority of her work on the pediatric population. She has worked in a multitude of settings, including hospitals, managed care and non profit organizations over the course of her 30+ year career. For a long portion of her career, Rochelle worked as the Vice President of Clinical Quality for Fraser. Besides her passion for clinical work and helping people, Rochelle enjoys gardening, reading, traveling and spending time with her family.



Lloyd Campbell

More information coming soon!



Chris Develice, Family Association Representative

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Nikki Fetter

Nikki is an Associate Director in Healthcare for Navigant Consulting, Inc. She works with health systems and providers to assess, build and implement capabilities to support value-based care. While no longer practicing, Nikki trained as an orthopedic surgeon including residency at the Harvard Combined Orthopedic Residency Program and a Foot and Ankle fellowship at Duke University Medical Center. She received her MD from Duke University Medical School and a Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry at Duke University. Nikki currently resides in Minneapolis.



Beverly Hatlen, Life Director

Beverly, along with her husband Roe (Founding CEO and Chairman of Buffets, Inc.), founded MICC in June 1995. Bev served as MICC's Chair of the Board for its first eight years. She was a Regent of Augsburg College for 12 years and on the Advisory Boards of Johns Hopkins Kennedy Krieger Institute and PACER Center. Bev worked in public health and hospital nursing for 15 years and has volunteered in L.D. and A.S.D. areas for over 35 years. She has a BSN and RN from Pacific Lutheran University and a Masters in Public Health Administration from the University of Minnesota. Bev & Roe have three adult children--with the middle one a member of the MICC Community program--plus four grandchildren.



Katie Kemper, Vice Chair

Katie is Executive Director of Global Bridges: Healthcare Alliance at Mayo Clinic, managing international grant-funded medical education programs. She received her Master's in Business Administration from Columbia University in New York City and has worked in consumer products marketing and non-profit advocacy. Katie enjoys international travel, independent bookstores, and martial arts. She resides with her husband in the Chicago area. Katie's nephew is a Community member.



Alice Kirkland

Alice is an Associate Attorney at Littler Mendelson P.C. where she represents employers in a variety of traditional labor law and employment law matters. She received her J.D. from the University of Minnesota Law School and her B.A. from Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. Alice lives in Saint Paul with her fiancée and two rescue dogs.



Becca Meinz, Treasurer

Becca is the Finance Director for Best Buy's Supply Chain and Returns, Damage, and Recommerce divisions. She has held a variety of corporate finance positions in addition to a brief stint as a mechanical engineer at a medical device company. She has a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Illinois, and an M.B.A. from the Carlson School of Management at the University of Minnesota. Becca became involved in MICC after attending a gala in 2017. She lives with her husband and daughter in Minneapolis.



Scott Saveraid, Family Association Representative

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Scott Sterling

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Kierstyn Thayer

Kierstyn is the Chief Development Officer of The Opportunity Network (OppNet) in New York, NY, where she oversees the development and execution of the organization's comprehensive development plan and external affairs. Kierstyn's career is dedicated to creating educational opportunities for underserved students. This is evidenced by her prior Development work for the New School and Sponsors for Education Opportunity. She is a proud sibling of a member of the MICC Community program and served as a Founding member of the Minnesota Independence College and Community Junior Board since 2012. Kierstyn is a graduate of Tufts University and currently resides in Brooklyn, NY.

Cynthia Topel, Secretary



Cynthia is the Senior Director, Corporate Counsel for Sleep Number Corporation where she leads corporate governance, securities compliance and public company work, and the teams responsible for commercial contracts, advertising review and compliance. Prior to Sleep Number, Cynthia spent ten years in private practice at Fox Rothschild LLP where she started her career as a litigator and transitioned to a corporate practice focusing on mergers and acquisitions, securities compliance, and debt financing. Cynthia received her Bachelor's Degree from the University of Minnesota - Morris and her J.D. from William Mitchell College of Law. Cynthia joined the MICC board in 2018, bringing skills from her prior board and committee service with the nonprofit organization, Jeremiah Program. Cynthia lives in Minneapolis with her husband and two children.



Gretchen Vrieze

Gretchen is a member of Target Corporation's IT Strategic Sourcing team. She first became involved with MICC while leading an employee group for parents of children on the Autism Spectrum, helping to design a classroom setting for MICC students in a corporate environment. Gretchen received a Master's Degree in Kinesiology/Sports Psychology from the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities and her undergraduate degree from University of Wisconsin-Madison. She currently lives in Minneapolis with her husband and son.

Mark Ziegler, Chair



Mark Ziegler is the President of Amerect Inc, a construction subcontractor specializing in the erection of structural steel and architectural precast for commercial and industrial construction projects. Mark has a Bachelor of Science degree in construction management from Mankato State University. He is a Management trustee on the Ironworkers pension fund, Health and Welfare fund, and Chairman of the Joint Apprenticeship Committee. Mark lives with his family just outside of Faribault, Minnesota. He and his wife Mary have been married for over 28 years. They have three children, one of which is a member of the MICC Community Program.