

**Leadership Directory 2023 - 2024**

<b>President</b>	<b>Hasmukh Patel</b>	2023-2024
<b>President-Elect</b>	<b>Lindsay Budin</b>	2023-2024
<b>Immediate Past President</b>	<b>Muthu Muthukumarappan</b>	2023-2024
<b>Treasurer*</b>	<b>Misen Luu</b>	2023-2024
Assistant Treasurer	Daniel Estrada	2023-2024
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Gerry Buescher</b>	2023-2024
<b>Director at Large</b>	<b>Ariana Frangos</b>	2023-2025
<b>Director at Large</b>	<b>Mary Schmidl</b>	2022-2024
<b>Director at Large</b>	<b>Tess Tierney</b>	2023-2025
<b>Director at Large</b>	<b>Dana Dronen</b>	2022-2024
<b>Director at Large</b>	<b>Sharon Herzog</b>	2022-2024
<b>Director at Large</b>	<b>Trevor Sannes</b>	2023-2025

\*The Treasurer may vote on any non-finance-related action

<b>GREAT PLAINS SUBSECTION</b>	
Chair	Clifford Hall
Chair Elect	Prafulla Salunke
Immediate Past Chair	Lin Wei
Secretary	Maneesha Mohan
Treasurer	Muthu Muthukumarappan
Member-at-Large	Brenda Bauer
Member-at-Large	Srinivas Janaswamy

<b>COMMITTEES</b>	
<b>Highlighted in RED = defined by Section Bylaws</b>	
<b>Bylaws</b> <i>(Chair of committee, as needed, up to 4 additional members)</i>	Mary Schmidl, (Chair) Gary Reineccius Anup Johnny
<b>Dairy Technology</b> <i>(Recommended to be composed of three (3) members)</i>	Sonia Patel, (Chair) Gerry Buescher Amy O'Keefe
<b>Education</b> (MN State Science Fair)	Peggy Pounce (Chair) Sonia Patel Gerry Buescher Misen Luu

Vaidehi Narkar  
Sierra Simon  
Emma Bradt  
Sara Rosene

**Committee For Administration**

Mary K. Schmidl, (Chair)  
Lindsay Budin  
George Annor  
Kumar Mallikarjunan  
Sharon Herzog  
Misen Luu  
Dana Dronen  
Mike Getter

**Finance** *(Chair and minimum of 4 members including Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer)*

Kirsten Ruud, Finance Chair  
Misen Luu, Treasurer  
Daniel Estrada, Assistant Treasurer  
Dana Dronen, Advisor  
Corinne Egan

**Financial Accountability** *(Chair and minimum of 2 additional members)*

Rusty Nelson (Chair)  
Mary Schmidl

**Golf Outing**

Ariana Frangos, (Chair)  
Rusty Nelson  
Leslie Kowalczyk  
Rita Singer  
Jacob Klopfenstein  
Irene Hough  
Jane Hempel

**Membership**

Trevor Sannes (Co-chair)  
Tess Tierney (Co-chair)  
Muthu Muthukumarappan

**Macy Award** *(Chair and minimum of 4 additional members including President-Elect)*

George Annor, (Chair)*	
Lindsay Budin	President Elect
Sharon Herzog	1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2
Hasmukh Patel	1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2
Brenda Knap-Polzin	2 <sup>nd</sup> year of 2
Tess Tierney	1 <sup>st</sup> year of 2

\*Second year chair (three-year limit)

<p><b>New Professionals</b></p> <p>Morgan Whitecotton, (Chair)          Freddy Hester (Advisor)          Yara Benavides Paz          Allie Schneider          Erica Zalk          Leslie Loehr          Ana Magallanes Lopez          Carlos Carter          Ann Sticha</p>	
<p><b>Newsletter (&amp; social media)</b> <i>(Newsletter committee be composed of no fewer than 3 members)</i></p> <p>Anto Charles (Chair)          Allie Schneider          Priyanshi Chaturvedi          Ram Ramakrishna          Lindsay Budin (advisor)</p>	
<p><b>Nominations &amp; Elections</b> <i>(3 section members, including Past-President)</i></p> <p>Muthu Muthukumarappan (Chair)          Emily Griskbeck          Sharon Herzog          Mary K. Schmidl</p>	<p>2023-2024</p>
<p><b>President's Award</b> <i>(Current President and preferable 2 immediate Past-Presidents)</i>  <i>Committee will determine 2024 awardee.</i></p> <p>Hasmukh Patel (Chair)          Muthu Muthukumarappan          Emily Grisbeck</p>	
<p><b>Programming</b> <i>(President-Elect shall serve as chair)</i></p> <p>Lindsay Budin (Chair)          Freddy Hester          Mary Schmidl          Sharon Herzog          Ariana Frangos (ex-official, SA&amp;Golf)          Sonia Patel (ex-official, Dairy)          Morgan Whitecotton (ex-official, New Pro)          Mike Getter (ex-official, Expo)          Leslie Kowalczyk (ex-official)</p>	
<p><b>Scholarship</b> <i>(chair+5 members (2 members alternating 2-year terms; Section president-elect is 5th member))</i></p> <p>Anuradha Vegi, (Chair)*3rd Term          Hasumukh Patel          Eun Joo Lee          Jiajia Rao          Lindsay Budin</p>	<p>2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2          2<sup>nd</sup> year of 2          1<sup>st</sup> year of 2          President elect</p>

Lin Wei  
\*3-year limit as Chair

1<sup>st</sup> year of 2

**Section Photographer**

Jodi Nelson

**Silent Auction/Gala**

Ariana Frangos (Chair)  
Yara Benavides Paz  
Leslie Kowalczyk  
Rusty Nelson  
Michael Cooper (Advisor)

**Strategic Leadership Planning**

Emily Grisbeck (Chair)  
Mary Schmidl  
Hasmukh Patel  
Sharon Herzog  
Dana Dronen

**Student Engagement**

TBD(Chair) UMN Food Science Club President  
Jawadul Misir  
Yash Jagdale

**Suppliers Expo**

Michael Getter, (Chair)  
Tina Hacker  
Sharon Herzog  
Leslie Kowalczyk  
Freddy Hester

**Archives** (<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/OB9hLL5FqHcEKNERFVU5KVi0zeVvk>)

Section Executive Director to add agenda and meeting recap notes, committee information to archives

**Executive Director:** Leslie Kowalczyk Executive [Director@mnift.org](mailto:Director@mnift.org) with IAMI and Lynnda Nelson

**General Counsel:** Tom Judd, JD Attorney-At-Law, Morrison Sund PLLC

**Financial:** Jerry Reutzler, CPA, IRS taxes, Boeckerman, Grafstrom & Mayer, LLC; Gilbert Perry, Financial Advisor, Morgan Stanley Wealth Management

**Social Media Links**

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/50918726371/>

LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/groups/1845107/profile>; Twitter: <https://twitter.com/MNIFT/>

**Committee Chairs**

<b>Committee</b>	<b>Committee Chair</b>
By-Laws	Mary Schmidl
Dairy Technology	Sonia Patel
Education	Sonia Patel
Employment	Michael Getter
Finance	Kirsten Ruud
Financial Accountability	Rusty Nelson
Golf	Ariana Frangos
Macy Award	George Annor
Membership	Sharon Herzog
New Professionals	Fredreana Hester
Newsletter & Social Media	Anto Charles
Nominations & Elections	Muthu Muthukumarappan
Programming	Lindsay Budin
Scholarship	Anuradha Vegi
Silent Auction	Ariana Frangos
Strategic Leadership Planning	Emily Grisbeck
Student Engagement	TBD
Supplier's Expo	Michael Getter