Governance Committee Report
Annual Meeting of Members—Election of Directors

Below is the slate of nominees for election to the Minnesota Council on Foundations’ Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of the Minnesota Council on Foundations, which will take place on Thursday, January February 13, 2020 at the University of Minnesota McNamara Alumni Center, 200 SE Oak Street, Minneapolis, MN, 55455. Terms for newly elected directors will commence following the Annual Meeting.

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2020
Diana Anderson, President/CEO, Southwest Initiative Foundation
Jaci David, Public Policy Program Officer, Blandin Foundation
Jenny Johnson, Director – Family Philanthropy Resource Center, Minneapolis Foundation
Mai-Anh Kapanke, Associate Vice President of Philanthropic Services, Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation
Matt Stowell, Controller, Northwest Area Foundation
Leslie Wright, Director of External Engagement, Greater Twin Cities United Way
Nancy Zallek, President & CEO, Mankato Area Foundation

For election to a second three-year term in the class of 2020
Michael Dominowski, President, Thrivent Foundation
Denise Mayotte, Executive Director, Sheltering Arms Foundation

For election to a one-year extended term in the class of 2020
Kim Borton, Vice President of Grants & Donor Services, InFaith Community Foundation

For Election of 2020 Board Officers
Chair Kim Borton
Vice President of Grants & Donor Services, InFaith Community Foundation
Vice Chair Aretha Green-Rupert
Regional Director, Otto Bremer Trust
Secretary Michael Dominowski
President, Thrivent Foundation
Treasurer Katy Friesz
Executive Director, Winnebago Industries Foundation

Attached are brief biographies of the nominees. With this slate of nominees, the Governance Committee believes it has worked towards improving the balance of representation on the board in terms of type and size of foundation, geography, position, gender, race and other criteria examined in the governance process.

Submitted by,

Governance Committee
For election to a first three-year term in the Class of 2020

**Diana Anderson**
*President/CEO, Southwest Initiative Foundation*

As Southwest Initiative Foundation President and CEO, Diana Anderson considers it an honor to be part of the incredible network of people working daily to keep southwest Minnesota strong and vibrant. Originally from western South Dakota, her rural roots run deep, and she champions the spirit of innovation and collaboration that defines small towns across the Upper Midwest.

Since joining Southwest Initiative Foundation in 2001, Diana has brought her expertise to every aspect of the foundation’s work. From fundraising and programming to operations and human relations, Diana has built relationships, strategy and infrastructure that make the foundation a trusted partner and regional leader. Her skill in making connections and an iterative learning approach has elevated the foundation’s unique position, bringing together its work in economic development, social growth and philanthropy for an even greater impact.

Diana’s vision launched a new movement in 2016 called Grow Our Own, an effort to ensure all southwest Minnesota youth can find success. Her philosophy has been shaped by raising her family in multiple rural communities, Southwest Initiative Foundation’s work and her previous work in healthcare administration and communication. She sees supporting our next generation as a long-term economic development strategy and simply the right thing to do.

Diana received her bachelor’s degree from Augustana University in Sioux Falls and continued her education at the University of Minnesota School of Public Health. She applies her education, strategic thinking and advocacy through volunteer leadership, which currently includes the Southwest Minnesota Workforce Development Board.

**Jaci David**
*Public Policy Program Officer, Blandin Foundation*

Jaci David has been a member of the Public Policy and Engagement team at the Blandin Foundation since 2011. Jaci currently leads the Foundation’s youth development work. This includes facilitating meetings and strategic planning for organizations in the Itasca County area working on positive youth development. She leads and coordinates the Foundation’s role in “Growing Communities” – an intensive, 18-month vision and action planning initiative in the Itasca area, as well the Foundation’s involvement in supporting a full and fair 2020 Census. In all her work, she sees vibrant community evident when all individuals are welcome at any event, and as places filled with hopefulness built on relationships that form across differences based on community members’ authentic desire to know and support each other.

Jaci earned a bachelor’s degree in nursing from Calvin College and a master’s degree in community development from the department of resource development at Michigan State University. She worked in health care, public health and community education before joining the Foundation. Jaci enjoys spending her time gardening, cooking, baking bread, and running. She is active in her church as a volunteer musician.

Jaci is a member of MCF’s Government Relations and Public Policy Committee and is actively engaged in the Minnesota Census Mobilization Partnership.

**Jenny Johnson**
**Director – Family Philanthropy Resource Center, Minneapolis Foundation**

Jenny Johnson is the Director of the Family Philanthropy Resource Center at The Minneapolis Foundation. In this role, she partners with families and individuals to make charitable impact in our community. Her focus is on helping multi-generational families bring clarity, focus, passion and strategy to their philanthropy.

She has 18 years of fund development and outreach experience in varied nonprofit settings, including a Habitat for Humanity affiliate in Chicago, Children’s Home Society of Minnesota, and Cornerstone Advocacy Service. Prior to joining The Minneapolis Foundation in 2015, Jenny was Vice President of Resource Development at Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation. She holds a B.A. in sociology from North Park University in Chicago. A lifelong Midwesterner, she embraces winter by playing broomball and chasing her kids down sledding hills.

**Mai-Anh Kapanke**  
**Associate Vice President of Philanthropic Services, Saint Paul and Minnesota Foundation**

Mai-Anh Kapanke is the Associate Vice President of Philanthropic Services at the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation, our state’s largest community foundation that stewards nearly $1.5 billion in assets. She and her team have the privilege of working with over 2000 charitable donors in Minnesota.

Mai-Anh has more than two decades of experience in nonprofit management, fundraising, donor relations and communications. Prior to the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation, she served as the executive director of The Sanneh Foundation, a charitable foundation serving youth and families on Saint Paul’s East Side and around the state, and MENTOR Minnesota, a statewide capacity building nonprofit that serves a network of 200 youth mentoring programs.

Mai-Anh has spent the majority of her professional career in the youth mentoring and youth development fields. She is highly regarded for her leadership, innovation and collaborative spirit. Mai-Anh was instrumental in the development and launch of a statewide online quality mentoring assessment tool for mentoring programs, which through the expertise of her and her team, replicated Minnesota’s assessment tool to serve as the national model for program quality. As an executive director, she provided executive leadership and management on fundraising campaigns, as well as statewide and national marketing initiatives. Mai-Anh also served as a lobbyist for positive youth development funding priorities.

Mai-Anh graduated from Michigan State University with a journalism degree and minor in English. She is a former Humphrey Policy Fellow at the University of Minnesota and completed the University of St. Thomas Institute for Executive Director Leadership program. Mai-Anh is a former TV journalist and anchored news and weather in several Midwest markets.

**Matt Stowell**  
**Controller, Northwest Area Foundation**

Matt joined the Northwest Area Foundation in 2017 and helps lead the Foundation’s accounting function. Responsibilities include financial reporting and analysis, audit and tax preparation, leading the annual budget process, managing cash flow, upgrading the accounting software, and maintaining the Foundation’s internal controls.

Matt brings over a decade of accounting and finance experience to his role, having developed a specialty in foundation accounting during his eight years at CliftonLarsonAllen (CLA). While there, he had the privilege of serving many of the Twin Cities largest foundations in various capacities: auditor, tax professional, and contracted CFO/controller.

Matt is a certified public accountant. He holds a bachelor’s in accounting and entrepreneurship from the University of Minnesota’s Carlson School of Management. In his spare time, he enjoys learning about history and economics, playing chess, and spending time with his family.
Leslie Wright  
*Director of External Engagement, Greater Twin Cities United Way*

Leslie Wright is a seasoned executive with extensive experience in sales, mostly in the hospitality industry. A graduate of Howard University with a Bachelors in Marketing, she worked with Marriott International in various positions and Meet Minneapolis during her 25+ year career.

She recently made a career change to expand her passion of helping others and utilizing her leadership skills by landing in the philanthropic industry and is currently the Director of External Engagement at Greater Twin Cities United Way.

Leslie has served on the Board of Directors for the Minneapolis Urban League, and The Children’s Theatre Company in Minneapolis. She will also be on the board of World Savvy in 2020. She has a passion to serve in the community and beyond. Leslie is an active member of Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc., Jack and Jill of America and Howard University Alumni Association of Minnesota and the Upper Midwest, where she is a charter member. She is married and has a 19 year old son, Julian, who attends Marquette University.

Nancy Zallek  
*President & CEO, Mankato Area Foundation*

Nancy Zallek is the president and chief executive officer of Mankato Area Foundation (MAF) and an advocate for our local nonprofits. Nancy dedicates herself to building a community of individuals who believe in the strength of giving while supporting the work of the nonprofit sector.

Since joining MAF in 2009, Nancy has grown the foundation’s assets from $2M to over $21M and annual granting from $50,000 to nearly $1M. Such growth has led to large-scale community initiatives, such as The Children’s Museum of Southern MN, Kiwanis Holiday Lights and the Fallenstein Field and Playground, as well as increased scholarship opportunities for local students. Nancy also led the strategy to create and design the Shared Spaces nonprofit center, a collaborative workspace for regional organizations and their leadership teams.

What Nancy values most of all, however, is the relationships she builds with people in our community. As she puts it, “Every day I get to connect thoughtful donors with incredible organizations and causes – it doesn’t get better than that.”

The fifth generation of her family to grow up in Mankato, Nancy graduated from Mankato West High School and Gustavus Adolphus College. After graduation, she joined Brett’s Department Stores – eventually serving as Vice President. She transitioned into the nonprofit sector as executive director of Mankato Ballet Company, and executive director of the United Way of St. Peter – prior to joining MAF. Nancy is proud to have volunteered for wonderful organizations such as the Mankato Clinic Foundation, Greater Mankato Growth, Gustavus Adolphus College, First Presbyterian Church, Twin Rivers Council for the Arts, the Mankato Ballet Company, and the St. Peter School District.

She is married to her husband Mark and has three really awesome kids (though she may be a bit biased): Taylor (wife Annika), Bailey (husband Nick), and Brett.

**For election to a second three-year term in the Class of 2020**

Michael Dominowski  
*President, Thrivent Foundation*
Michael Dominowski serves as the President of the Thrivent Foundation and the Director of Community Affairs for Thrivent, the largest fraternal benefit society in the United States. In this role, he leads the organization’s direct community investments and employee engagement within communities.

Prior to joining Thrivent, Michael led national and regional corporate responsibility efforts for Target Corporation. He was the co-founder of Dotopia, a Minnesota-based social venture focused on creating the first currency of charitable giving. Michael is a graduate of the University of Michigan Ross School of Business and earned his JD from the University of Minnesota Law School. He is a member of the state bar in Minnesota.


Denise Mayotte  
**Executive Director, Sheltering Arms Foundation**

Denise Mayotte is the Executive Director of the Sheltering Arms Foundation, a small foundation that makes grants statewide to non-profits that help Minnesota’s most vulnerable children. Sheltering Arms funds early childhood and out-of-school time programs and supports public policy efforts in both of these areas. Denise is the co-chair of the Start Early Funders Coalition. She is on the board of the Minnesota Council on Foundations and co-chairs its Government Relations and Public Policy Committee. Committee. She is also a board member of Voqal, a national funder of social justice efforts and is on the capital campaign committee of the Indigenous People’s Task Force. She holds a BA from the University of Minnesota and was a policy fellow with the Hubert H. Humphrey School of Public Affairs.

**For election to an extended one-year term in the Class of 2020**

Kim Borton  
**Vice President of Grants & Donor Services, InFaith Community Foundation**

Kim Borton is the Vice President of Grants and Donor Services at the InFaith Community Foundation (InFaith). InFaith Community Foundation has $440 million invested assets and distributes $35 million in grants. In her role as Vice President, Kim leads the Foundation’s grantmaking programs, donor services, and organizational endowment partnerships. Kim finds great delight in contributing to InFaith’s mission of spreading joy and changing lives through partnerships with donors, grantees, and organizations.

An activist at heart, Kim’s background includes working in a multitude of local, national, and international capacities. Prior to joining InFaith, has held positions with the Women’s Foundation of Minnesota, University of Minnesota’s Humphrey School of Public Affairs, YMCA, Academy for Educational Development, and other locally based nonprofit organizations.

She earned her master’s of public policy at the University of Minnesota’s Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs and B.A. in business administration from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee. Kim spends much of her time keeping up with her energetic five-year old, English retriever and backyard chickens. She also enjoys DIY house projects with her partner, cooking, and volunteering with a number of civic organizations.