

BOARD SLATE

2023 MCF Board Applicants



2022 Annual Meeting



KEVIN BENNETT

Senior Program Officer, Twin Cities Racial
Equity
GHR Foundation

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2023.

Kevin Bennett joins GHR as senior program officer and program lead for GHR Foundation's Twin Cities Racial Equity initiative. He brings a wealth of experience, expertise, compassion, and commitment to develop the program's initial strategy, oversee a focused grantmaking approach, and provide strategic direction and engagement to community partnerships that address racial wealth and opportunity gaps.

Most recently Kevin served as chief equity and impact officer for Ascension Catholic Academy and Church of the Minneapolis, St. Paul Archdiocese. He provided leadership in creating and sustaining culture (ways of being - living, leading, and serving), anchored in humanity and faith, to provide equitable opportunities and outcomes for those most marginalized and underestimated in our communities.

Kevin previously held the role of chief of staff supporting strategic initiatives in the office of the CEO for the Achievement Network, a Boston-based nonprofit organization supporting 940 schools serving 330,000 students in 26 states. Kevin also served as a senior executive consultant working in higher education with Greenwood Asher and Associates. He worked with very high research, land-grant, and historically black colleges and universities across the country to develop organizational readiness and capacity in senior leadership.

Kevin has worked in the K-12 education space as senior district administrator in the area of fair and equitable practices after serving as K-12 principal of an award-winning magnet school with campuses in downtown Minneapolis and suburban Minnesota. He has served on many boards within the community, and served as an adjunct professor in the Graduate School of Education at Hamline University in St. Paul, Minnesota.

Kevin holds graduate degrees in Educational Leadership from Loyola University of Chicago and Hamline University, and a bachelor's degree from Drake University in Sociology.



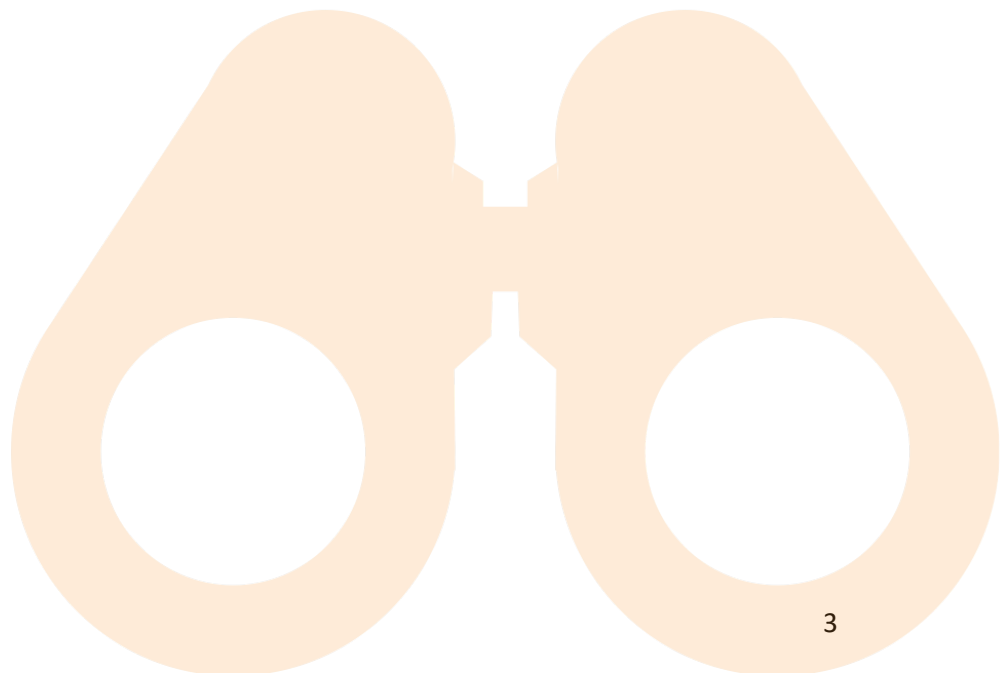
NATE DORR

Vice President for Advocacy
Northwest Minnesota Foundation

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2023.

Nate Dorr is the Vice President for Advocacy at Northwest Minnesota Foundation in Bemidji, Minnesota. He has served the foundation for over 10 years and now leads the foundation's equity and inclusion efforts, public policy activities, organizational evaluation activities, and provides staff support to many special initiatives. Nate participates on many advisory committees in northern Minnesota, including the local Family Homeless Prevention and Assistance Program, the Inclusive Workforce Employer program led by Rural MN CEP and Northwest Private Industry Council, and the Minnesota Council on Foundation's Program Committee and as co-chair for the MCF Public Policy Committee. As a community volunteer, he serves as Treasurer on the Northern Dental Access Center board, and past board chair for the Headwaters Science Center, and Treasurer of the Bemidji Skate and Bike Association.

Prior to working with NMF, he was a regional labor market analyst for the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, a grant writing instructor at Bemidji State University, a grant writer for the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, and a statistician for the USDA's Agricultural Statistics Service in Montana. He holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of Minnesota, and a master's degree in Public Policy and Non-Profit Management from the Humphrey Institute at the U of MN. Nate is a descendant of the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe. He lives in Bemidji with his wife and one child at home, and other child attending the U of MN.





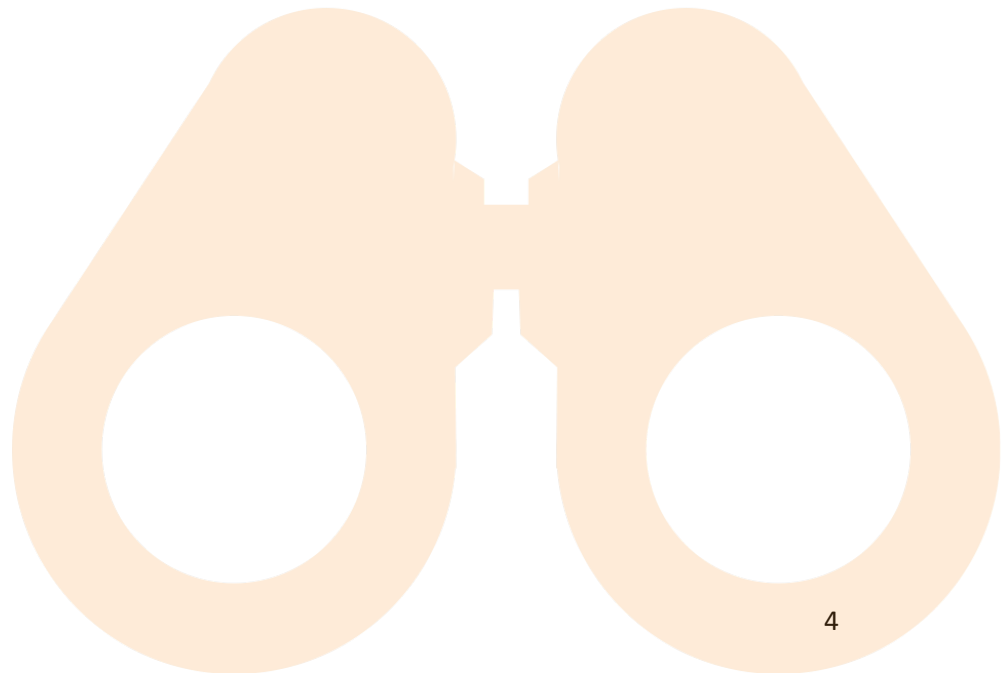
DOMINIC PAPANOLA

Regional Director
Otto Bremer Trust

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2023.

Dominic Papatola is a regional director with the Otto Bremer Trust, a St. Paul-based philanthropic organization serving non-profits in Minnesota, North Dakota, Montana and Wisconsin. He leads a team of program officers serving communities and organizations in Minnesota and North Dakota, where the Trust made more than \$55 million in grants in 2021. He reports to and works directly with the organization's Trustees/co-CEOs on strategy, project management, staffing, communications and other areas.

Dominic's past community service includes chairing MCF's Public Policy Committee and the Planning Commission for the City of St. Anthony Village. He currently serves on the board of the Ashwabay Alliance. A long-time journalist and commentator for the St. Paul Pioneer Press, Minnesota Public Radio and Twin Cities Public Television, Dominic served as a juror for the Pulitzer Prize in Drama six times, chairing the panel in 2009, 2015 and 2018.



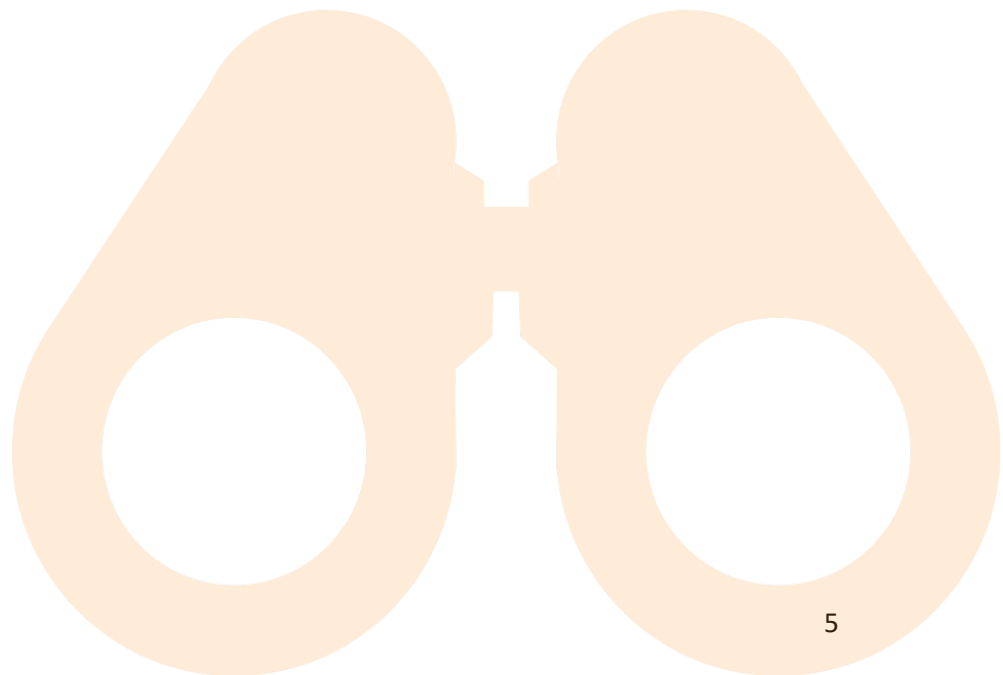


ANNA WASESCHA, PhD

President
West Central Initiative Foundation

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2023.

Anna Wasescha has served as president of West Central Initiative since 2017. Prior to that, she held leadership positions in higher education, most recently as president of Middlesex Community College in Middletown, Connecticut, and provost of Minnesota State Community & Technical College in Fergus Falls. During her time in higher education, she led efforts to deepen relationships with communities and develop programs focused on workforce needs. Her work at West Central Initiative has led the organization to center its work on creating a more sustainable, equitable, and vibrant region. Wasescha is an avid reader and passionate about all things food related, including food tourism, regional food, growing food, and cooking food. She's incredibly curious about the world we live in right now and is continuously looking for ways to understand how we got here.





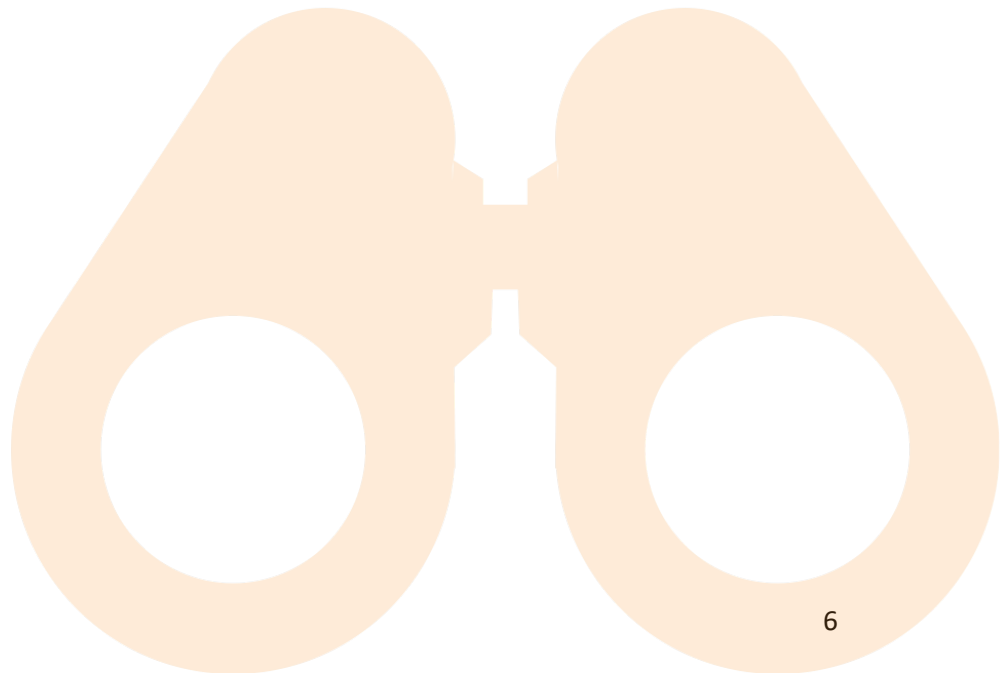
AARON ZIMMERMAN

Executive Director
PFund Foundation

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2023.

Aaron Zimmerman is a career fundraiser and non-profit manager. He has previously served as PFund Foundation's Director of Development, as a Major and Planned Giving Officer at Twin Cities PBS (TPT), and as the Director of Development and Communications at Domestic Abuse Project, a Minneapolis-based domestic violence therapy and advocacy program.

He has a Master of Arts in Philanthropy and Development from Saint Mary's University of Minnesota. He wrote his capstone on the history and practice of white supremacy in philanthropy and fundraising in the United States.





JENNY JOHNSON

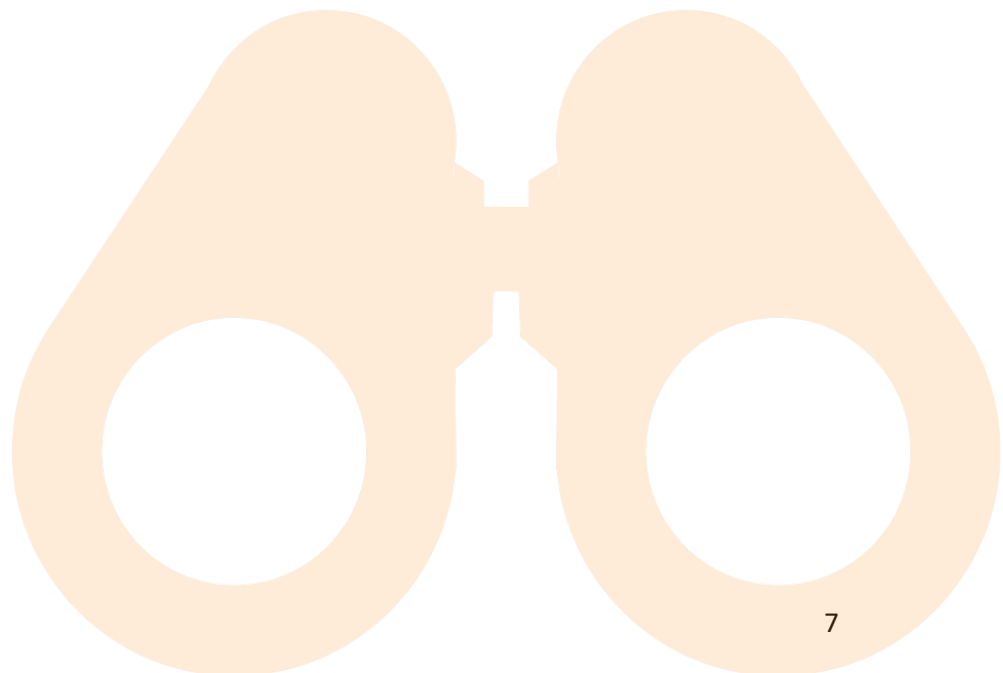
Philanthropy Services Officer
Old National Bank

For election to a second three-year term in the class of 2023.

Jenny Johnson is the Philanthropy Services Officer at 1834, a division of Old National Bank. Across the Bank's footprint, Jenny provides counsel to nonprofit organizations and private foundations around governance, fundraising, and strategy to assist in achieving mission-driven impact.

Prior to joining 1834, Jenny worked as a fundraiser for several nonprofit organizations in the Twin Cities, including her role as Vice President of Resource Development at Aeon. Most recently, she was the Director of the Family Philanthropy Resource Center at the Minneapolis Foundation where she partnered with high-net worth families to align their values with their grantmaking, and to consider complex gift strategies to leverage tax-efficient giving.

Jenny is active in the non-profit community and serves as a Board Member for the MN Council on Foundations and Minnehaha Academy. She also volunteers her time as a member of the development committee for PPL and Our Lady of Peace hospice.





MATT STOWELL

Controller
Northwest Area Foundation

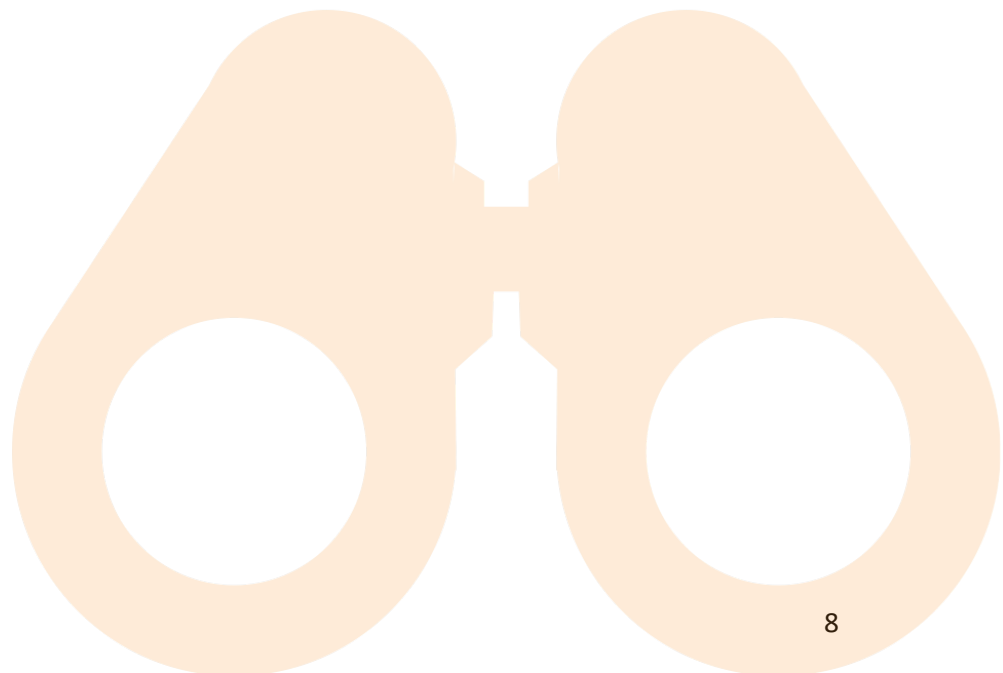
For election to a second three-year term in the class of 2023.

Matt currently serves as Controller at the Northwest Area Foundation, where he oversees the Foundation's financial reporting, audit and tax compliance, internal controls, and financial systems, while also collaborating with the Foundation's investments and human resources teams on key financial matters.

Matt brings over fifteen years of accounting and finance experience to his role, having developed specialties in nonprofit accounting and tax compliance during his eight years in public accounting. He has had the privilege of serving many of Minnesota's largest foundations in various capacities: auditor, tax advisor, and contracted CFO/controller.

Matt has recently served as treasurer for the Minnesota Council on Foundations and as a finance committee member for Philanthropy Northwest.

Additionally, he's a certified public accountant and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting and entrepreneurship from the University of Minnesota's Carlson School of Management.





MAI-ANH TRAN

Associate Vice President of Philanthropic
Services
Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation

For election to a second three-year term in the class of 2023.

Mai-Anh Tran has more than 24 years of experience in nonprofit management, fundraising, donor relations and communications.

Before joining the Saint Paul & Minnesota Foundation, Mai-Anh served as Director of The Sanneh Foundation, a charitable foundation serving youth and families on Saint Paul's East Side and around the state. Prior to The Sanneh Foundation, Mai-Anh served in leadership roles, including as Executive Director, with MENTOR Minnesota for 13 years.

Mai-Anh's board service includes board co-chair of the social and racial justice nonprofit All Square, board member of Raise the Barr, which provides financial assistance to single parents to finish college and provide economic mobility through a 2Gen strategy, and she serves on the board of the Minnesota Council on Foundations and is chair of the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee.

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. She received her Certified Fund Raising Executive (CFRE) certification through Boston University. Mai-Anh is a former lobbyist and TV journalist and anchored news and weather in several Midwest markets.

