

BOARD SLATE

2024 MCF Board Applicants





DEE BASKIN

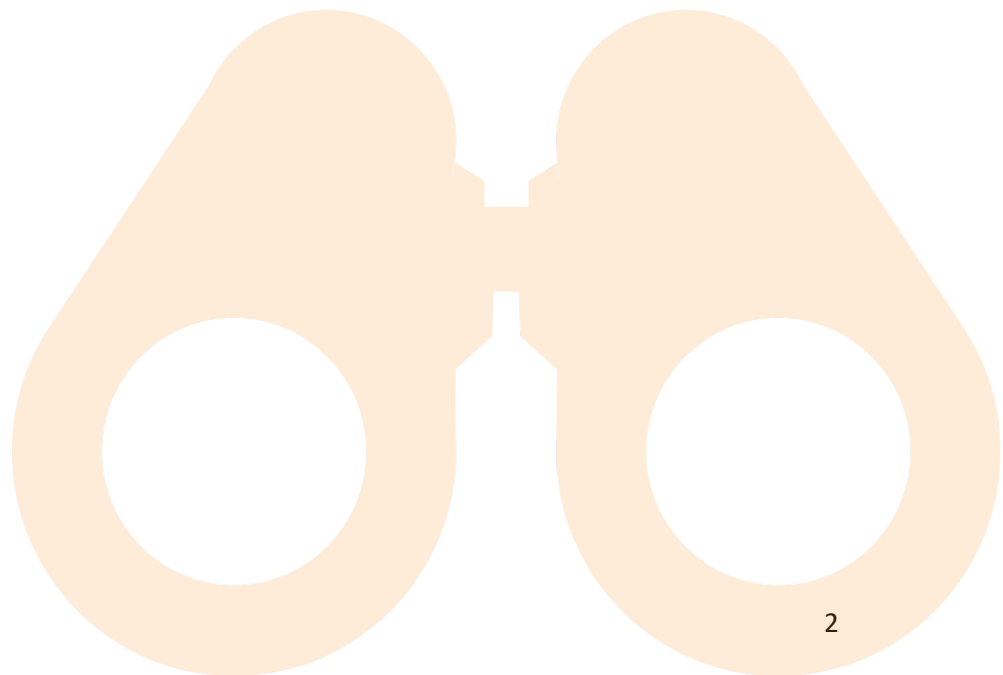
Executive Director

Loan Repayment Assistance Program

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2024.

Dee Baskin (she/they/Mx.) is a communicator, educator, advocate, and queer person of color with a deep commitment to justice and equity. Dee is the Executive Director of Loan Repayment Assistance Program of Minnesota (Irapmn.org), a 501(c)3 nonprofit helping legal aid attorneys pay their student loans until they reach Public Service Loan Forgiveness (PSLF) and offering clear and concise student loan advice to others throughout the state. Dee graduated from the University of Minnesota Law School in 2010 and has a Bachelor's in English and Public Relations from the University of Indianapolis.

CliftonStrengths: Restorative, Connectedness, Intellection, Belief, Responsibility





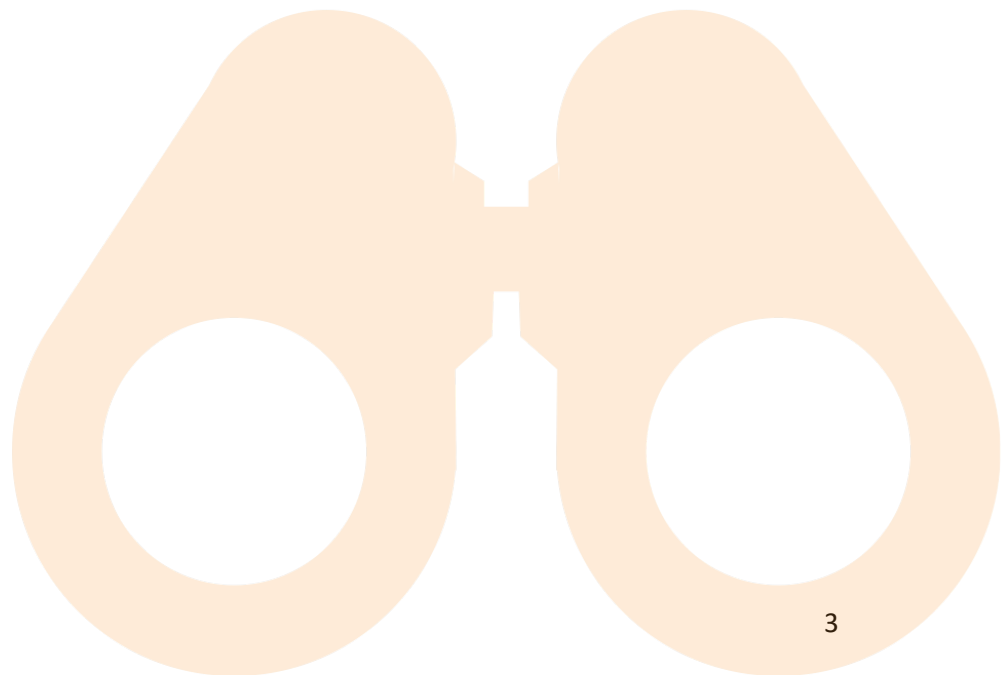
WAKINYAN LAPOINTE

Program Officer, Native Communities
Headwaters Foundation for Justice

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2024.

Wakinyan LaPointe is a Sicangu Lakota citizen of the Rosebud Sioux Tribal Nation. He is the Program Officer, Native Communities, leading the Fund of the Sacred Circle at the Headwaters Foundation for Justice, and the Tiwahe Foundation Board Chair. Wakinyan has a passion for culturally responsive Native-led philanthropy. His values as a Lakota singer and storyteller guide him in his work.

Recently, Wakinyan completed the 2023 United Nations Indigenous Fellowship Programme, he was one of 48 Fellows selected from a pool of 7,000 international Indigenous applicants. Mr. LaPointe is a Ph.D. Student at the University of Minnesota and will receive an M.A. in 2024. He holds as Master of Nonprofit Management from Hamline University.



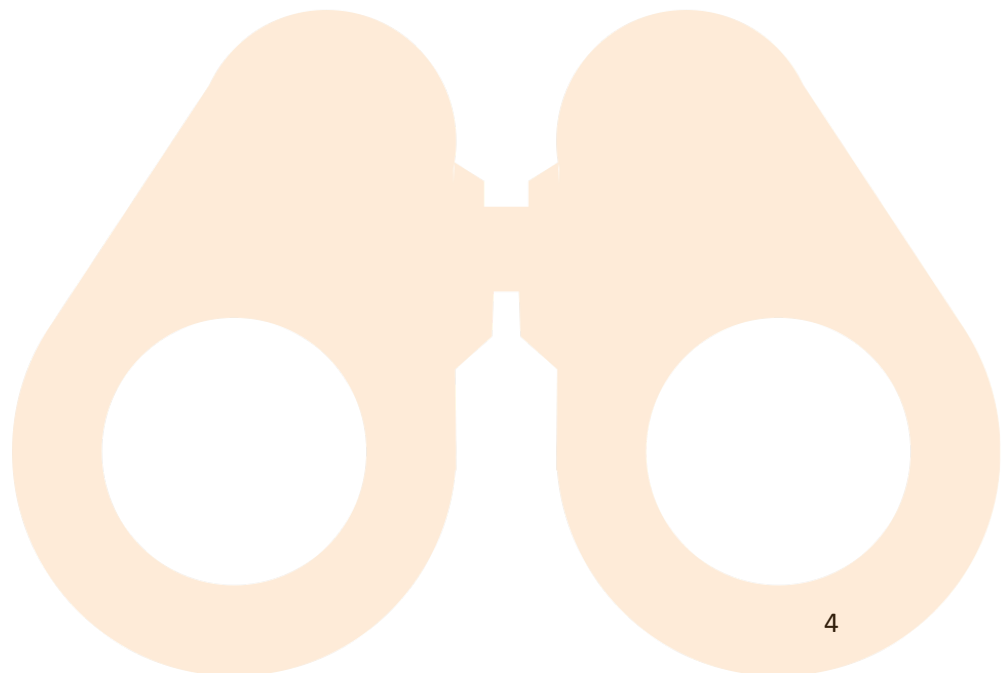


HEATHER LOGELIN

President and CEO
St. Croix Valley Foundation

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2024.

Heather Logelin joined the St. Croix Valley Foundation team in July 2018. She has more than 25 years' experience in the nonprofit sector, including 13 years as Director of Foundation & Community Engagement for River Falls Area Hospital, part of Allina Health. Heather is a Past President of the River Falls Rotary Club and has served on numerous nonprofit boards, including the Free Clinic of Pierce & St. Croix Counties, Habitat for Humanity St. Croix Valley, and the Family Resource Center St. Croix Valley. Heather also served as an elected member of the Hudson School Board from 2017-2023. In addition to earning a BA in Psychology from Occidental College and an MBA in Nonprofit Management from the University of St. Thomas, Heather is a former Thomas J. Watson Fellow and a proud alumna of the James P. Shannon Leadership Institute. A native of Le Sueur, MN, Heather recently moved to Marine on St. Croix with her partner, Marc Prokosch and her daughter, Addie; her son, Jack, is a junior at UW-Madison. In her free time, Heather enjoys paddling, camping, cross-country skiing, doing jigsaw puzzles and hiking with her English Springer Spaniel, Bandit.





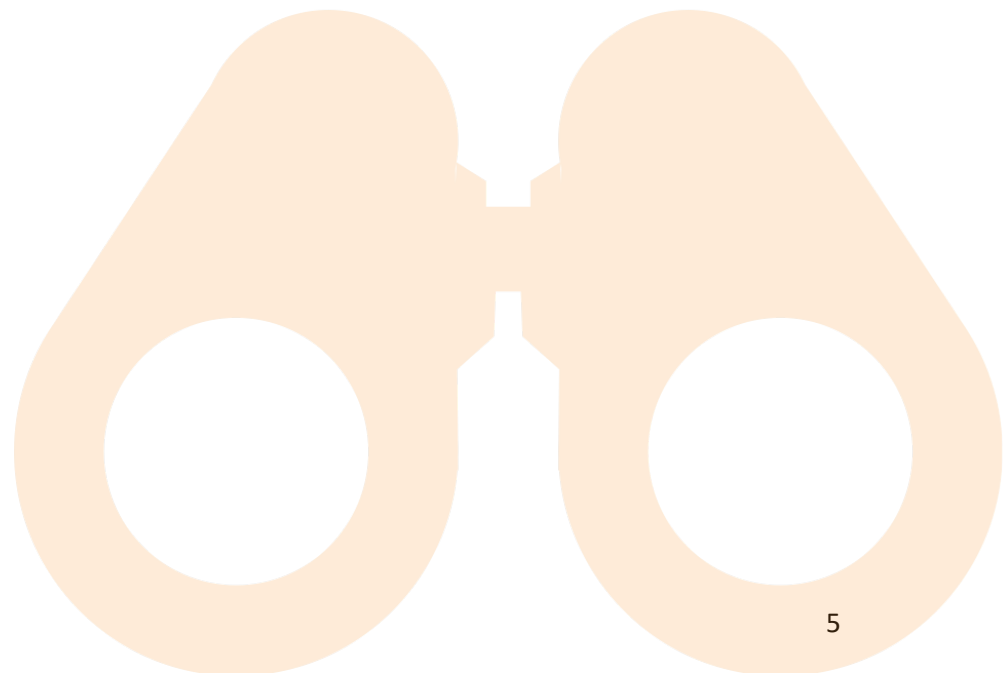
KATYA ZEPEDA

Legislative and Policy Director
Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs

For election to a first three-year term in the class of 2024.

Katya has a wide range of experience in multiple sectors including 6 years in Education, 3 years in Non-Profit, and 5 years in Healthcare. Most recently she was the Latinx Liaison for District #593 and the Certified Migrant Liaison for the Migrant Education Program. She was also the former Executive Director for United Way of Crookston, where she founded the first Student United Way Chapter in Minnesota.

Katya is originally from Mexico City and earned her Bachelor's of Science degree in Organizational Psychology from the University of Minnesota-Crookston. Her former professional experience includes research in mental health, non-profit and grant management, program development and consultation & training in education and mental health issues with a racial equity lens. She has served as a board member for United Ways of Minnesota and served in the Early Childhood Task Force, Chair of the North West Minnesota Arts Council, Youth Media Cohort member for Prairie Public Broadcasting, board member of In-Progress a non-profit organization whose purpose is 'to diversify cultural dialogue and pave the way for new voices in the field of digital art making', and former Team Member of the North East Human Trafficking Multidisciplinary Team. She also holds an Equity and Cultural Awareness in Education Certificate from Literacy Minnesota.





CATIE BITZAN AMUNDSEN

Chair, Board of Trustees
Lathrop GPM Foundation

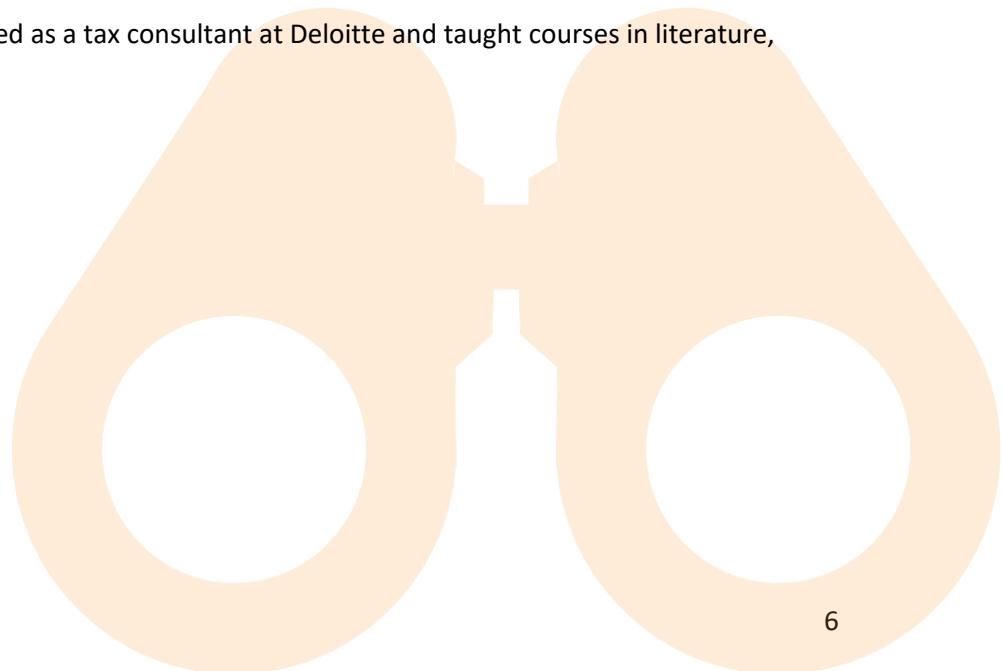
For election to a second three-year term in the class of 2024.

Catie Bitzan Amundsen advises a broad range of organizations in the nonprofit and health care sectors. Her clients include operating nonprofits, private foundations, family foundations, grantmakers, international and foreign-based nonprofits, governmental entities, hospitals, health systems, physician groups, and other health care providers. Catie counsels nonprofit organizations on issues related to tax exemption, corporate governance, private foundation rules, international operations and grantmaking, mergers, affiliations, joint ventures, program-related investments, formation, social enterprise, and regulatory matters. Catie represents health care organizations in mergers, joint ventures, and other collaborations, and advises them on contracting, bond financing, licensing issues, governance and tax exemption, and other federal and state regulatory matters.

Catie enjoys collaborating with clients to develop creative legal strategies and solutions so that clients can take smart, informed risks, protect their tax-exempt status, and focus their resources on furtherance of their mission. She is a frequent speaker on issues related to nonprofit governance, tax exemption, Board fiduciary duties, tax and regulatory developments, and social enterprise.

Clients value Catie's practical advice, her understanding of the business implications of legal issues, and her investment in getting to know their business and providing legal advice specifically tailored to each client's industry, strategic plan, and goals.

Prior to practicing law, Catie worked as a tax consultant at Deloitte and taught courses in literature, business, and music in Belize.





AMBAR CRISTINA HANSON

Executive Director
Mortenson Family Foundation

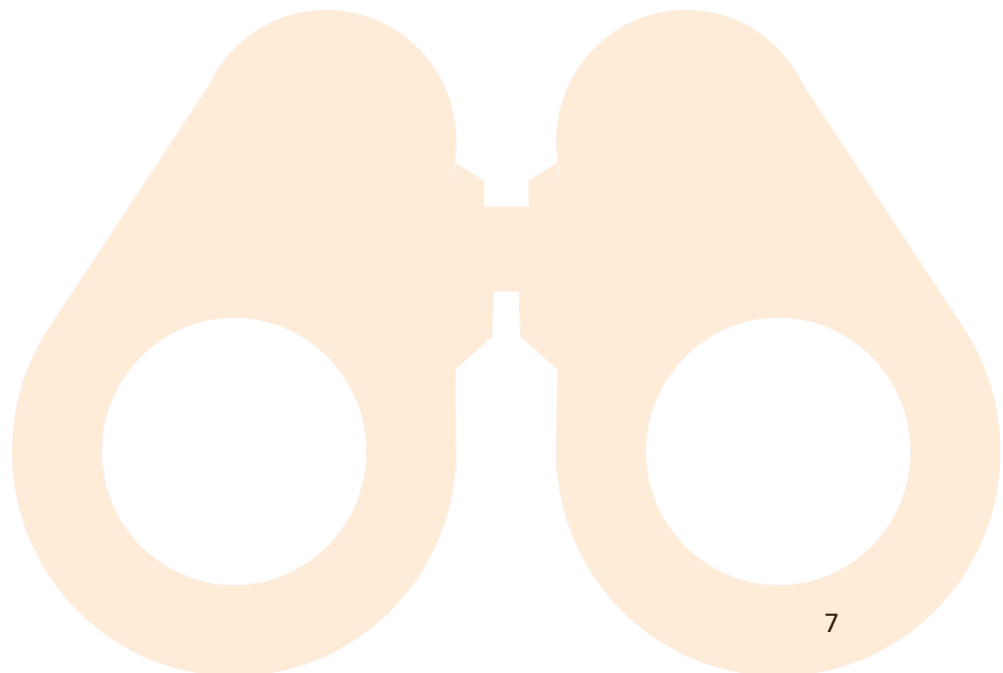
For election to a second three-year term in the class of 2024.

Ambar moved to Minnesota from the Dominican Republic 25 years ago. Since moving to the U.S., Ambar has been dedicated to promoting and advocating for immigrant communities and communities of color to have equal opportunity and access to higher education, jobs that provide livable wages, health, housing, and safety.

Before working in philanthropy, Ambar worked as the Chief external Relations Officer at Hiawatha Academies, and prior to this role, she spent over ten years, advocating for domestic violence and sexual assault survivors through several roles at Casa de Esperanza and the National Latina Network for Healthy Families and Communities.

Currently, Ambar serves as a board trustee for the Minnesota Council of Foundations, Latino Economic Development Center, and Bigelow Foundation. She is also a member of the University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire Alumni of Color Association.

Ambar lives with her partner and two children in South Minneapolis, where they enjoy dancing, hosting gatherings, and taking music lessons together.



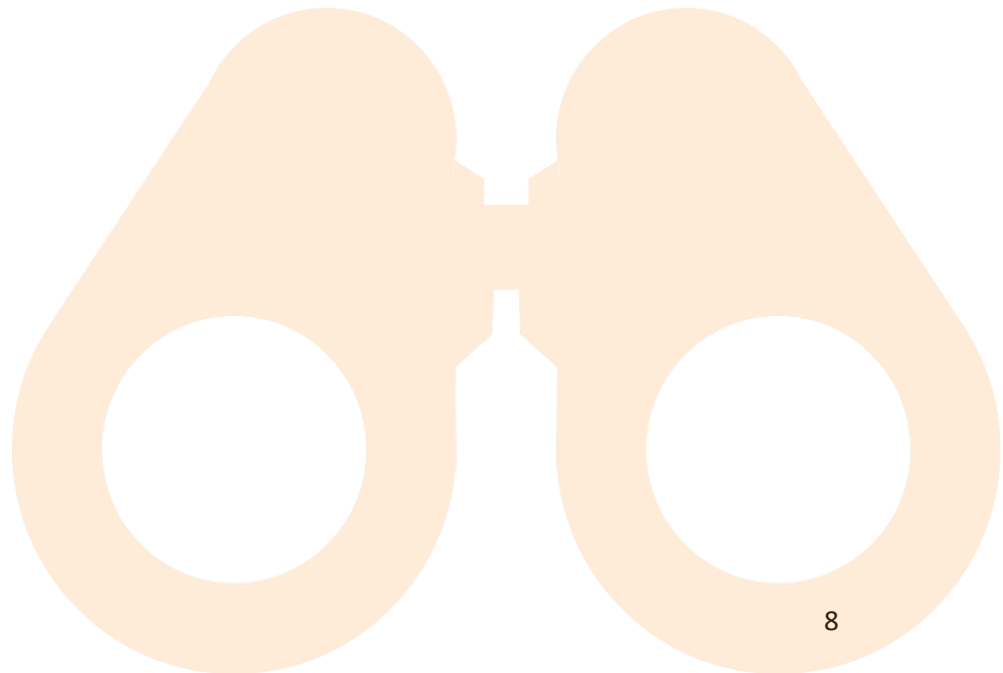


JEN HIGGINS

Director
Target Foundation

For election to a second three-year term in the class of 2024.

Jen currently serves as Director of the Target Foundation & Corporate Responsibility. In this role, she is responsible for the strategic direction and overall operations of the Target Foundation. During her 14 years in Corporate Philanthropy, she has led the development and implementation of local, national and global philanthropic strategies and has deep experience with community partnerships, stakeholder engagement, cause marketing, business integration, and corporate sponsorships. She started her CR career leading a finance and operations team developing solutions and processes in support of the work. In addition to her experience in Corporate Responsibility, Higgins has worked in HR and Finance at Target. Prior to joining Target, she worked in the non-profit sector in Chicago.





CAROLYN LINK

President

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MN Foundation

For election to a second three-year term in the class of 2024.

Carolyn Link is the president of the Blue Cross Foundation. Carolyn joined the organization in 2011, guiding the Foundation's emphasis on racial and health equity. Previously, Carolyn was director at the Center for Prevention, a division of Blue Cross focused on preventing tobacco use and promoting physical activity and healthy eating. Carolyn's commitment to health improvement can be traced back to her early career as a nurse, working with children with complex health needs. Additionally, Carolyn has worked at the Minnesota Department of Health on a tobacco-policy project. Carolyn has a bachelor's degree in nursing from Marquette University and a master's degree in public health from the University of Minnesota. Carolyn loves connecting the dots between mission and action, helping the Foundation infuse racial and health equity into its processes and outcomes. Carolyn joined the Minnesota Council on Foundations board of directors in 2021 and served as chair of the governance committee in 2023. She has three young adult children, and lives in Minneapolis with her husband and her Irish Terrier, Chip.

