



FAME's Executive Committee, January 2013

Members of FAME's Executive Committee are appointed for a two year term. The following list is in place for the January 2013 thru December 2014 term.

Tim Ansaldi: Tim is currently the Chief Financial Officer at OptiPro Systems in Ontario, NY. He graduated from Canisius College with a B.S. in Accounting. He worked with a number of local manufacturers and became a CPA while working at Mengel, Metzger, Barr, and Co. LLP.

Brenda Barber: Brenda is the Human Resource Director at Gorbels Inc., Raytec Group Inc., and Ravenwood Golf Club. She is responsible for managing the Human Resource function and staff for a multi-company group. She has more than 20 years of combined accounting and human resource management experience. Brenda holds a BS degree in Human Resource Management from SUNY Empire State College and an AAS degree from Finger Lakes Community College. She is a national member of the Society for Human Resource Management and member of the Rochester Business Alliance. As chair of FAME's HR Networking Group, Brenda facilitates quarterly HR meetings and encourages involvement with all FAME committees, efforts and activities.

Jeannie Brockmyre: Jeannie is the owner of Absolute Precision, LLC in Wolcott, NY. She worked in the escrow industry for 20 years in Northern California. She was active in the local Kiwanis, Chamber of Commerce, and American Cancer Society Relay for Life Committee, and was invited to serve on the Business Advisory Committee for the Red Bluff Union High School for 15 years. She made a career change to manufacturing in 2002, and in 2006 bought the company. She is devoted to making sure all aspects of the business run efficiently and customer satisfaction is priority. She feels strongly about improving opportunities for our community and strengthening our local economy for the future. Since moving to Upstate New York in 2010, Jeannie has become the secretary for the Wolcott Area Chamber of Commerce, and a member of FAME's Pipeline Committee.

Peg Churchill: Peg is the Executive Director of the Wayne County (WC) Industrial Development Agency, WC Economic Development Corporation and WC Industrial Sustainability Development Corporation. She has a BA from Nazareth College, and has done graduate work at Nazareth and SUNY Brockport. Peg has previously served on the Walworth town board, and was also the Supervisor of the Town of Walworth for four years. She has been an advocate for Wayne County for her entire professional career, and has participated on both Wayne County planning and Erie Canal projects.

Karl Drasgow: Karl graduated from High School / BOCES in 1980 and obtained an entry level job at a local machine shop. He worked on the shop floor for 23 years before starting his own company,

Drasgow, Inc., in 2003 and has over 30 years of experience in the machine trades. He graduated from the University at Buffalo School of Management's Center for Entrepreneurial Leadership and his company received Wyoming County's Manufacturer of the Year Award for 2010.

Ron Golumbeck: Ron is Vice President and Director, Human Resources for ITT Goulds Pumps Inc. in Seneca Falls, NY. He is also a member of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board and is the Performance and Evaluation Committee Chairman. He was a Founding member of FAME and chairs the Hiring and Training Committee. Ron has been recognized with a Rotary International Paul Harris award and has been named a Most Distinguished Citizen for the Seneca Waterways Youth Council. He was formerly the Vice President of Human Resources and an officer of The Stroh Brewery Company in Detroit, MI. He has over 25 years experience in leading the Human Resources function for three Fortune 500 businesses. Ron has a Masters in Labor and Industrial Relations from Michigan State University and a Bachelors degree in Psychology from St. Joseph's College of Indiana.

Tom Kaczynski: Tom started his career in manufacturing at the Carnation Company can plant in Waupun, Wisconsin in 1976. Over the past 36 years, he has held a number of management positions from production department supervisor to maintenance supervisor, plant engineer, and plant superintendent. He is currently the Plant Manager of Silgan Containers Manufacturing Corp. in Lyons, NY. Tom has overseen the construction of a new can manufacturing facility in Oakdale, CA, and the dismantle and move of a Silgan production facility in Lodi, CA. He is married and has 5 grown children and 4 grandchildren. His personal interests fall in the areas of bicycling, the shooting sports, hunting and the wine industry.

Mike Mandina: Mike is President of Optimax Systems Inc. in Ontario, NY. He is a master optician with Associate Degrees in Optical Engineering Technology and Engineering Science from MCC and RIT respectively, a B.S. in Applied Physics from Empire State College, and an EMBA from RIT. An entrepreneur who has started two manufacturing businesses providing OEM precision optics to photonics companies, Mike founded Cormac Industries in 1974 and sold it in 1981. It is currently the CVI/Melles Griot Optical Systems Division. Mike joined the Optimax Systems, Inc. start-up team in 1991. He has authored numerous manufacturing articles for optics industry trade journals, and recently completed the chapter on optics manufacturing in the Optical Society of Americas *Optics Handbook*. He is the inventor of the VIBE polishing process (patent #061502). Mike was a finalist for Rochester's Small Business Person of the Year in 1999, and was the 2007 NYS Business Hall of Fame inductee. Most recently, Mike was awarded the 2010 RRPC Entrepreneurship Award. Additionally, Optimax was recently recognized as one of the "2010 Top Small Company Workplaces" by Inc. Magazine in June 2010. Mike is an active member in a number of professional organizations and clusters, and is currently the Chair of FAME's Executive Committee.

Michael Manikowski: Mike is the Executive Director of the Ontario County Industrial Development Agency (IDA) and the Ontario County Office of Economic Development (OED). He also serves as the Secretary of the Cornell Ag & Food Tech Park (CAFTP). Mike has extensive background in economic development and finance, and is experienced in putting together project teams and financial packages for expansion and retention and attraction projects. He is a member of the Finger Lakes Community

College Foundation Board, the Advisory Board of the Finger Lakes Business & Industry Center, and is on the Board of Directors of the Ontario County ARC. Mike has a BA degree from Mansfield University in Mansfield, PA and attended the University of Arizona and Cornell University for post-graduate work.

Eileen Rucinski: Eileen is a Business Development Representative at Kelly Services. She has over 18 years of consulting and recruitment experience in Monroe, Wayne, Ontario and Yates counties and is committed to seeking out and developing a first-rate workforce. She strives to deliver staffing solutions that fit her clients' business needs. Eileen's field of expertise is in manufacturing, clerical, call center and professional placements. She leads FAME's Pipeline Committee.

Sam Samanta: Growing up in India, Sam Samanta was influenced by the Jesuit's love of learning and teaching. Graduate of the hyper-competitive college environment at the Indian Institute of Technology, he did not find Carnegie-Mellon particularly intense for his Master's degree in Physics. During the decade of research in Surface Science for doctoral and post-doctoral work, Sam developed some of the instruments and techniques used as diagnostic tools in modern semiconductor labs. Over a decade ago Dr. Samanta earned the SUNY Chancellor's Award for Excellence in Teaching. Over the past few years, in collaboration with FAME, other high-tech industries and stakeholders, Sam helped develop an innovative technology curriculum (AAS Instrumentation and Control Technologies) at Finger Lakes Community College to address the critical shortage of high-tech workers with adaptable skills.

Jill Slavny: Jill is the Executive Principal of Career and Technical Education (WEMOCO) for Monroe 2-Orleans BOCES. She has 14 years of experience in secondary education, the past 9 years as a building administrator. Prior to her work in education, Jill worked a variety of jobs in industry including office manager, hydro geologist and MSDS coordinator. Jill has B.S. degrees in Business Management and Geology from St. John Fisher College and SUNY Brockport respectively, a Masters in Math, Science and Technology Education from St. John Fisher and a Certificate of Advanced Study in Educational Administration from SUNY Brockport. Jill is also a member of FAME's Pipeline committee.

Karen Springmeier: Karen is the Executive Director of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board Inc. serving Wayne, Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties. Karen graduated from SUNY Geneseo and has worked in the Workforce Development business for 30 years. Through the strategic planning process for board governance, Karen was responsible for the Board's transition from government to a 501©3 in 2000 and has since served as the Executive Director. The FLWIB's office is located in Geneva, NY. Karen currently serves as the Vice President for the New York Association of Training and Employment Professionals (NYATEP), is a member of the Corporation for a Skilled Workforce Professional Innovators Network, the National Association of Workforce Boards, and the National Workforce Alliance. She has provided the leadership for the development of the FLWIB's Sector based strategic plan and the subsequent formation of two Regional Skills Alliances in Advanced Manufacturing and Healthcare.

John Steele: John joined High Tech Rochester in 2007 to focus on growth and innovation with HTR's industrial and manufacturing clients. He was one of the first New York MEP staff to be certified in the various Eureka Ranch processes. He was awarded the 2010 Group Practitioner of the Year Award from NIST-MEP for work on NIST Innovation Engineering systems, and was selected as part of the first group

to receive training for a Black Belt Certification in Innovation Engineering. John has a background in Sales, Marketing and Business Development across diverse products and markets from electrical and electronic components, to IT systems and most recently optical thin films and illumination. Working with, and selling to, some of the world's largest organizations from a much smaller firm gives extensive experience in building the relationships and credibility that form the basis for mutual success. His career has spanned the range from technical Product Management to Senior Level Sales & Marketing, and he holds a BS in Economics and an MBA in Industrial Marketing from the University of Pittsburgh.

Tim Witter: Tim is the VP of Operations and Director of Global Manufacturing at Gorbel Inc. He is a graduate of Corning Community College (Industrial Engineering Technology) and Allegany County BOCES (Trade and Industrial Electricity). He has held previous positions at Melton Shirt Company as the Director of Manufacturing and Retail Sporting Goods, and at Champion Products Inc. as the Engineering Manager. Tim is a former GLOW Industrial Development Committee member for the needle trades industry, past mentor of York Central School's 'Odyssey of the Mind' teams, and is an Executive Committee Member of the Victor Volleyball Club. Tim chairs FAME's Image Committee, and leads FAME's new efforts in the areas of social networking with both students and industry representatives through Facebook and Linked In.