



FAME's Executive Committee, December 2020

Members of FAME's Executive Committee are appointed for a two-year term. The following list is in place for the 2020-2022 term.

Annette Brenner: Annette is a Client Development Manager at High Tech Rochester. She identifies and develops new clients and projects as she promotes HTR's manufacturing growth services to the region's small and mid-sized manufacturers. These services include strategic business solutions and growth services, lean enterprises, quality management, energy, and sustainability. Prior to joining HTR, Brenner spent 14 years at the General Motors Fuel Cell Research facility in Honeoye Falls, NY, where she held a variety of positions including senior global buyer and senior research engineer responsible for leading research teams in supplier and material development. During her tenure at General Motors she was the author of 10 patents. Annette is a graduate of The University of Akron, where she received a Bachelor of Science degree in chemical engineering. She received a doctorate in chemical engineering from the University of Kentucky and a master's degree in business administration from the Simon Graduate School of Business, University of Rochester.

Jeannie Brockmyre: Jeannie is the co-owner and CEO of Absolute Precision, LLC in Wolcott, NY. She has been in the manufacturing industry for 19 years, and is devoted to the efficiency of the business, a team-oriented workplace and always makes customer satisfaction a priority. She feels strongly about improving opportunities for our community and strengthening our local economies. Taking an active role in bring awareness of the opportunities in advanced manufacturing to students, parents, teachers, counselors and school administrators is a passion she has and feels FAME is a great organization to help bridge this gap. She also sits on the Board of Directors of the Wayne County IDA and EDC.

Matt Carlson: Matt is currently the Chief Financial Officer at OptiPro Systems in Ontario, NY. He graduated with a dual major from SUNY Fredonia with a B.S. in Public Accountancy, Finance. He started his career in Poughkeepsie, NY, working in public accounting for D'Arcangelo & Co., LLP, and earning his CPA license. Matt quickly took an interest in the manufacturing environment and served as the CFO at Dorsey Metrology International, before joining the OptiPro team.

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

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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.

Lynn Freid: Lynn Freid is the Executive Director of the Finger Lakes Workforce Investment Board serving Wayne, Ontario, Seneca and Yates Counties. Prior to joining FLWIB, as regional director for The Workforce Development Institute (WDI) covering the Rochester, Finger Lakes, Genesee Valley and some Southern Tier regions, Lynn brokered best training practices to various industry employers; leveraging resources and services among workforce and economic partners to build skilled labor workforce pipelines. Lynn has over thirty years of work experience in management with small and large business operations, including director of workforce development at Finger Lakes Community College for twelve years including delivering training as a certified At-Risk Youth trainer. Lynn brings diverse expertise to the workforce and economic development to achieve training and pipeline solutions. Lynn has achieved the SUNY ICCD (Institute for Community College Development), bachelors of science in Organizational Management from Keuka College and is the recipient of many workforce awards including the FAME STAR award, 2018. Lynn serves on various committees to promote education and training to build a middle-skilled workforce pipeline for core sector industries.

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.

Alejandro Mendoza: Alejandro (Ale') Mendoza is the Director of Human Resources at Optimax Systems Inc, a precision optics manufacturer, located in Ontario, NY. In this role, he is part of the Board of Directors at Optimax and focuses on aligning the company's strategic goals and culture with a growing workforce. Before joining Optimax, Ale' was a member of the United States Air Force, where he served in a variety of specialized roles. In addition to his current role at Optimax, Ale' has a passion for collaborating and building relationships with workforce development organizations. Ale' serves the local community as a member of the Finger Lakes Advanced Manufacturers' Enterprise (FAME), the Finger Lakes Community College foundation board and the Greater Rochester Chamber of Commerce HR Executive forum while regionally, he's a member of the NY state workforce strategy group – Invest in skills NY coalition and nationally, he serves as a board member of the National Fund for Workforce Solutions and partners with the National Skills Coalition and Business Leaders United, including a member of their Manufacturing Industry Recovery Panel. He holds an associate degree from Monroe Community College (MCC), a bachelor's degree from the Rochester Institute of Technology (RIT), and a master's degree from St. John Fisher College.

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Danielle Phillips: Danielle is currently the Director of Human Resources for Advanced Atomization Technologies located in Clyde, NY. She has a Master's degree in Mental Health and a B.S. in Business Management from St. John Fisher College. Danielle has worked in Human Resources for over 20 years in a manufacturing environment. She is a resident of Wayne County and is proud to serve as a co-chair on the Hiring & Pipeline committee.

Dave Phillips: Dave has been in manufacturing for 38 years. Beginning his career as a machinist, then advancing to positions from process development, CNC programming, tooling procurement to department supervisor. He is currently the Training Manager at G.W. Lisk, and is responsible for delivering and coordinating both technical and safety training. He has developed and teaches the G. W. Lisk/FLCC Advanced Manufacturing Machinist Training certificate program, and is currently the Chair of FAME.

Brian Pincelli: Brian is the Director of Economic Development and Planning for Wayne County, and is the Industrial Development Agency's Executive Director. Prior to Wayne County, Brian worked at the Central New York Regional Planning and Development Board, and prior to that the City of Syracuse, working on various Economic Development and Urban Planning initiatives. He has a Bachelor's Degree in Urban Design, a Master's Degree in Urban Planning with a Certificate in Economic Development, is AICP Certified by the American Planning Association and is also certified in Economic Development Finance.

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.

Todd Sloane: Todd Sloane, MSEd., is the Assistant Director of Professional Development and Continuing Education at Finger Lakes Community College. He studied Adult Lifespan Learning & Human Resource Development at Elmira College where he researched the transferable skills needed for success in the 21st century's highest-growth, highest-paying occupations. For over two decades, he has developed and managed workforce programs in a number of sectors including Health Care and Manufacturing. His passion is insuring that individuals and employers see a measurable return on their training investment. To that end he has worked from the job specific to the highly transferable; from applied mathematics, to leadership development. Regardless of the content, the focus is results - from the organizational to the individual level.

Tori Uthe: Tori Uthe is the Communications Specialist at Optimax, a prototype optics manufacturer in Ontario, NY. With more than eight years' experience, she has previously worked for Messenger Post Media, ITT and Roberts Communications. She is an active member of the American Marketing Association (AMA) serving on the small business segment committee and the Public Relations Society of America (PRSA) Young Professionals, in addition to serving as a mentor for communications students.

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Tori holds a Bachelor of Science degree in communication and minors in marketing and journalism from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Fredonia. She chairs the FAME Image Committee.