

BOMA BOARD OF DIRECTORS ELECTION FOR 2024 CANDIDATE PROFILES

The following information has been provided by members who wish to serve on the 2024 BOMA Buffalo Board of Directors. These profiles are intended to offer insight into the qualifications and interests of each candidate. Candidates' names are listed in alphabetical order by last name and there are no special endorsements inferred by the position on this page.

PRINCIPAL MEMBER CANDIDATES



Don Brunn Jr.
Facilities Representative II, National Fuel Gas Company

Donald Brunn Jr. is a Facilities Representative II for National Fuel Gas Company and has been with the company for over 5 years. Don started as a contracted Maintenance Technician and after excelling in the first year, he was hired as a supervisor in the Land department at National Fuel. Don's primary role is Facilities and Project Management at the 201,000 sq. ft building in Williamsville as well as managing over 20 offsite Service Centers and Compressor Stations within the company's New York State portfolio. Don has excelled in completing multiple projects to maintain the company's assets, increase its energy efficiencies, and increase employee satisfaction within the facilities.

Don holds an Associate of Occupational Studies Degree in Building Management and Maintenance Technology and an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Criminal Justice, both from Erie Community College. In addition, Don holds a Chief Engineers license from the City of Buffalo.

Don has attended numerous BOMA Buffalo meetings over the past 5 years through National Fuel Gas Company and became a member this year. He has assisted with the annual golf outing and has been an important part of the fundraising, helping to coordinate the pickup of items, selling tickets, and setup/teardown at the event. Don helped coordinate a classroom space and logistics when National Fuel hosted the BOMA Foundations of Real Estate Management Course and the OSHA-10 Course this year. Don has a diverse knowledge of building maintenance and project management which he is interested in bringing to the BOMA Board.



Tina Coppins, RPA
Property Manager, AppleTree Business Park

Tina Coppins brings 20+ years of experience as a Property Manager at the AppleTree Business Park where she oversees 450,000 sq. ft of a commercial building. She handles day-to-day operations, construction management, and capital expenditures.

Tina has been involved with BOMA since 1993 and served as President in 2000. She has held a seat on the board of directors for more than 9 years and during that time has assisted with committees including Chairing the Programs Committee and Awards Committees, and helping with membership, Code of Ethics Policy, and The Outstanding Building of the Year (TOBY) Awards. Tina has coordinated a local advocacy day for BOMA Buffalo, and in 2002 she represented our association and advocated on behalf of BOMA members in Washington D.C. during the National Issue Conference held at the United States Capitol Building. Recently, Tina has continued to play an integral role on the BOMA Buffalo Education Committee and coordinated several training programs and seminars. Tina managed the 3 of the most recent Foundations of Real Estate Management courses averaging 10+ students and brought in expert guest speakers for the class sessions.

Tina holds a Real Property Administrator (RPA) designation from the Building Owners and Managers Institute (BOMI). She also finished her Bachelor's Degree in 2018 in Business Management. Tina is completing a 3-year term on the board and is interested in representing BOMA members once again by being elected for a second term.



Talia Johnson-Huff
Project Manager/Facilities Manager, Erie County Industrial Development Agency
President/CEO, MWBE Constructors, Inc.

Talia Johnson- Huff is the President/CEO of MWBE Constructors, Inc., which means "To build Minority and Women Owned Businesses". Her firm started out as a Specialty Supplier, later transformed into a General Contracting, Construction and Property Management Company which began in 2010 and grew overtime into a Construction and Small Business Consulting firm, specializing in the growth and development of Minority- and Women-owned businesses (M/WBEs).

MWBE Constructors, Inc. worked on many projects throughout Buffalo, Rochester, Binghamton and Western New York including Popeyes Restaurant franchises, Erie County Medical Center, Wilson High School, Buffalo Public Schools and the former Ralph Wilson Stadium (home of the Buffalo Bills) now known as Highmark Stadium in Orchard Park. (continued on next page)

Talia, most recently, joined the Erie County Industrial Development Agency as their Project and Facilities Manager and her company's main focus has shifted to assisting minority-and women-owned businesses with Organizational Change, Development and obtaining their M/WBE Certifications, but still operates as a full-service Construction Company. Talia is also the founder and executive director of The RARE Place, Inc. which assists Veterans and those who are homeless and at risk, with life skills and workforce development to transition back into society. She has also worked with local schools assisting students with financial literacy, healthy decision-making and career readiness. Talia has been in the Construction Industry for over 15 years and in Business for over 13 years, driven by her passion for business and helping others succeed. Talia is interested in applying her diverse set of skills to BOMA, assisting members and growing the membership.

ASSOCIATE MEMBER CANDIDATES



Linda D'Agostino
President, Bison Management Group

Linda D'Agostino is the president of Bison Management Group. She has been an active BOMA member for 2 years and volunteered to help with the Build Up Buffalo Symposium held this past February.

Linda is a creative and motivated executive with experience in overseeing daily business activities and improving overall business functions. She has a positive attitude with proven leadership skills and the ability to develop successful team environments.

Before Bison Management Group, Linda had a successful career in the Hospitality Industry. During that time, she gained a wealth of education and experience. Linda was the Director of Sales and Government Relations for Visit Buffalo Niagara where she worked with our state legislators to promote tourism for Erie County and was responsible for bringing many conventions to Buffalo.

Linda is well-known and respected in the Western New York business community. Over the years she cultivated many strong relationships with her clients and BOMA Buffalo members. Linda is very good at communicating and networking. She has served on several boards over the years including the Office of The President for three years in MPINENY. Currently, she serves as a Board Director on the WNYSC and is an active member of many local and state organizations. Linda welcomes the opportunity to represent colleagues on the BOMA Buffalo Board of Directors.



Jay Ganz

Regional Sales Manager, Premier Mounts

Jay Ganz is a Regional Sales Manager at Gamber Johnson/Premier Mounts, a manufacturer of consoles, dock, mounts, and the like for police cars, ambulances, forklifts, and any other surface or structure, for which a mount would be needed.

Jay has spent the previous 15+ years in the technology field. He graduated with honors from Niagara University, with an MBA in 2005. Jay has many years of experience working for companies serving the commercial real estate industry. He is a former member of BOMA and recently joined again in 2023 to assist members. He would be honored to represent BOMA members as an associate member of the board.



Jeffery Kelly

Commercial HVAC Sales Manager, NOCO

As a lifelong WNY resident and the current leader of the Commercial HVAC division at NOCO, I interact every day with building owners and managers and work with them closely as a partner. I believe I can bring a productive perspective to the BOMA board based on my ground-level understanding of many of the challenges they face and the priorities they hold. I have been a long-standing active member of BOMA Buffalo, a member of the Golf Committee for three years, and a newly appointed co-chair of the Government Affairs Committee. I believe my involvement in the community as well as my activity within BOMA affords me the opportunity to better understand how BOMA Buffalo can make an impact for our membership and how I can be of service to that end.

I have found BOMA Buffalo to be an invaluable resource for me in my career and sharing that value with others through membership growth is an important part of why I'm interested in a Board seat. Creating value through the committee affiliations, engaging members with useful programs and information sharing, optimizing networking opportunities, and clearly communicating all of the BOMA benefits to prospective members are all efforts I'll make as a member of the Board. I appreciate the opportunity to be considered for a role in continuing the excellent leadership of this organization.



Gary Rog
Municipal Accounts Manager, Modern Disposal Services

My name is Gary Rog and I currently serve as the Municipal Accounts Manager at Modern Disposal. We are a vendor to many of the BOMA members for trash services. My work at Modern entails helping our customers find ways to reduce all waste streams while looking at making their operations more sustainable as we move forward. Reductions in the amount of waste produced significantly impact the bottom-line operating costs. This includes waste audits and specialized recycling programs in addition to educating them on current sustainability trends in the waste industry. Part of my job is outreach to both high schools and colleges lecturing on waste & recycling practices and our efforts at sustainability as waste hauler and disposer.

I have been an active BOMA member for many years in three iterations of my career including Schindler Elevator, ThyssenKrupp Elevator, R.P. Fedder, to Modern Disposal. I have also been a volunteer for the golf outing for many years selling raffle tickets and working various contests. Recently, I coordinated BOMA's July event and hosted a tour of our BRE recycling center. As an active member, I have made a concerted effort to attend and assist at as many BOMA events as possible.

For many years I was also on the teaching staff of the Maritime Charter High School here in Buffalo as well as being a high school football official. In addition, I served as President of the Board of Directors of Hamburg Counseling, now Harmonia, and the Alumni Board of the UB School of Management.

I have the full support of the management team at Modern Disposal to serve on the board. I am enthusiastic about the opportunity to share my ideas and knowledge and represent BOMA members if elected to the Board!

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