

THE BEGINNING OF MBSA

The idea of The Midwest Building Suppliers Association was formulated in late 2014 with leaders from the Michigan Lumber & Building Materials Association (MLBMA) and the Indiana Lumber & Builders' Supply Association (ILBSA). The purpose was to provide a greater trade association experience for all members by creating economies of scale in headquarters and management, thus saving precious resources, while making the critical programs bigger, better, and less expensive.

The MBSA achieved legal recognition by the states in August of 2015, and its first actual operating/fiscal year began on January 1, 2016.

The association's leaders never forgot the rich histories of the associations in Indiana and Michigan, with their combined 257 years of experience in service, advocacy, and programs. That same regional excellence is now magnified by the formation and continued growth of MBSA.



The Board of Directors of the MBSA is composed of 8 members in good standing, elected by the membership at the association's Annual Meeting. The composition is 4 from Indiana, and 4 from Michigan.

WHY SERVE ON THE BOARD?

Serving on the Board of MBSA is probably one of the most enjoyable experiences a member of the lumber and building materials industry in Indiana or Michigan can have. Not only does the Board serve as a corporate deliberative body, it is also highly social in its approach to governance and leadership. This unique combination of interaction creates a high-end experience of camaraderie and sense of "family" and fun.

WHAT IS THE TIME COMMITMENT?

We pride ourselves on not being "high-maintenance" or "time hogs" for our Board members and other volunteers. Our meetings are not 'marathons', and we minimize travel as much as possible, while utilizing technology to make our Board experience convenient, as well as rewarding.

In a nutshell, the Board members engage the following activities within MBSA:

Attend all Board meetings, and review materials and data sent to Board members for input and opinion from the headquarters office

Examine the Association's programs, offerings, and other activities to ensure relevance

Act as fiduciary stewards of the Association's resources

Promote the programs, features and benefits of MBSA membership to members and non-members alike

Recruit non-members to join the Association (and assisted by the headquarters staff)

Lend industry and business expertise to all dialogue affecting the Association and its members

We generally meet quarterly in a location in northern Indiana or southern Michigan to minimize travel for every member.

Our Management

Our association is managed by The Raybourn Group International, an association management company in Indianapolis, Indiana. Our Executive Director, Tim Murphy, is also a principal of the firm.

This management system allows MBSA the financial flexibility it needs to scale its personnel level to coincide with busier times, and to reduce it at others, thereby having a complete first-class staff on an "on demand" basis.

You can see how this benefits MBSA by visiting www.raybourn.com

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Our Mission

The mission of the Midwest Building Suppliers Association is to encourage through all available legal means, the improvement of member's financial, merchandising, and personnel management capabilities; to represent, inform, and assist its membership in legislative and regulatory action at both State and Federal levels.



The MBSA Board of Directors

Providing Leadership for a Successful Association



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