



# Official Ballot

Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan, Inc.  
Board of Directors Election

The following members in good standing have been nominated to fill the three (3) open positions on the Board of Directors for the Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan Board, a three-year term beginning January 1, 2022.

- There are three (3) positions open.
- **Ballots must be completed and returned via fax (231-947-5344), mail, dropped off at the BX, or emailed to Kendra@bxtvc.com by 4:00pm on Wed, October 27th.**
- Ballots received after that time will not be counted.

VOTE FOR UP TO THREE (3) (more than 3 will negate the entire ballot)

Jess Ashmore, Honor Bank \_\_\_\_\_

Brian Dikker, MacAllister Rentals \_\_\_\_\_

Jeff French, Kent Companies, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_

Jessica Novack, Windemuller, Inc. \_\_\_\_\_

Tony Kuberski, GFA \_\_\_\_\_

Jerry Tomczak, Cunningham-Limp \_\_\_\_\_

Jason Horton, Team Elmer's \_\_\_\_\_

\* Incumbent

**Only one Ballot per Member Company.**

Member Company \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**This must be filled out and legible for the ballot to be counted please.**

**Return by 4:00 PM, Wednesday, October 27th**

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Jess Ashmore is a Northern Michigan Native, growing up in nearby Kingsley, MI where she attended High School. Jess attended Northwestern Michigan College and earned her Associates Degree in Business Administration. She graduated from Ferris State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration and a certificate in Human Resources in 2013. Since then, she has continued to progressively grow in the financial service industry. Jess has experience in retail and business banking with a focus on local. She is the Branch Manager for Honor Bank and manages the Union location in beautiful Downtown Traverse City.

Jess resides in Kingsley, MI. She spends most of her time working on her home, and volunteering in the community. Her passion is people and photography. She owns and operates her own small business, Jess Lynn Ashmore Photography LLC, doing portrait photography. She has volunteered for past events such as the Kingsley Heritage Days Parade and The Journey TC Back to School Block Party, providing photos to families. Jess is a member of the Optimist Club in Traverse City, and serves on the board for Brickways, Grand Traverse Industries, and the Kingsley Downtown Development Authority.

Brian Dikker is a Grandville native-Chicago transplant. Brian is currently Rental Sales Representative for MacAllister Cat Rentals in Traverse City. He has seven (7) years of experience in Construction Equipment sales and rentals, but a long-standing career in sales overall. Brian prides himself on his customer relationships, supporting their business and problem solving.

Brian is married with two boys. He is currently in the process of formally moving to Traverse City. He is an avid golfer, paddle tennis player, and loves the outdoors. He is a graduate of Michigan State University 1986 and Grandville 1982. He is very excited to be back in Michigan and looks forward to all that Northern Michigan has to offer.

Jeff French is a Northern Michigan native. He leads business development for Kent Companies Traverse City operations. His 25 years of construction and customer service experience are rooted in his first experiences working with his father to learn the building trades. Today Jeff leads capture management activities to expand Kent Companies' northern Michigan commercial concrete operations. Beyond concrete construction, Jeff has experience in the maintenance and management of multi-unit complexes as well as in custom manufacturing design and sales.

Jeff is married, with two kids. He's an avid outdoor enthusiast and loves activities like fishing, snowmobiling, camping and off-road adventure. French is a graduate of GVSU (1991) and Benzie Central High School (1986).

Jessica Novack was born and raised in Traverse City. She is married with a wonderful step daughter. She graduated from Kingsley High School. For fun, her family loves to go to the beach, go paddle boarding or kayaking, they also love to travel. Jessica has started coaching middle school volleyball for East Middle School this year and absolutely loves the team work and to watching them grow as young adults.

Jessica was not sure what she wanted to do as a career, so she went to school for accounting and received her associates degree from Northwestern Michigan College. While attending school she went to Windemuller and they gave her an opportunity to work part time and see if it was going to be a good fit. They offered her a full-time position as a receptionist. She had never worked in the electrical field, but had taken AutoCAD classes while in high school, so she would

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work with the estimators counting drawings. She then got offered a position drafting, and worked on a good amount of design build projects with many customers throughout the state. To keep progressing her career, she went back to school and earned an associate in construction management with an electrical certificate. After schooling she received her journeyman's license. Now, at Windemuller she is a project manager, running multiple projects throughout northern Michigan. She looks forward to what the future holds at Windemuller.

Tony Kuberski is 46 years old and has 3 children. Lilly (17-year-old senior at TC Central), Addie (14-year-old Freshman at TC Central), and Nick (10-year-old 5<sup>th</sup> grader at Eastern). He grew up in Saginaw, MI and graduated from the University of Michigan with a degree in Economics in 1996. He enjoys spending time with his kids, golfing, running, and alpine skiing. Tony has also been on the Board of Directors of Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northwestern Michigan for the past two years.

Upon graduation, he embarked on a career in Supply Chain and Logistics, which sent him to Chicago. During that period, he spent time in operations, account management, sales, and people management. In 2001, he moved to Ann Arbor to open a new office as the Assistant General Manager for CH Robinson. After a couple years with the Ann Arbor team, he was ready to take the next step in his career. He was selected to become the Director and General Manager of the new Traverse City location in 2004. He spent 16 years building and running that office. In December 2020, he joined Gourdie-Fraser, Inc as the CEO and started his career in the Engineering and Survey world.

Jerry Tomczak is originally from Flint and graduated from Powers Catholic HS in 1981. He received his Undergrad Degree in Finance from WMU, and his Graduate Degree in Urban Planning from MSU. He also worked for an Architect while in Grad School. Jerry has been a building inspector/zoning admin for Flint Township and the City of Fenton. He has over 30 years in CM, GC and Design Build Construction with companies such as Rhoads Johnson, The Christman Company, and now Cunningham-Limp in TC.

Jerry is married with 4 children and has lived in Elk Rapids for 9 years. Jerry volunteers time on misc. building committees and now is supporting "Build Your Life" initiative to help get workers into the skilled trades field. Jerry enjoys the Northern Michigan community and all the great people living and enjoying the TC area. Jerry looks forward to serving on the Board of Directors for the Builders Exchange of NW MI – great organization for the construction community.

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