



Board of Directors 2023 Election List of Nominees

THIS IS **NOT** THE OFFICIAL BALLOT. **DO NOT USE IT TO VOTE.** Per the Bylaws, the Nominating Committee would like to present the following list of nominations for the election of directors to fill the three (3) vacant positions of the Builders Exchange of Northwest Michigan Board, a three-year term.

“Any other member’s name shall be printed on the official ballot if a written request is received at the Exchange Office by October 14, 2022 and signed by five (5) members in good standing.”

The nominating committee shall prepare an OFFICIAL BALLOT to use for the annual election and email it on Wednesday, October 19, 2022. The ballot must be **signed** and returned via fax, mail, or email to the Builders Exchange by 4:00pm on Wednesday, October 26, 2022. Ballots received after that time will **not** be counted.

Please feel free to contact any of the nominees and talk to them about their platform. Also, let them know of your concerns and any comments you may have. **We will present the results at the Annual Business Meeting at The Park Place Hotel on Thursday, October 27, 2022.**

Jess Ashmore, Honor Bank	Jessa@myhonorbank.com 231-633-8020
Sarah Blisseck, All-Phase Electric	Sblissick@all-phasetc.com 517-745-2000
Ryan Fedorinchik, Hallmark Construction	ryanf@hallmarktc.com 231-218-4430
Kevin Heikkila, Integrity Test & Balance	Kevin@integrity-tab.com 231-499-5666
Ben Herman, Grand Traverse Construction	bherman@grandtraverseconstruction.com 231-649-3371
Ted Nelson, Spence Brothers	Tednelson@spencebrothers.com 231-357-5208
Tyler Town, Northern Building Supply	ttown@northernbuild.com 231-499-2379
* David Dudley, D&W Mechanical *incumbent	ddudley@dwmechanical.com 231-499-6139

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This is the preliminary list of nominees.
Voting will take place on an official ballot from October 19 to October 26.

The Official Ballot will be emailed to all members on October 19, 2022.

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 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.

Sarah Blissick is an Account Manager with All-Phase Electric Supply in Traverse City. After interning with All-Phase and graduating from Grand Valley State University in December 2018 with a BBA in Marketing, she moved up to Traverse City and started full time. She never thought she'd be selling electrical supplies right out of college in Northern Michigan, but she's glad that she is, because she works with amazing customers and teammates. While she is still learning, her goal is to provide the highest level of service to her customers, while also making great relationships along the way. When she's not working, she can be found attempting to play golf, winery hopping with friends, or taking her dog, Donna, on hikes all around Northern Michigan.

Ryan Fedorinchik has been employed full-time at Hallmark for 15 years, starting in the field in 2007, working as a laborer with a focus on concrete, demolition and rough carpentry. He moved into the office in 2012 and has served as Project Manager since then. Outside of his duties as PM, he oversees our company Safety Program. In 2013 he received his 60 Hour Construction Certificate from NMC and has taken a variety of MIOSHA Training Institute Courses. Outside of Hallmark, he serves on the I.C.E. Board which oversees the operation of Centre Ice Arena and Howe Arena. He also currently serves as Assistant Coach of the Bay Reps varsity hockey team, and in the past has volunteered his time coaching youth travel hockey for the Grand Traverse Hockey Association. He has also volunteered at Detroit Red Wings Training Camp and Prospect Camp for the past 15+ years. His wife of (almost) 10 years works for Hagerty, and they have a 3 ½ year old daughter, Sloane.

Kevin Heikkila has been working in the commercial HVAC and hydronic systems for the past 44 years. My first job in the industry started at William Beaumont Hospital in 1977. He was employed as an HVAC service mechanic and gained much knowledge on pneumatic control systems. He then went to work for Johnson Controls in 1984 and spent 12 years with them. Again, this was a wonderful experience gaining much knowledge in systems and how they operate. His next career job was working as a Test & Balance Technician for Environmental Balance for 4 years. In 2002, he started Integrity Test & Balance to offer commercial TAB services in our region. He has thoroughly enjoyed working in the commercial building industry for the past 45 years. My passion still runs deep. This is illustrated by my past involvement with being a guest speaker for ASHRAE and other organizations. He is a long-standing member of

ASHRAE, The Builders Exchange of Northern Michigan and the Michigan Society for Health Care Engineers (MiSHE).

Ben Herman is a Project manager with Grand Traverse Construction. He has been working full time in the construction industry for 13 years. He has a mix background in both commercial and Residential projects. He graduated with a degree in construction management from Northern Michigan University, where he met my wife of 11 years. They have two energetic boys, 7 & 9 with a love of sports. He coaches baseball for The American legion Youth leagues during the summer. His previous/current involvement with the Builder's Exchange is being a committee member for the Builders Exchange Awards of Excellence 2018, 2019, 2020/2021. I look forward to an opportunity to serve on the board.

Ted Nelson has been in the construction industry for 20 years and during this time, he has worked in multiple different positions. Beginning my career in the field as a carpenter gave him the experience and knowledge that is invaluable to his role now as a Director for Spence Brothers. He lives in Kingsley with his wife Andrea and their three kids. When not at work he is usually camping, hunting or supporting the kids at one of the several sports and activities they participate in.

Tyler Town works in commercial sales for Northern Building supply. He has worked for Northern since May of 2021. Prior to Northern, He was in the United States Coast Guard for 7 years where he began working as a ship engineer in central Mississippi. From there, he went to school in North Carolina and upon graduation was transferred to Traverse City as an AMT/Flight Mechanic on the MH60T Helicopter. With limited experience in the construction industry, he was incredibly fortunate to be mentored by Bob Nixon in his first year at Northern, who was a true professional and had a wealth of knowledge in commercial sales. As a Traverse City native, he loves spending time his wife and daughter enjoying the year-round activities Northern Michigan has to offer. Most especially boating, hunting, fishing, dirt biking, and snowmobiling.

David Dudley is a Project Manager/Estimator in the Commercial Department at D&W Mechanical. He holds a Mechanical Engineering Degree from Michigan State University. David spent his early Career in the Chemical Industry focusing on maintaining plant assets allowing for uninterrupted production. He now brings this mechanical engineering and maintenance knowledge to D&W, where he focuses on Commercial HVAC and Plumbing Design and Installation for long-term longevity and success. David is excited to be back in Traverse City with his wife Monica, where he hopes to promote innovation in the Construction Industry.