

## SAAC Meeting (Wednesday, November 19, 2025)

Stifel, Chicago, Illinois

### Opening Items

**Call to Order** | The meeting was called to order by SAAC Chair Given at 11:12 a.m.

*Present* | SAAC Chair: Byron Given; SAAC Vice Chair: Cassidy Tarpey; Immediate Past SAAC Chair: Jillian M. Scholl; 2023-2027 SAAC Member: Timothy Flaherty; 2024-2028 SAAC Member: Nate Fretz; 2025-2029 SAAC Members: Lindsey Fish; Brian Scully; Immediate Past President: Tamara L. Mitchell; Illinois ASBO: Kristopher P. Monn, Executive Director/CEO; Carla D. Paschal, Asst. Executive Director of Finance & Operations/CFO; Rebecca Anderson, Online Learning & IT Manager; Michael Van De Voort, Director of Marketing; Julie A. Warner, Sr. Admin. Dir. for Board Relations; *Absent* | 2022-2026 SAAC Member: Jason Sparks; 2024-2028 SAAC Member: Jim Drumm

**Appointment of a "Devil's Advocate"** | SAAC Chair Given selected SAAC Member Fretz as the Devil's Advocate.

**Good News!** | 1) Byron's son had a health scare this week, but is better now; 2) Chicago Bears are doing good; 3) Jillian is excited to be starting with a new band--Vixen Rebels.

### Action Items

**Approval of Minutes** | *A motion was made by SAAC Member Fretz and seconded by Immediate Past SAAC Chair Scholl to approve the August 21, 2025 minutes as presented. All were in favor and the motion carried.*

### Reports, Information & Discussion Items

**2025-26 SAAC Strategic Plan Update** | The Strategic Plan was reviewed. The SAAC sponsored hospitality, immediately following the October PDC Networking Meeting, was discussed--around 30 attendees; SAAC will continue to host these hospitalities. Executive Director/CEO Monn stated the event can remain SAAC sponsored; however, it is not to become a pre-requisite of joining the SAAC.

**SAAC Mid-Year Check-In with Service Associates Webinar - Date Selection** | The SAAC selected 1/13/2026 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. to hold the SAAC Mid-Year Check-In Webinar.

**Maximizing Your Experience As A Service Associate Webinar - Date Selection & Presentation Review** | 1) The SAAC selected 3/12/2026 from 12 noon to 1 p.m. to hold the Maximizing Your Experience As A Service Associate Webinar and reviewed the PowerPoint Presentation noting the following suggestions: add a link to event calendar to show them how to access regional meetings; highlight testimonials and rotate each year--video testimonials to be recorded at Leadership Day; add a "SAAC and Illinois ASBO Board of Directors Testimonials" slide where a board member(s) can give testimonials on the value of the Service Associate relationship; 2) Online Learning & IT Manager Anderson will send invites to everyone.

**SAAC Nominating Committee Update** | 1) Two SAAC applications have been received to date--committee to recruit potential applicants throughout the Joint Conference; 2) the SAAC Nominating & Selection Committee is scheduled to be held on January 15, 2026 at Stifel in Chicago. The committee will be comprised of:

*Past SAAC Chair:* Jillian Scholl, OrganicLife, LLC  
*2nd Year SAAC Member:* Jim Drumm, Seconds Matter Safety Solutions  
*2nd Year SAAC Member:* Nate Fretz, Stifel, Nicolaus & Company  
*3rd Year SAAC Member:* Tim Flaherty, PTMA Financial Solutions  
*SA Member-At-Large:* Stuart Brodsky, Wight & Company  
*SA Member-At-Large:* Katie DePiero, Robbins Schwartz  
*SA Member-At-Large:* Seth Crackel, Nania Energy, Inc.  
*Executive Director/CEO:* Kris Monn Illinois ASBO  
*Staff Liaison:* Julie Warner Illinois ASBO  
*SAAC Chair (Observer):* Byron Given, Arthur J. Gallagher & Co.

*Alternates:*

Anjali Vij, Chapman and Cutler LLP  
Jason Wasser, International Contractors, Inc.

**Service Associate Membership - Yearly Drop-Offs** | Asst. Executive Director of Finance & Operations/CFO Paschal shared the Service Associate Membership from October 2023 to October 2025. Trends are encouraging and show that membership continues to increase.

**New Service Associate Members** | The following membership applicants will be brought to the next Illinois ASBO Board Meeting for approval:

- Daybright Financial, Iselin, NJ - Patrick Simonds (Lindsay)
- Great Southern Recreation, Murfreesboro, TN - Shaun Winston Brian
- Anaplan, Miami, FL - Kory Fortman (Tim)
- Illinois Education Retirement Consortium, Batavia, IL - Tim Whelan (Cassidy)

**Upcoming Meetings & Events** | Information on upcoming meetings and events was shared.

**Other Items** | 1) *Annual Conference*: The Chiefs are not in town on Thursday, so we still looking at free time and maybe find place to gather; 2) Board Retreat dates are June 9 through June 12, with the SAAC arriving on June 10.

### **Plus/Delta (+/Δ) Meeting Evaluation**

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### **Adjournment**

**Motion to Adjourn** | *A motion was made by SAAC Member Flaherty and seconded by SAAC Vice Chair Tarpey to adjourn the meeting at 11:58 a.m. All were in favor and the motion carried.*