

Kelsey Johnson, President, Iron Mining Association of Minnesota



Bio to be added soon!

Frank Ongaro, Executive Director, Mining Minnesota



Frank Ongaro was named executive director of MiningMinnesota in December 2006. In this position, Ongaro serves as chief spokesperson for the trade association representing nonferrous copper-nickel mining in Minnesota. MiningMinnesota supports sustainable and environmentally responsible copper-nickel and precious metals mining development in Minnesota. MiningMinnesota works with local citizens, businesses, government, and other organizations to bring growth and job creation to the state through responsible development of natural resources.

Prior to his MiningMinnesota appointment, Ongaro served as president of the Iron Mining Association of Minnesota (IMA). He has also served as executive director of the Range Association of Municipalities and Schools (RAMS), director of Intergovernmental Relations for the City of St. Paul, assistant to the commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, and assistant director of legislative relations for Minnesota Governor Rudy Perpich.

Ongaro's recent professional affiliations include service on the Natural Resources Research Institute Community Advisory Committee, a Governor's appointment to the Minnesota Minerals Coordinating Committee, the Minnesota Minerals Education Foundation, the Laurentian Vision Partnership, the Governor Rudy Perpich Memorial Committee, and various charitable foundations and organizations.

Ongaro holds a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the University of Minnesota.

John Cunningham, Executive Director, ARM of Minnesota



John Cunningham joined the Aggregate and Ready Mix Association of Minnesota as its Executive Director in July of 2018. In this capacity, John manages the association's educational, promotional, and advocacy efforts on behalf of the State's concrete and aggregate industry.

Prior to taking the helm at ARM of Minnesota, Cunningham served as a program manager with the engineering firm, Snyder & Associates of Ankeny, Iowa. In that position, he managed the firm's research and technology transfer projects, in particular those through the National Concrete Pavement Technology Center (CP Tech Center).

Cunningham also served the Iowa Concrete Paving Association and Iowa Ready Mixed Concrete Association for 18 years, until his departure as its Vice President in 2017. A large part of his duties involved legislative and regulatory advocacy, product promotion, and technology transfer.

Mr. Cunningham began his career with the Iowa DOT where he served as liaison to media, legislators, members of congress, city councils, and more.

John is a graduate of the Iowa Society of Association Executive's Leadership Program and the recipient of several awards including the AGC of America's Marvin M. Black Award and the American Concrete Pavement Association's Promoter of the Year Award.