

Dear Fellow Minnesota Vending Industry Partners,

I am Steve Marx, proudly serving as President of your Minnesota Automatic Merchandising Council and together with our affiliate, the National Automatic Merchandising Association; we are continuously working for the betterment of our vending, coffee service, micro market, and foodservice industries within the state of Minnesota.

In addition to being the President of MAMC, I also have the privilege of serving on the Board of Directors for the National Automatic Merchandising Association (NAMA). Having served over three years and now well into my second term on the board, I have learned a new perspective of our industry which I feel will help me serve as your president of MAMC.

This past year we have seen more consolidation of our vending operators along with manufacturers and suppliers. We continue to see negative criticism and legislative activity directed at our industry, including obesity issues, recycling and taxes just to name a few. The MAMC is working for you every day to promote the many positive aspects of our business. ***We need your help!***

As many of you might already know many changes have already begun within the MAMC this year. In June 2014 we are changing the current association management and moving a different direction with NAMA becoming our new partner in our association management. We have hired a new accounting firm and created this great new web site which will yield many benefits for our members. An executive board has newly been adopted as well so that we can react to any potential crisis in a very timely manner without delay.

Our NAMA voice and status needs to get noticed and recognized by state legislators. We need everyone across the state to contact their local state representatives and senators. With our new web site you will be able to contact your representative by just a click away so it will be quick and effective.

We will be planning a Legislative Day in the future. Please watch your email for further details. The more members of the industry we take to the capitol, the more recognition we receive. If you are not currently a member for whatever reason, I highly recommend you join today as you will see more change this year than ever before within MAMC.

Our board meets semi-annually to discuss important topics. It provides an excellent opportunity to meet fellow vending partners to share ideas and help strengthen our association.

If you have any questions or suggestions please free to call or e-mail me.

Proud to be your President,

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Together we can make a difference and help our industry!