

TSMA Board Meeting Highlights – March 2021

Tri-State Manufacturers' Association board of directors met via Zoom on March 3, 2021.

The [consent agenda](#) was reviewed, including February minutes and financial reports.

TSMA Programs & Events:

- The Program Committee is hosting zoom meetings to plan topics, speakers and tours.
- Suggestion: On occasion, a live plant tour could be replaced by a virtual tour of a company located outside the TSMA region, thus expanding the number of tour options available.
- It was agreed to host a live meeting at Broadway Ballroom in Alexandria on April 6.
- Live meetings for the remainder of 2021 will be scheduled as early dinner meetings. (4-6pm)

The board passed a motion in support of pursuing [grant funding for a TSMA Representative position](#), including the potential to ask TSMA members for financial support.

[MN DEED Commissioner Steve Grove](#) joined the meeting from 2:30 – 3:00 pm; discussion focused on the need for skilled workers and creative retention methods employed by manufacturers.

For numerous reasons, TSMA will not sponsor the 2021 MN State High School League [Trap Shooting event](#) in Alexandria in June.

The planning committee for the [TSMA Axe Throwing Fundraiser](#) is scheduled to meet on March 11.

The [TSMA 2021 Golf Social](#) will be held at Pebble Lake Golf Course on July 22, 2021.

Regarding the presentation at the TSMA meeting on March 2, input received from the [TSMA Manufacturer /Educator Solutions Group](#) has proven valuable.

TSMA Strategic Planning in 2021:

March 31 – Review/adjust 2020 goal statement

Fall 2021 – Host a board retreat (assuming pandemic uncertainty has subsided)

The [Executive Director Report](#) for March was reviewed.

Next TSMA Board Meeting: 2:00 – 4:00 pm on Wednesday, March 31, 2021.