

ITCND 2012-2013 Board of Directors Slate of Nominees

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INCUMBANT NOMINEES

Eric Gjerdevig

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Eric Gjerdevig is president and co-founder of Summit Group Software, which is an award-winning Gold Certified Microsoft Partner with clients throughout North America. Summit Group Software is focused on helping companies align their IT investments with their business strategies. It was previously named to the Inc. 5000 list by *Inc. Magazine* for achieving 551.8 percent growth between 2005 and 2008. In addition, Summit Group Software is a three-time member of the Microsoft Dynamics President's Club.

Prior to the establishment of Summit Group Software, Gjerdevig worked for Great Plains Software and Microsoft. During this time, he held various technical, team management and product management roles from 1998 to 2005. With approximately 14 years of Microsoft Dynamics experience, Gjerdevig has received numerous technical certifications and team and company awards.

Gjerdevig has a bachelor's degree from Minnesota State University Moorhead and a master's degree in business administration from the University of North Dakota. Gjerdevig is a current board member for the Rape & Abuse Crisis Center and Dakota Telco Credit Union, both in Fargo. He also enjoys hunting and traveling with his family.

Ron Gronneberg

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Ron Gronneberg is the chief information officer for the City of Fargo. Prior to taking this position in 2000, he was an instructor for the Information Technology Management Program at University of Minnesota-Crookston. Before teaching, he did consultant work in the Fargo area.

During most of the 1990s, Gronneberg was employed with various government contractors and private businesses in the Washington, D.C., area. In the late 1990s, before returning to North Dakota, he spent a little more than a year in Africa consulting to the United Nations – Economic Commission to Africa.

The City of Fargo has been a member of ITCND for several years. The two main goal areas of ITCND that interest Gronneberg are knowledge sharing and talent development. Gronneberg believes that if an environment is built that develops a world-class IT education system and nurtures the relationships of existing IT businesses, growth should be naturally attracted in the IT business environment.

Kalvin Kingsley

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Kalvin Kingsley has been the operations director for KK BOLD for more than 12 years. Kingsley works with clients and web development staff to ensure sites are created in an efficient and cost-effective manner. Kingsley also maintains all computer equipment for KK BOLD. This includes various Windows versions and several Macs, as well as web and e-mail servers and networking equipment.

Prior to joining KK BOLD, Kingsley worked in the MIS department of Prairie Knights Casino, south of Mandan, for nearly three years. Kingsley was responsible for the day-to-day maintenance and upgrades of several key computer systems within the casino, including casino-floor, lodging, food and beverage, guest services, accounting, and administrative software and hardware. Before starting at Prairie Knights, Kingsley worked at Summers Manufacturing in Devils Lake as network manager. His duties included server maintenance and software troubleshooting and upgrades. Kingsley graduated from the University of North Dakota in 1995 with a bachelor's degree in computer science.

Jeremy Neuharth

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Jeremy Neuharth is a project manager and software engineering supervisor at State Bank & Trust. In this position, he oversees IT-based projects, specifically in areas requiring software development. With more than 10 years of IT experience, Neuharth's main focus has been concentrated in project management and software development. His project portfolio includes everything from small business website design to large-scale development and implementation projects with multi-million dollar budgets.

Neuharth is actively involved in the IT community through user groups and technical organizations. He can be found presenting at roundtable discussions or technical forums on various topics. Neuharth is a Certified Project Management Professional (PMP) from the Project Management Institute, a Certified Scrum Practitioner (CSP) from the SCRUM Alliance, a Professional Scrum Master II (PSM) from Scrum.org, and a Program Manager for the Northwest Outreach Program of the Minnesota Chapter of the Project Management Institute. Due to his interests in both management and technology, Neuharth likes to joke about being an IT geek with a bit of a social side.

Timothy O'Keefe

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Timothy O'Keefe is a professor and chair of the Department of Information Systems and Business Education at the University of North Dakota (UND). He currently serves as UND's director of the Masters in Business Administration Program and holds a courtesy appointment in the Department of Entrepreneurship. During his tenure, he has published papers in several journals, presented at numerous international conferences and taught two courses at the University of Shanghai for Science

and Technology. He is also a founding partner in ComMark Inc. (est. 1997), which is an Internet services company based in Mayville.

O'Keefe has spent more than 27 years as a teacher in the North Dakota higher education system. He holds a doctorate in business administration with a major in computer information systems and quantitative analysis from the Sam Walton School of Business at the University of Arkansas. As a long-time higher education faculty member and a business owner, O'Keefe is well positioned to act as a liaison between higher education and ITCND.

Carol Rogne

Chief Executive Officer/President

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Carol Rogne serves as president and chief executive officer of DFC Consultants Ltd., a Microsoft Gold Enterprise Resource Planning partner. Carol established DFC in 1989, and it currently has three offices and a staff of 24. DFC sells Microsoft Dynamics GP and CRM applications, as well as its own application written for the Tribal Housing market, which integrates with GP. The firm provides training, installation, ongoing support and programming services for its customers, which are located predominantly in the four-state region. DFC also operates a Microsoft Silver Certified Training Center in its Fargo location.

Rogne was named ITCND's Entrepreneur of the Year in 2006 and YWCA Woman of the Year in Business in 2007. She also serves on the Sanford Foundation Board and is active in Rotary International. DFC has won numerous awards and certifications from Microsoft through the years including Gold Certification and President's Club.

Rogne has served a previous term on the ITCND board and would be honored to serve another term. With three IT offices across the state, working with private and public sector clients, Rogne offers a broad perspective on IT needs in North Dakota and would be pleased to serve another term on the board.

NEW NOMINEES

Abigail Barber-Burgum

Staffing Consultant

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Abigail (Abby) Barber-Burgum is a staffing consultant based at Microsoft's Fargo campus and is responsible for recruiting experienced talent for the Microsoft Business Solutions Development & Marketing teams in Fargo and Redmond, WA. She joined Microsoft in 2006.

Prior to joining Microsoft, Barber-Burgum worked for Eide Bailly, LLP and Integrity Windows and Doors in a variety of human resources and recruiting-related roles. She graduated from North Dakota State University with a degree in business administration.

Deanna Klein

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Deanna Klein is an associate professor in the College of Business, Department of Business Information Technology, at Minot State University. In this position, Klein teaches undergraduate and graduate classes in the area of systems analysis and design, project management and managerial communications. She also has several years of experience with InfoTech-Minot Technology Center as a public relations and academic liaison. This experience has exposed her to federal government, Department of Defense, financial and media customized software development projects and business relationships.

Klein is a professional member of the International Association for Computer Information Systems (IACIS) and Informing Science Institute (ISI), is currently president of International Assembly for Collegiate Business Education (IACBE) Region 5, and is a member and past president of Delta Kappa Gamma – Gamma Chapter.

She has an associate of art's degree from Lake Region State College, a bachelor's degree in business education and a master's degree in management from Minot State University, a doctorate degree in management with a specialization in IT from Capella University, and is a Certified Associate in Project Management (PMI).

Tracy Koenig

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Tracy Koenig is Tharaldson's chief information officer, where he is responsible for developing and managing the company's information and communication systems and aligning the information technology group with the company's strategic plan, mission and vision. Technologies and solutions overseen include business application development, IP telephony, networking, security, server administration, application hosting, business continuity and disaster recovery planning, hardware and applications training, and support and records management.

Prior to joining Tharaldson, Koenig served as CIO and senior vice president of information technology for Ulteig Engineers, Inc., an ESOP-owned multidiscipline engineering and land surveying firm headquartered in Fargo, designed and maintained LAN/WAN infrastructure and security at SEI Information Technology and served as IT manager for Intellisol Intl./Workforce ROI.

Koenig is a graduate of Jamestown College with a bachelor's degree in computer science. He serves as president of the Fargo CIO Exchange, member of the Minnesota State Community and Technical College Advisory Group, member of the Fargo-Moorhead Leadership Class of 2009-2010, and past board member of ITCND.