Six regional business leaders named to New North board of directors

*Bordignon, Creel, Dicus-Johnson, Hess, Lund, Zacharias bring diverse industry backgrounds*

NEW NORTH, January 10, 2019 – Regional leaders Fabio Bordignon of Fincantieri Marine Group, Angela Creel of Thrivent Financial, Coreen Dicus-Johnson of Network Health, Chris Hess of Goodwill NCW, Maggie Lund of ThedaCare and Ken Zacharias of CliftonLarsonAllen LLP have been named to the board of directors of New North Inc., Vicki Updike, New North co-chair and chair of the board development committee, announced.

“We appreciate the opportunity to add a variety of perspectives to the New North board of directors,” says Updike. “Voices from manufacturing, financial services, healthcare and the non-profit world bring great diversity to our dialogue around how we can move the region forward working collaboratively.”

**Bordignon** is the chief financial officer of Fincantieri Marine Group USA, located throughout the New North. He joined the company in October 2015 as head of special projects, and was promoted to his current position in April 2017. Bordignon spent the prior decade working in Italy with Fincantieri S.p.A. and Deloitte Italia. He holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Università Ca’ Foscari Venezia in Venice, Italy.

**Creel** is the V.P. of enterprise human resources at Thrivent Financial in Appleton. She joined the company in May 2015 as V.P. of talent management, and was promoted to her current position in May 2017. Creel previously held H.R. roles with Target Corporation (1996-2006), Pepsi Beverages Company (2006-11) and Bemis Company (2011-15). She received a bachelor’s degree in human resources from Florida State University.

**Dicus-Johnson** is president and CEO of Network Health, headquartered in Menasha. Prior to joining Network Health in October 2016, she served as Central Market president (2014-16) and held other leadership roles (2005-14) at Wheaton Franciscan Healthcare, part of Ascension. She also was in leadership positions at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Wisconsin (1996-2004) and Fran Haack & Associates N.K.A. Willis HRH (2004-05). Dicus-Johnson holds a bachelor’s degree in communications and public relations from Marquette University, plus a Juris Doctor degree from DePaul University College of Law.

**Hess** is president and CEO at Goodwill Industries of North Central Wisconsin, headquartered in Menasha and located throughout the New North. Before joining Goodwill NCW in March 2018, he spent five years with ThedaCare, including the final three as vice president of market development and sales. Hess began his professional career with GENCO (2002-11) and U.S. Venture Inc. (2011-13). He holds a bachelor’s degree in business administration from St. Norbert College, along with an MBA from the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.
Lund is chief human resources officer for ThedaCare, headquartered in Appleton. Prior to joining ThedaCare in March 2018, she worked for more than a decade (2009-18) at Mercy Health in Cincinnati, first as senior divisional V.P. of human resources, then becoming system V.P. of human resources in June 2013. Lund previously spent nearly eight years in a human-resources role with Mercy Health Partners in Scranton, Pa., and also has 10 years of HR experience outside of healthcare. She holds a bachelor’s degree (in human services) and two master’s degrees from the University of Scranton (Pa.), along with completing her coursework for a Ph.D. in human resources and labor relations at Rutgers University.

Zacharias is a partner at CliftonLarsonAllen LLP, formerly Schenck S.C. before its recent merger, located in Appleton. He began his professional career in 1985 with Shinners, Hucovski & Company, joining Schenck in 1999 when Shinners merged into it. A CPA, Zacharias today leads the real estate/construction industry team of the local CLA office. He received a bachelor’s degree in accounting from St. Norbert College.

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