



BARAGA COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Our mission is to grow, enhance, and support a vibrant business climate through leadership, professional development, and community involvement.

*Board of Directors Meeting  
Wednesday, March 12, 2025 - 8:45 AM  
Chamber of Commerce Conference Room*

**Call Meeting to Order** - Vice President Burt Mason called the meeting to order at 8:43 AM.

**BCCC Mission Statement** - The mission statement was read by Nathan Grave.

**Roll Call** -

- Board Present: Nathan Grave, Burt Mason, Joan Kruzich, Christopher Davidson, Danielle Reeves, Cody Mayer (Zoom)
- Staff Present: Mary Mervar, Dianne Koskinen
- Board Absent: Debbie Stouffer (excused), Cielle Waters-Umfleet (excused), Nicole Acciacca, Daniel Mares, Carla Engle (excused), Jamie Smith (excused)

Vice President Burt Mason declares there is no quorum present.

**Guests and Visitors** - none

**Welcome New Board Members and Officers** - Welcome new board members Joan Kruzich and Christopher Davidson. Welcome new vice president Burt Mason.

**Consent Agenda** -

Agenda 3/12/25, Minutes 2/12/25 of Closed and Open sessions

*Discussion*: Addition to discussion items (E) Bingo

**Action**: tabled due to lack of quorum

**Board Training** - None

**Support Staff Report** -

- Thank you cards were signed for outgoing board members Trevor Juntunen and Annie Fish.

**Action Items** -

- A. Request for donation Baraga Area Schools MTSS Team

*Discussion*: Chris Davidson explained what MTSS is (Multi Tier Systems of Support).

**Action**: tabled due to lack of quorum

**Discussion Items** -

- A. Officer and board member responsibilities - the board reviewed the responsibilities of the president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, and board members. One change to treasurer responsibilities (replace CFO with treasurer in one occurrence).
- B. Dynamo recommendations - from a financial perspective, Nathan Grave indicated that Dynamo grants are possible for 2025, but he recommends hearing the reports of the

2024 grants (in April), issuing smaller amounts, and possibly forgoing Dynamo grants in 2025 to revisit in 2026.

- C. Mix & Mingle - April 11 at the L'Anse Golf Club. This is a fundraiser, open to the public, with the proceeds from the brown bag auction designated for Chamber scholarships and each board member is asked to contribute an auction bag (about \$20 value). Mary solicited the food service members. Ed Janisse has not responded to the auctioneer invitation.
- D. Sponsorship - each board member is asked to sign up to recruit for sponsorships. Dianne will email the list of members, list of 2024 sponsors, the sponsorship brochure to the board members and they should get back to Dianne with whom they will approach.
- E. Bingo - so far there have been no issues with the Michigan license, but the Whirl-I-Gig is on the KBIC reservation, thus the license needs to be issued by the KBIC. Burt will look into alternative venues and equipment.

**Committees Updates -**

- Dynamo: see discussion item (B). April meeting-hear reports.
- Next Gen: Old Timers Hockey Tournament went well. The LHS and BHS travel clubs will be assisting and each received \$700 for their help. The date for Glow Golf has not yet been set. The Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 26.
- PLAN: see notes in board packet.
- Membership: One unpaid membership. PLAN will update the membership benefits flyer.
- Scholarship: No 2025 applications have been received at the Chamber. One of the three 2024 awardees have claimed their scholarship.

**Announcements / Members' Good News -**

- Lunch & Learn TODAY, March 12 at 11:30.
- Mix and Mingle April 11.
- Lunch & Learn April 16.

**Next Meeting -** The next BCCC board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 9, 2025 at 8:45 AM in the Chamber conference room. Nathan Grave and Christ Davidson will not be able to attend.

**Adjournment -**

**Action:** Motion to adjourn at 9:20 AM by Nathan Grave, supported by Chris Davidson. All in favor.