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Institute for Supply Management-Chicago (ISM-Chicago) Announces 2024-2025 Board of Directors & 2023-2024 Award Winners

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Chicago, IL – ISM-Chicago announces their new slate of officers to their 2024-2025 Board of Directors and the 2023-2024 Award Winners at the Annual Meeting and Installation on May 14, 2024. The new leadership will begin their term on June 1, 2024.



PRESIDENT

Shaun Jones, CPSM, CPSD

Shaun Jones, CPSM, CPSD is the Global Sr. Director – Procurement, Economic Inclusion & Supplier Diversity for Mondelez International. Shaun leads initiatives cultivating, developing and supporting equitable opportunities for diverse suppliers. Shaun was recently honored in October of 2023 on being selected as one of Crain’s Chicago Business’ Notable Leaders in DEI!

Shaun is a procurement & supply chain management professional with over 23 years of experience in procurement strategy, cost reduction, quality improvement and risk mitigation. He has lead procurement initiatives in a number of organizations throughout his career with such companies as Walgreens Boots Alliance, ARYZTA, Newell Rubbermaid and Stepan. Shaun is a Chicagoland native and earned his Bachelor’s degree in Supply Chain Management from Western Michigan University and Masters in Business Administration from Roosevelt University.



EXECUTIVE VICE-PRESIDENT

Sarah Monroe

Sarah Monroe is the current Executive Director of Indirect Procurement for Duly Health & Care. Throughout her 9+ year sourcing career, Sarah has seen many sides of the healthcare industry from Medical Supplies with Medline, Med Tech/Pharma at Abbott Laboratories, Pharmacy Retail at Walgreens and now the Provider space at Duly Health & Care. Sarah began her sourcing career in global product management for Medline where she oversaw class 1 and class 2 medical device categories. She later stepped into a merchandising role leading a team in the Office and Facilities category space for Essendant, the nation’s largest wholesale office products distributor. Sarah has continued her sourcing career path by transitioning into indirect procurement category leadership, with primary focus on various supply chain categories, pharmacy and global professional services, strategic consulting and marketing. She received her MBA from the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management in 2015, with a specialization in Finance. Sarah is also the recipient of the 2020 ISM Chicago John Pressley Award, for dedicated service to advancing the procurement and purchasing profession.

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SENIOR VICE-PRESIDENT

Jennifer Engel

Jennifer is a Procurement Professional with 10 years' experience covering various Indirect Categories. She has worked across multiple industries including consulting, hardware, pharma, and med-tech. Her passion is building strong relationships with stakeholders to get them excited about the value Procurement can bring. She has experience in business transformation, negotiations, supplier management, and category management. She currently leads global consulting, contingent labor, finance, tax, and audit at Baxter International. She is a graduate of DePaul University and a native of Pittsburgh, PA – though she considers Chicago home after 12 years of residency.



SECRETARY-TREASURER

Angie Berlanga

Angie is a proven talent acquisition professional with over a decade of experience in executive search, full-cycle recruiting, and staffing. Angie has placed top leadership talent with leading, reputable organizations, in a variety of industries, most notably throughout supply chain and logistics, where she found her niche. She has been a member of ISM for several years and has spent the last nearly five years fulfilling her elected roles of Board of Director and Secretary/Treasurer, subsequently. With her participation in industry associations, like ISM-Chicago, coupled with her ability to communicate, network, and build relationships, Angie has become a skilled connector of people, which often results in revenue growth for her clients and candidates satisfied with their new opportunities.



DIRECTOR

Desen Lu

As Senior Vice President at Graham Packaging, Desen Lu is member of Executive Leadership Team. Lu leads global procurement and supply chain operations. Lu had over 20 years of experience in supply management and advancing leadership roles, including 10 years with private equity owned firms and 11 years with General Electric. An accomplished leader with diverse experience in multiple industries, globally. Lu brings open mindsets, best practices and delivers performance improvements in both multi-national public corporations, as well as private equity owned companies. During his time at Graham, Lu has a proven track record of developing collaborative environment, building dedicated teams and coaching emerging young professionals.

A leader who is inspired by creating platforms to motivate and promote innovations, Lu believes creativity is essential to growing business. Lu builds a reputation as executive advocator and sponsor of innovative initiatives, allowing business to adapt to rapid changes in market conditions, and achieve not just incremental, but step-change results.

2024-2025 Board of Directors:

Shaun Jones, President
 Sarah Monroe, Executive Vice President
 Jennifer Engel, Senior Vice President
 Nick Lazzara, Immediate Past President
 Angie Berlanga, Secretary-Treasurer
 Desen Lu, Director
 Brandon Hummons, Director
 Sam Cagle, Director
 Christopher Ruditys, Executive Director



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2023-2024 Award Winners:



BUYER'S ACHIEVEMENT AWARD: *Angie Berlanga*

Awarded to a purchasing professional who demonstrates commendable efforts in the economic development and utilization of Minority/Women Business Enterprise (M/WBE) suppliers.



"SHELLY" RISING STAR AWARD: *Nadine Brdecka*

Awarded to a member of ISM—Chicago who is employed full time in a purchasing, materials management or supply function, has served on a committee for a minimum of one year, has served as chair of a committee, and attends monthly dinner meetings (minimum of 3 per association season, September through May).



PROFESSOR RUSSELL MOREY COMMITTEE OF THE YEAR: *Jennifer Engel & Brandon Hummons - Emerging Leaders Committee*

Awarded to an ISM—Chicago committee whose demonstrated efforts have met and/or exceeded the Association's mission and goals as a:

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JOHN PRESSLEY AWARD WINNER: *Sam Cagle*

Awarded to an ISM-Chicago member who, by example and distinguished service, has contributed to the advancement of the purchasing profession.

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