

FGM Architects completes fourth-generation leadership transition

The FGM Architects’ Board of Directors has announced two new appointments, effective immediately.

John Dzarnowski is now chief executive officer, and Tim Kwiatkowski, president. John Ochoa continues in his role as Chairman of FGM Architects. Both Dzarnowski and Kwiatkowski continue as FGMA board members.

Dzarnowski, AIA, joined FGMA in 2007 as leader of the firm’s Municipal and Recreational practice. Appointed president in 2018, he succeeds John Ochoa as FGMA chief executive officer. As CEO, he will lead FGMA’s continued growth, including implementation of the firm’s new five-year strategic plan. Prior to joining FGMA, Dzarnowski was a principal at PHN Architects. He served as a director



Dzarnowski

of AIA Northeast Illinois from 2001-2009 and board president in 2008. Dzarnowski received his Bachelor of Architecture degree from the University of Detroit.

Kwiatkowski, AIA, joined FGMA in 1999. He was named executive vice president and managing director of FGMA’s St. Louis region in 2018. In that capacity, he has led the growth of the firm’s practice throughout Missouri while maintaining its strength in Central/South-



Kwiatkowski

ern Illinois. As FGMA president, Kwiatkowski will oversee operations in the firm’s six offices located in Illinois, Missouri, Texas, and Wisconsin. Kwiatkowski is a board member of the Leadership Council of Southwestern Illinois as well as a member of the Society of American Military Engineers. He received his Bachelor Degree in Architectural Studies from Southern Illinois University Carbondale.

“I am so pleased to see John and Tim

assume these new roles,” said Ochoa, AIA, speaking for FGMA’s board. “I have had the pleasure of working with both for many years and have great confidence in their vision, experience, and leadership skills. Under John Dzarnowski’s direction, the firm has developed a strong strategic plan, and as we celebrate our 75th anniversary, we are moving confidently into the next chapter of the firm’s success.”

Taken together, the appointments complete a fourth-generation leadership transition. Founded in 1945, FGMA’s founding partners were Cliff Fields, Jack Goldman, and George Magee.

Upon their retirement in the 1970s, Ed Rosenberger led the firm until 1999 when Ochoa was named president and, in 2001, chief executive officer.

People in Business

S.M. Wilson & Co. adds new locations

S.M. Wilson & Co. a 100-year-old construction management and general contracting firm is celebrating its 100th



Lorts



Williams



Martin

year anniversary with the opening of two new locations Edwardsville, Ill., and Cape Girardeau, Mo.

S.M. Wilson was founded in 1921 in Granite City and is now headquartered in St. Louis.

Located at 222 First Ave, Suite A, the Edwardsville office is managed by Senior Project Manager Kerry Lorts. Lorts has been with the firm for 10 years managing projects such as City Foundry STL and BJC Campus Renewal. Lorts is an Edwardsville native and is currently overseeing the new Highland Public Safety Building in Highland, Ill.

To support Lorts in providing more value and personalized experience for their clients, partners and employees throughout the state of Illinois, the firm has hired Greg Williams as director of client development. Williams joins S.M. Wilson’s client development team with 15 years of A/E/C, developer and property management sales experience.

Nick Martin, senior project development manager is managing the new Cape Girardeau location. The new office is located at 145 South Mount Auburn Road, Suite A. Martin joined S.M. Wilson in September. He has 14 years of experience and is a Cape Girardeau native.

Clinician receives award for work at Centerstone

Patricia “Pat” Meyer, a clinician at Centerstone in Alton, was recently awarded the Ellen T. Quinn Memorial Award by the Community Behavioral Healthcare Association of Illinois.



Meyer

This award is given to an individual with outstanding support and commitment in the delivery of quality community behavioral health services to individuals with mental illness and/or substance use disorders

in Illinois by either a behavioral health professional or a CBHA member agency.

Meyer was nominated by her supervisor and fellow staff for her work. Meyer has worked with Centerstone and it’s legacy organizations for more than 30 years.

Shores join board for Midwest BankCentre

Shannon Shores, vice president of sales and marketing at Mascoutah-based Wisper Internet, has been elected to



Shores

the Midwest BankCentre Women Connect advisory board.

Shores leads the new market growth, sales and marketing functions of Wisper Internet, a local Internet provider focused on serving rural communities throughout the Midwest. She works with local offices and sales team members to deepen market penetration for Internet applications with unlimited data needs, whether for work, learning or entertainment.

Shores graduated from Southern Illinois University in Carbondale with bachelor’s and master’s degrees in social work.

Doctor retires from Touchette Regional

Sulbrena Day, RN, PhD, started working at St. Mary’s Hospital in East St. Louis as an LPN in 1974. Her 46-year career



Day

was a dedication to the community she grew up in. She retired at year’s end from Touchette Regional Hospital.

After becoming an RN, she entered critical care medicine and started her path up the

ranks at St. Mary’s...Director of Nursing, Vice President of Nursing, and helping guide the transition to Kenneth Hall Regional Hospital. Advancing her educational journey, she earned a BSN, MSN and then a Doctorate in Healthcare.

At Touchette Regional Hospital in Centerville, her hometown, Day began as vice president of Ancillary Services and then became chief operating officer in 2016. In 2018 she added the title of chief nursing officer.

After retirement, Day will continue to teach nursing at Midwest Career Source in Belleville and as a member of the faculty at McKendree University in Lebanon.

New manager named for County’s Farm Bureau

Paige Langenhorst has been named the new manager of Madison County Farm Bureau in Edwardsville.



Langenhorst

The appointment was effective as of Dec. 1. She was previously the manager of Lawrence County Farm Bureau.

“Growing up in Germantown, having family in Madison County and spending two of my college years interning with CHS out of Pocahontas, I am beyond excited to be home and working in the county that shaped my agriculture career,” she said.

Retiring manager Tom Jett and Cassie Luechtefeld “have served many impressive years here. I am very grateful for everything they have done and honored to succeed them both,” she said.

Luechtefeld was the assistant manager in Madison County and recently named the manager of the St. Clair County bureau.

Langenhorst attended Kaskaskia College on a soccer scholarship from 2015-2017 and received an Associate of Applied Science in Plant and Soil Science, as well as an Associate of Applied Science in Ag Business. From there she attended Southern Illinois University Carbondale and graduated in 2018 with a Bachelor of Science in Agribusiness Economics.

“I began my agriculture career as a full-time farmhand on a dairy operation in Jamestown. From there, I went to work for CHS in Pocahontas.”

In 2017, she interned as a crop scout under Kyle Brase and Andrew Hellmann. In 2018, she was a sales and management intern at the Pocahontas plant under Ryan Grotefendt,

Scott Benson and Rich Metzger.

Following graduation, she began her career with Illinois Farm Bureau as a manager trainee in January 2019. That February, she was hired as Lawrence County Farm Bureau manager.

“I spent almost two years there. Throughout my time with Farm Bureau, I have found my top interests are consumer education and legislative activities,” she said.

In her free time, she enjoys spending time with her three Labrador retrievers, family and friends, as well as hunting, outdoor activities, volunteering, watching/playing sports and traveling.

Liefer promoted to GM for VITAS Healthcare

Southwestern Illinois resident Amy Liefer has been promoted to general manager for Vitas Healthcare in St. Louis,



Liefer

a provider of hospice services. She oversees all aspects of end-of-life care for patients and families in an eight-county area.

At VITAS, Liefer has overseen development and growth strategies, leading a team to build relationships and hospice care partnerships with area physicians, hospitals and long-term care facilities. As general manager, she is responsible for operational performance and patient-family hospice services.

Prior to VITAS, Liefer served in various director roles at Hospital Sisters Health System/Southern Illinois Division and St. Josephs’ Hospital-Highland, as well as executive roles with nonprofit and fundraising consulting groups.

Liefer, a current resident of Godfrey, has lived in the area for more than 20 years. She has held health-care administration roles in various markets in Illinois, including Highland, Breese, and Greenville.

Vitas has a separate office in Fairview Heights that serves the metro east area.

Liefer earned her master’s and bachelor’s degrees at Colorado State University. She is a member of the American College of Healthcare Executives (Chicago) and has earned certification in executive fundraising, accountability, organizational leadership, and research and decision-making.

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