



# BUILDING MOMENTUM!

2019 RESEARCH REPORT —

**MWi'S GOAL: 25% BY 2025** 

25% WOMEN DIRECTORS IN THE TOP 50 WISCONSIN PUBLIC COMPANIES BY 2025



## 2019 RESEARCH REPORT KEY FINDINGS: ACHIEVED GOAL OF 20% BY 2020. NEXT STEP 25% BY 2025

#### **DIRECTORS**

- The percentage of women on the boards of Wisconsin's Top 50 public companies increased to 20.8% from 18.9% in 2018
- 30% (15/50) of Wisconsin's Top 50 public companies have 3 or more women directors an increase of 25% from 2018
- 64% (32/50) of Wisconsin Top 50 public companies have two or more women directors
- 21.2% of Wisconsin S&P 500 companies' board seats are held by women, compared to 26.7% of US S&P 500 companies

#### **EXECUTIVES**

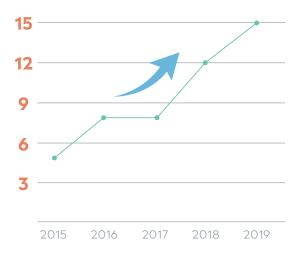
- The percentage of women executives at Wisconsin's Top 50 public companies increased to 21.1% from 18.9% in 2018
- 34% (17/50) of Wisconsin's Top 50 public companies have 3 or more women executives - an increase of 13% since 2018
- 56% (28/50) of Wisconsin's Top 50 public companies have 2 or more women executives
- 19.8% of Wisconsin S&P 500 companies' executive positions are held by women, compared to 26.5% of US S&P 500 companies.

#### **GENDER DIVERSITY: THE POWER OF 3**

This research report highlights companies that have 3 or more women directors on their board. Why? Because studies have shown that companies with 3 or more female directors outperform those with lower representation. This report also highlights those companies that have 3 or more female executives on their management team.

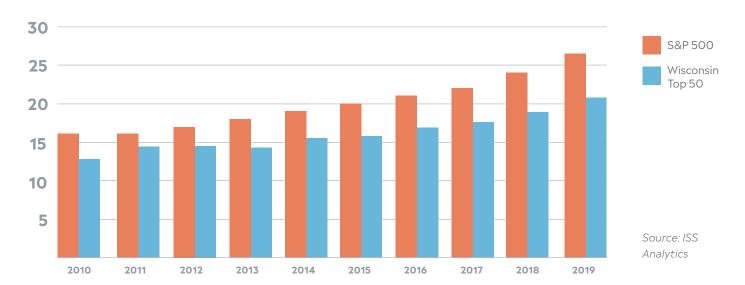
## POWER OF 3 2015-2019

WISCONSIN COMPANIES WITH 3 OR MORE WOMEN DIRECTORS



# GENDER DIVERSITY OF S&P 500 COMPANIES COMPARED TO WISCONSIN TOP 50 COMPANIES

#### PERCENTAGE OF BOARD SEATS HELD BY WOMEN REACHES ALL-TIME HIGH



# **DIRECTORS**

	TOTAL DIRECTORS	WOMEN DIRECTORS	% WOME
Alliant Energy Corporation	10	5	50%
Manpower Group Inc.	11	5	45%
First Business Financial Services, Inc.	12	4	33%
Associated Banc-Corp	14	3	21%
Brady Corporation	10	3	30%
Duluth Holdings, Inc.	8	3	38%
Kohl's Corporation	10	3	30%
Lands' End, Inc.	8	3	38%
MGIC Investment Corporation	12	3	25%
Oshkosh Corporation	10	3	30%
Regal Beloit Corporation	10	3	30%
Rexnord Corporation	11	3	27%
Rockwell Automation	10	3	30%
Sensient Technologies Corporation	10	3	30%
WEC Energy Group, Inc.	13	3	23%
A.O. Smith Corporation	10	2	20%
Badger Meter, Inc.	10	2	20%
Bank First Corporation	10	2	20%
Briggs & Stratton Corporation	9	2	22%
Exact Sciences Corporation	10	2	20%
Fiserv, Inc.	10	2	20%
Harley-Davidson, Inc.	10	2	20%
Johnson Outdoors Inc.	9	2	22%
Marcus Corporation (The)	10	2	20%
MGE Energy, Inc.	9	2	22%
Modine Manufacturing Company	10	2	20%
Nicolet Bankshares, Inc.	13	2	15%
Plexus Corporation	11	2	18%
Schneider National, Inc.	10	2	20%
Snap-on, Inc.	10	2	20%
Tri City Bankshares Corporation	14	2	14%
Waterstone Financial, Inc.	7	2	29%
Actuant Corporation	8	1	13%
Artisan Partners Asset Management, Inc.	7	1	14%
Douglas Dynamics, Inc.	7	1	14%
Gardner Denver Holdings, Inc.	11	1	9%
Generac Holdings, Inc.	10	1	10%
Manitowoc Company, Inc. (The)	8	1	13%
National Presto Industries, Inc.	5	1	20%
Orion Energy Systems, Inc.	7	1	14%
Physicians Realty Trust	8	1	13%
Quad/Graphics, Inc.	9	1	11%
Spectrum Brands Holdings, Inc.	8	1	13%
Twin Disc, Inc.	7	1	14%
Weyco Group, Inc.	7	1	14%
Jason Industries, Inc.	8	0	0%
Marten Transport, Ltd.	7	0	0%
REV Group, Inc.	9	0	0%
School Specialty, Inc.	5	0	0%
Strattec Security Corporation	5	0	0%
TOTAL	467	97	20.8%



WISCONSIN'S





Corey Chambas
President and CEO
First Business
Financial Services, Inc.

"Diversity is just good business. If you want to be successful, you need to be surrounded by people who will challenge you and provide different perspectives, experience and knowledge. A board adds value by seeing the blind spots and diversity brings in a different point of view. The board represents what you value as a company. That's why having a diverse board also helps in recruiting employees at all levels. I would encourage other CEOs to not wait until they have an opening on the board, but to start working on it earlier, have a short list and actively connect with these people. If you find an exceptional candidate, be willing to create a spot on the board."

Source: Wisconsin's 50 largest public companies based on revenues as reported in The Milwaukee Business Journal's Annual Book of Lists

# WOMAN DIRECTORS ADDED TO THE BOARDS OF THE TOP 50 WISCONSIN PUBLIC COMPANIES SINCE LAST REPORT

#### **NEW WISCONSIN-BASED WOMEN DIRECTORS**



Badger Meter

**Tessa M. Myers**Regional PresidentNorth America
Rockwell Automation



BankFirst

**Judy L. Huen**Vice President and Controller
Kohler Co., Kitchen & Bath

North America



First Business

Executive Director
Nurses on Boards
Coalition



Nicolet
BANKSHARES, INC.
Rachel Campos-Duffy

Television Personality, Published Author, and Communications Consultant



REXNORD

Peggy N. Troy
President and CEO
Children's Hospital of
Wisconsin

#### OTHER NEW WOMEN DIRECTORS



Chart Industries. Inc.

Michelle E.

Michelle E.

Williams, Ph.D.

dent Global Group Preside

Global Group President Altuglas International

**BRADY** 



#### Sara A. Greenstein

Senior Vice President-Consumer Solutions U.S. Steel Corporation

#### EXACT SCIENCES Kathleen G. Sebelius

CEO Sebelius Resources LLC

#### <u>Gardner</u> Denver

Elizabeth Centoni Senior Vice President Cisco Systems, Inc.

# **MGIC**

#### Jodeen A. Kozlak

Founder and CEO Kozlak Capital Partners LLC



#### Sandra E. Rowland

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer Harman International Industries



#### Jan A. Bertsch

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Retired Owens-Illinois, Inc.

#### REXNORD

#### Rosemary M. Schooler

Corporate Vice President, Global Data Center Sales Intel Corporation



#### Pam Murphy

Chief Operating Officer Infor, Inc.



#### **Sherianne James**

Chief Marketing Officer Essilor of America, Inc.

#### **8 ACTIONS TO DIVERSIFY YOUR BOARD**

1 MAKE DIVERSITY INTRINSIC TO YOUR CORPORATE STRATEGY.

Set the tone at the top.

2 ENGAGE BOARD MEMBERS IN THE BUSINESS IMPERATIVE OF DIVERSITY.

Show board members how diversity at all levels can improve your company's strategy and performance.

3 SET BOARD DIVERSITY GOALS.
Set goals to drive results within a set time period.

4 MITIGATE BIAS IN RECRUITMENT PRACTICES.
Use multiple sources to identify and consider diverse board candidates.

#### **5** UTILIZE BOARD RENEWAL MECHANISMS.

Systematize board renewal using skills matrixes, assessment processes, and term limits.

6 BUILD THE SUPPLY CHAIN OF DIVERSE BOARD TALENT.

Track promising diverse employees earlier in their careers, and give them the experience they need to advance to the executive level.

**7** TAP INTO THE POWER OF SPONSORSHIP.

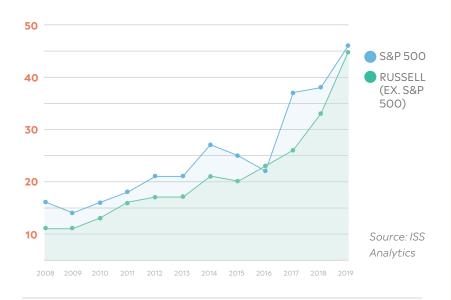
Put diverse board candidates on the radar by sponsoring them for board service.

8 MAINTAIN AN INCLUSIVE CULTURE ON YOUR BOARD.

Foster an environment of openness and respect in board discussions and meetings.

## UNPRECEDENTED PROPORTION OF NEW U.S. PUBLIC COMPANY DIRECTORS ARE WOMEN

#### PERCENTAGE OF NEW DIRECTORSHIPS FILLED BY WOMEN



# INCREASE IN WOMEN DIRECTORS IN WISCONSIN

- 41% (16/39) of directors appointed to Wisconsin's Top 50 companies are women
- 30% (5/16) of the newly appointed women directors reside in Wisconsin
- 52% (26/50) of Wisconsin's Top 50 companies added new directors, both women and men

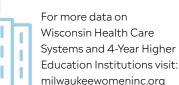


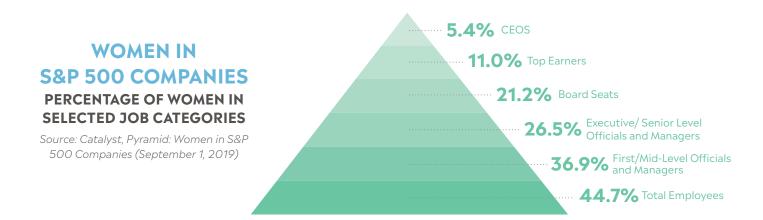
Peggy Troy
President and CEO
Children's Hospital of Wisconsin
Board Member,
Rexnord Corporation

"A team with diverse skill sets and perspectives is better able to problem solve than a homogeneous team. It's not enough to simply hire a few women and expect change. The key is to hire women with diverse backgrounds. In addition to their gender perspective and expertise, they can offer cultural and business acumen that cuts across many disciplines. Studies are showing that many aspects of business performance improve when there are diverse viewpoints around the boardroom table, and I have seen this to be true. Rexnord recognizes this and has brought in women and diverse board members. This will impact the effectiveness of the board and contribute to Rexnord's goals around inclusivity and engagement."

# WISCONSIN HEALTH CARE SYSTEMS AND 4-YEAR HIGHER EDUCATION INSTITUTIONS

- Of the 13 health care systems,
   12 (92%) have 3 or more women directors
- Of the 18 not-for-profit institutions of higher education in Wisconsin, all (100%) have 3 or more women directors







WISCONSIN'S

50
LARGEST
PUBLIC
COMPANIES



Kevin Conroy
Chairman of the
Board and CEO
Exact Sciences Corporation

"Innovation, one of Exact Sciences' core values, simply doesn't happen without diversity of thought and approach. We seek out talented leaders who will bring skill to the business and build and coach highperforming teams. Our leadership team is all on the same page on the importance of identifying and hiring diverse leaders, and we frequently discuss our progress. We encourage our leaders to expand their professional network, and encourage others to do so, to help connect with up-andcoming leaders. Members of our leadership team often approach problem solving from different directions. Respectful debate and challenges lead to better decisions and outcomes."

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## **EXECUTIVES**

TOP 50	TOTAL EXECUTIVES	WOMEN EXECUTIVES	% WOMEN
Exact Sciences Corporation	25	7	28%
Manpower Group Inc.	18	7	39%
Bank First Corporation	10	6	60%
Lands' End, Inc.	12	6	50%
Quad/Graphics, Inc.	25	6	24%
Johnson Outdoors Inc.	10	5	50%
Snap-on, Inc.	36	5	14%
Weyco Group, Inc.	24	5	21%
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Tri City Bankshares Corporation	4	0	0%

#### MILWAUKEE WOMEN inc

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Chair: Lindsay Hammerer I KPMG

Vice Chair: Patricia Ackerman I A.O. Smith Corporation

**Secretary:** Sandra Cunningham I Versiti, Inc. **Treasurer:** Nicole Pienkos I FIS Corporation

Immediate Past Chair: Sandy Wysocki I Mueller QAAS

Member at Large: Lisa Pendergast I MGIC

Member at Large: Susan Martin | WEC Energy Group, retired

**Communications Chair:** Marilyn Vollrath I Reputation Partners

Corporate Outreach Chair: Kira Lafond I Milwaukee Business Journal

Fund Development Chair: Lisa Cieslak I GMR Marketing

Governance/Nominating Chair: Kimberly Stoll I Badger Meter, Inc.

**Programs Chair:** Kristin Dufek I Eppstein Uhen Architects Inc.

Research Chair: Peggy Williams-Smith | Marcus Hotels & Resorts

#### STEERING COMMITTEE

**Angela Adams** I Goodwill Industries of Southeastern Wisconsin

Sherri Albinger I Manpower Group, retired

**Griselda Aldrete** I Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission

Chris Anderson | Baker Tilly Virchow Krause, LLP

**Lisa Attonito** I Women's Fund of Greater Milwaukee

**Wendy Baumann** I Wisconsin Women's Business Initiative Corporation

**Donna Bembenek** I Catholic Memorial High School

**Laurie Benson** I Nurses on Boards Coalition

**Kristin Bergstrom** I Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren s.c.

Marsha Block | MBA - My Business Advisor

Barb Bolens | Actuant Corporation

**Betsy Brenner** I Milwaukee Journal Sentinel, retired

Krista Brookman | Catalyst

**Christy Brown** I Girl Scouts of Wisconsin Southeast

**Brenda Campbell** I SecureFutures

Sharon Canter | Community Leader

Tracey Carson | MKR Agency

Jodi Czernejewski I in FORME healthcare

Sandra Cunningham I Versiti, Inc.

**Sharon deGuzman** I Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.

Jennifer Dirks | TEMPO Milwaukee

Audrey Ditter I S.C. Johnson & Sons, Inc.

Mary Dowell I MJ Dowell and Associates

**Heather Dunn** I West Bend Mututal Insurance

Rebecca Goldman | Optimas Solutions

**Cecelia Gore** I Brewers Community Foundation

**Linda Gorens-Levey** I General Capital Group

**Julie Granger** I Metropolitan Milwaukee Association of Commerce

**Laura Gutierrez** I United Community Center

Eve Hall, Ph.D. I Milwaukee Urban League

Gail Hanson | Aurora Health Care, retired

Renee Herzing | Herzing University

Jayne Hladio I U.S. Bank

Rebecca House | Rockwell Automation,

Karen Hung | Silver Rock Consulting

Maureen Hurd | Beal Associates, LLC

Kathy Hust | Scanalytics Inc.

Lecia Johnson | Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.

Nina Johnson I U.S. Bank

Tracey Klein I Polsinelli, P.C.

Margaret Kurlinski | Godfrey & Kahn, S.C.

Sarah Lauber | Douglas Dynamics, Inc.

**Christine Lidbury** I Wisconsin Women's Council

**Amy Lindner** I United Way of Greater Milwaukee & Waukesha County

**Lindsey Linder** | Perlick Corporation

Gail Lione | Dentons US LLP

Jessie Lochmann Allen I Foley & Lardner LLP

Margaret Loebl | Agro Fresh Solutions, retired

Amelia Macareno I AmCmGroup

**Anne Martino** I Marketing & Brand Engagement Executive

Kathleen Massey | The Tellier Foundation

Mary McCormick | Rotary Club of Milwaukee

**Holly Nelson** I Retired Executive & Board Member

Ada Nielsen | The PeregrineMaven Group Marie O'Brien | Enterforce, Inc.

**Connie Palmer** I Outreach Community Health Center

Nancy Peterson | Quarles & Brady LLP

**Christine Pharr** I Mount Mary University

Emily Phillips | Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.

Inge Plautz I Old National Bank

Shontra Powell | Hertz System, Inc.

Jamie Pratt | Spano Pratt Executive Search

**Joan Prince** I University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee

Jennifer Quadracci | QuadMed

**Sharon Reed** I Ernst & Young LLP Milwaukee

Marylou Schirpke | Wintrust Commercial Banking

**Andrea Schneider** | Marquette Law School

**Debbie Seeger** I Patina Solutions

**Meghan Shannon Berndt** I Shannon Berndt Advisors, LLC

Thelma Sias | Sias Group

Ritika Singh | Associated Bank

Janet Slater | Greenleaf Partners

Rose Spano lannelli I Spano Pratt Executive Search

Lynn Sprangers | Community Leader

Mary Ellen Stanek | Robert W. Baird & Co., Inc.

**Lori Stortz** I University of Wisconsin System

**Julia Taylor** I Greater Milwaukee Committee

Julie Tolan I Lauber Business Partners

Susan Wehrley | BIZremedies

Kim Wengler | Deloitte

Patty Whaley I Rexnord Corporation

MWi Director of Services: **Jackie Mortenson** 

#### **POWER OF 3**



#### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR —

Milwaukee Women inc achieved an important milestone in 2019 as our research showed that women now comprise over 20% of the directors on the boards of the Top 50 Wisconsin public companies. We applaud the directors and company leaders who added women to their boards over the past year. We also thank our sponsors, members and community leaders for their commitment and support for our mission of achieving balanced representation of women on the boards of Wisconsin companies. It is impressive that 15 of Wisconsin's top 50 public companies now demonstrate the "Power of 3," with three or more women on their board.

The needle is moving and I encourage you to help us reach our goal of 25% women directors by 2025!

Lindsay Hammerer Partner, KPMG

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#### **METHODOLOGY**

ABOUT THE DATA:

Data on Boards of Directors for the WI Top 50 public companies were collected by MWi using the most recent filings with U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (www.SEC.gov), including the Proxy Statement (Def 14A), Annual Report (10-K) and Current Report (8-k). Data for Directors updated as of June 30, 2019.

For purposes of this report, Executive Leadership includes individuals who plan, direct, and formulate policies, set strategy, and provide the overall direction for companies, within the parameters set by

the boards of directors. Typically, this includes individuals within two reporting levels of the CEO (e.g., COOs, CFOs, line of business heads, presidents or EVPs of functional areas, CIO, CHR, CMR, CLO, management directors, and managing partners). This definition is also used by Catalyst (www.catalyst.org), a global non-profit leader in research on and support of women in corporate leadership. MWi collected such data for the WI Top 50 public companies using company websites. The Office of the CEO for Top 50 companies was contacted with the opportunity to review the MWi data and provide corrections. Data updated as of June 30, 2019. Every effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of the data in this report.

Please contact Jackie Mortenson, MWi Director of Services, at jackie@milwaukewomeninc.com with any comments or questions.