



# American Staffing Association

## Board of Directors 2023–24 Nominees

### **Threse Baker, TSC, CSP, *Abbtech Professional Resources Inc.***

Baker is president and an owner of Abbtech Professional Resources Inc. Based in Washington, DC, the company supports both the government and private sectors by providing information technology, engineering, and office–clerical staffing services, as well as personal identity verification. Baker has more than 20 years of staffing industry experience.

### **Dana Baughns, *Allegis Group***

Baughns is chief legal officer with Allegis Group. Baughns has extensive legal experience, including risk mitigation and litigation defense, restrictive covenants, contracts formation and negotiation, collective bargaining negotiations, union grievance settlements, and interest arbitrations. Baughns earned a bachelor’s degree in business management from Howard University in Washington, DC, and a juris doctorate degree from the University of Connecticut. She is admitted to practice in the state of Connecticut as well as the federal district of Connecticut and southern and eastern district courts of New York.

### **Jeff S. Burnett, CSP, *Labor Finders International Inc.***

Burnett is president and chief executive officer of Labor Finders International Inc., based in Palm Beach Gardens, FL. With more than 30 years of staffing industry experience, he has held positions ranging from field operations to executive management. An ASA past chairman, he currently is chairman of the ASA audit and finance committee and has been chairman of several association committees. Burnett was president of the Florida Staffing Association, an ASA-affiliated chapter, and StaffPac Inc., Florida’s staffing industry political action committee.

### **James A. Essey, CSP, *TemPositions Group of Cos.***

Essey is president and chief executive officer of the TemPositions Group of Cos., which operates in New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, and California. He served five terms as president of the ASA-affiliated New York chapter. Essey also served as ASA chairman in 2004 and has chaired the chapter relations, member education and certification, political action, and industry practices committees. He currently chairs the legal and legislative committee.

### **Laura MacNeel, *Aya Healthcare***

MacNeel is chief legal officer at Aya Healthcare, where she advises on various legal matters, including litigation, employment, contracting, risk management, mergers and acquisitions, corporate governance, compliance, and governmental affairs. She previously worked at Finch, Thornton & Baird LLP, representing management in labor and employment matters and business litigation. MacNeel received bachelor of arts degree in economics and Spanish from Duke University and her juris doctorate degree from the University of San Diego School of Law, from which she graduated cum laude.

### **Janette Marx, *Airswift***

Marx started with Airswift in 2014 and served as chief operating officer for four years before assuming her present role as chief executive officer. Throughout her career, Marx has championed new initiatives, including diversification strategies, sales and recruitment growth improvements, and operational efficiencies. Before Airswift, Marx served in various leadership roles with the Adecco Group over a 19-year period.

### **Robin Mee, *MeeDerby***

Mee is founder and president of MeeDerby, a search firm in the staffing industry. She is a passionate advocate of staffing, a volunteer industry leader, and a regular speaker at staffing events nationally. In 2016, ASA recognized Mee with its first-ever Volunteer of the Year award. Mee has served on and chaired several ASA committees and task forces including the staffing as career; women in leadership; education and certification; direct hire; and inclusion, diversity, equity, and advocacy (IDEA) groups. Her firm is a supporting sponsor of the ASA women in leadership interest group.

### **Ken Taunton, CSC, *Royster Group***

Taunton is president and chief executive officer of Royster Group, a certified minority-owned business enterprise providing executive search and professional staffing services in the health care industry. Prior to establishing his company, Taunton was a senior associate with Korn/Ferry International’s health care practice and held various recruitment and sales positions at Merck & Co. Royster Group has been recognized by the National Minority Supplier Development Council as National Supplier of the Year. He is a past chair of the ASA inclusion, diversity, equity, and advocacy (IDEA) interest group council.