

NH Manufacturing Extension Partnership Announces Election of New Board Members

Concord, NH – The New Hampshire Manufacturing Extension Partnership ([NH MEP](#)) today announced the election of two new members to its board of directors. Both directors bring extensive manufacturing experience and a long history of implementing the principles of lean manufacturing in their companies' operations to improve efficiencies and reduce costs.

“The New Hampshire MEP is pleased to welcome the addition of Arthur Christianson and David Metzemaekers to our board of directors. Their understanding of what it takes for American manufacturers to succeed in tough economic times will help NH MEP achieve our mission of transforming the state's manufacturing sector so that it can compete in terms of innovation, technology and efficiency with the best of our global competitors,” said NH MEP Board Chair Mark Godfrey, chairman of Felton Brush, Inc., of Londonderry, NH.

Arthur Christianson has served as vice president of operations for High Liner Foods (USA) of Portsmouth, NH, since 2002, where he is responsible for manufacturing, engineering, logistics, procurement, quality assurance, research and development, human resources and operations finance. Among his notable accomplishments, Christianson has led productivity enhancements that have driven down non-value-added costs and saved over \$1 million in the company's U.S. operations since 2005. He currently is leading the implementation of lean manufacturing for the firm in its U.S. operations. Prior to joining High Liner Foods, Christianson served for 17 years in a variety of senior management positions with Rich-SeaPak Corporation, including general manager for all southeast manufacturing operations. Earlier in his career he served in production supervisory positions for Hormel Fine Foods and Texas Instruments. Christianson graduated with a degree in industrial management from the Georgia Institute of Technology.

“Arthur brings more than 35 years of manufacturing management experience to the MEP board. Throughout his career, he's demonstrated an impressive ability to improve production and supply chain efficiency, while achieving the highest safety standards in the operations he's managed. He's a committed business leader who's been a valued member of the NH MEP advisory board,” Godfrey stated.

David Metzemaekers serves as operations director for Scott Electronics in Salem, NH, where he is responsible for production facilities in New Hampshire as well as Nogales, Mexico. He has worked with the NH MEP over the years to implement the latest lean manufacturing processes and techniques in both the Salem and Mexico facilities. As an advocate of lean manufacturing, he has supported NH MEP initiatives in recent years and participated at various New

Hampshire manufacturing summits. Prior to joining Scott Electronics, Metzemaekers worked as a lead project engineer on new air-to-air defense projects for Raytheon, a technology leader specializing in defense and homeland security. A New England native, Metzemaekers is an engineering graduate from the University of Massachusetts.

“David is an experienced lean manufacturing practitioner with a strong sense of how manufacturers can improve the efficiency of their operations,” Godfrey stated. “His experience implementing lean in Scott Electronics’ Mexico manufacturing facility brings an added international dimension to the board.”