



**Indiana Manufacturers Association**  
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## **Indiana Manufacturers Association Elects New Chairman and Executive Committee for 2004**

The Indiana Manufacturers Association announced the election of its new executive committee for 2004.

F. Norman "Norm" Bafunno, III was appointed Chairman of the Board of Directors for 2004. Mr. Bafunno joined the IMA Board of Directors in 1998, and has been a member of the Executive Committee since 2000.

Mr. Bafunno joined Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Inc. (TMMI) in March 1997, and is responsible for the overall production activities at TMMI's \$1.2B facility. In this capacity, he oversees approximately 1,900 of the 2,300 team members, including production, maintenance, process and plant engineering and material handling.

Prior to joining TMMI, Norm spent 14 years with General Motors Corporation in the truck manufacturing groups. His engineering and management experience included both vehicle production and staff planning activities. He served as an Assistant Plant Manager in Pontiac, MI.

Mr. Bafunno has been active in community activities such as: the University of Evansville Business and Engineering Advisory Council, and the Ivy Tech College Industry Advisory Board. Norm earned a Mechanical Engineering degree from Purdue University and an MBA degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Business.

The 2004 Executive Committee of the Indiana Manufacturers Association was elected at the organization's Board of Directors meeting held on January 21st. The Board of Directors meeting was held in conjunction with IMA's largest legislative event of the year, the IMA Legislative Briefing and Reception. All events were held at the Westin Hotel in downtown Indianapolis with the reception attracting more than 400 business leaders and elected officials.

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The 2004 IMA Executive Committee includes:

**Chair:** F. Norman Bafunno, Toyota Motor Manufacturing, Indiana, Princeton.

**First Vice Chair:** Thomas R. Hamblen, Hamblen Gage Corporation, Indianapolis.

**Second Vice Chair:** Charles N. Hetrick, Maxon Corporation, Muncie.

**Third Vice Chair:** David R. Christian, AMPCOR II, Inc., LaPorte.

**Committee Members:** Robert E. Kersey, American Lawn Mower Company, Muncie, and John R. Sampson,  
American Electric Power, Indianapolis.

**Past Chair:** Norman E. Pfau, Jr., Geo. Pfau's Sons Co., Inc., Jeffersonville.

**President, CEO and Treasurer:** Patrick J. Kiely, IMA Staff, Indianapolis.

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