

Authority & Board Structure

MEGA is governed by a Board of Directors representing member local governments and operates with support from a Corporate Board composed of representatives from participating counties and member organizations. Day-to-day operations are administered by the Executive Director and staff, with additional support provided by contracted service providers and technical consultants.

Board of Directors

MEGA's Board of Directors consists of 11 members duly elected by the Corporation at the Annual Meeting: nine derived from corporate membership, and two elected at-large from MEGA's participating entities. The 2025 Board of Directors was as follows:

Member	Representing
Mark Taylor – Chairman	Schuyler County
Rochelle (Shelley) Stein – Vice Chair	Genese County
Crystal Abers – Secretary	Cattaraugus County
Robert Wood – Treasurer	Town of Oneonta (at-large)
James Genovese	Oneida County
Kim Kinblom	Clinton County
Mark Sachetti	Jefferson County
Vincent Napoli	Ellenville Central School District (at-large)
Terri Ross	Allegany County
John (Jack) Welch	Orleans County
Steve Wilson	Otsego County

Board of Directors Biographies

Mark Taylor

Chairman | Schuyler County

Mark retired from Corning at the end of 2009 as Director, Photovoltaic Technology Assessment. In this role he managed external collaborations and the intellectual property portfolio. He holds a BA in Chemistry from Carleton College, a PhD in Geology from Stanford University and a MS in Management of Technology from MIT. A 31-year employee of Corning, Mark is currently on a special project assignment to Corning. He volunteers as President of the Science and Discovery Center and as volunteer project manager for the Humane Society of Schuyler County. He also serves as a technician for the Schuyler County Board of Elections.

Rochelle Stein

Vice Chair | Genesee County

Shelley has guided Financial Management and Human Resources at Stein Farms LLC for 30+ years. She is a four term Genesee County Legislator representing the Town of LeRoy, the current President of the Western NY InterCounty organization and a Board Member of the County Soil & Water Conservation District. Shelley is a graduate of Alfred State College, LeadNY, Class VIII and NYSAC's Pelletier Institute. Her volunteer activities include Our Lady of Mercy Parish Trustee and a member of the LeRoy Historical Society.

Crystal Abers

Secretary | Cattaraugus County

Crystal has been Director of the Economic Development, Planning & Tourism Department for Cattaraugus County since 2010. Previously, she had over 35 years' experience as an Insurance Broker and Realtor. She served on the Dayton Town Board as Councilman for 14 years and was a County Legislator for 10 years holding leadership offices including Majority Leader, Vice Chairman and Chairman. She is involved in many organizations and committees from the local to state level. A lifetime resident of the county, she graduated from SUNY Fredonia.

Bob Wood

Treasurer | Town of Oneonta

Bob recently retired from the Town of Oneonta after serving 14 years as Town Supervisor. Bob grew up in the City of Oneonta and graduated from SUNY Delhi with a degree in construction. He owned a successful grocery store for 18 years and served on the Common Council in the City of Oneonta, Bob and his family moved into the Town where he became supervisor in 2008. He oversaw many important infrastructure projects replacing bridges, instituted long term planning for replacement of equipment, the construction of a much-needed new highway garage, and creation and construction of the Southside Water district serving over 80 businesses and 200 homes.

Mark Sachetti

Jefferson County

Mark has served as Purchasing Director for Jefferson County since 1995 with responsibility for all Purchasing, Central Printing, and the County's Fixed Assets. He is a past Corporate Treasurer and past President of the New York State Association of Municipal Purchasing Officials, currently serving on the Board of Directors as a member of the Executive Committee. Since 1996, Mark has served as a member of the NYSAC Employee Public Relations Committee. He and his wife Sue have one son and two grandchildren.

Vince Napoli

Ulster County

Vince is the Assistant Superintendent for Business for the Ellenville Central School District. He holds a BS in Business (Marketing), MS in Business (Decision Sciences) Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) (School District Business Leader). All degrees are from SUNY New Paltz. He has worked for the district since 1999 and began his career as the Director of Technology and has been in his current position since 2011. He volunteers on the Hurley Rail Trail and for People's Place of Kingston, NY.

James Genovese

Oneida County

James serves as the head of the two county planning departments, overseeing the management of 20 staff and \$10 million budget. He develops and implements a wide range of planning activities including GIS, land use, transportation, resiliency infrastructure, and traditional urban planning. Previously, James served as the Community Services Coordinator for Oneida County, leading the public outreach, communications, and intergovernmental affairs for the county, executing all new initiatives from the county executive's office.

Kim Kinblom

Clinton County

Kim is the Clinton County Personnel Director and Deputy County Administrator, Clinton County manages and administers employee benefits, employee relations, personnel training, long-range staff planning, and all other personnel functions for Clinton County. As deputy county administrator, Kim helps develop the budget and supports the coordination of departmental functions. She is experienced working with elected officials, executive teams, and unions to develop partnerships that have helped transform operations through relationship building including trust and commitment. Kim holds a master's degree in business administration from Clarkson University and has been with Clinton County for nine years.

Terri Ross

Allegany County

Terri is the Allegany County Treasurer. She has worked for the county for 39 years, first as deputy county treasurer from 1983-2001, and then as treasurer and deputy budget officer since 2002. In 2010, Terri served as president of the New York State Association of County Treasurer's and Finance Officers Association. Terri was the County Finance Officer of the Year in 2015 and serves as the Vice Chair of NYSAC Taxation and Finance Committee. Terri earned a certificate of completion from MEGA's Energy Training Institute in 2013.

John Welch

Orleans County

Jack has served as the Chief Administrative Officer for Orleans County since 2020 as well as the Budget Officer and Risk Manager. Prior to that he served as Director of Personnel and Self Insurance for thirteen years and Controller for Orleans County Nursing Home and the Genesee County Nursing Homes for eight years. Jack has a bachelor's degree in accounting from the Purdue University. He is a graduate from NYSAC's County Government Institute and NACo's Professional Development Academy and Leading On Purpose. He is a past President of the NYSASIC and the NYSAPCSO. He is a member of the NYSAC Employee Public Relations Committee. He has also served as a Trustee for the Alliance of Western New York Benefit Fund since 2020.

Steve Wilson

Otsego County

Steve is Otsego County Administrator and has over two decades of public sector finance experience. Prior to joining Otsego County, Steve served as the first Schoharie County Administrator, where he served as the budget officer and established a department head performance appraisal system. Prior to his work with New York local government, Mr. Wilson spend three decades working with a wide array of federal agencies including Defense, National Weather Service, EPA, GAO, International Trade and US Customs and Border Protection.