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**YOUNGEST CHAIRMAN ELECTED in 88-YEAR HISTORY of
TOOLING and MANUFACTURING ASSOCIATION of ILLINOIS (TMA)**

PARK RIDGE, Illinois, March 28, 2013 — During their 87th Annual Meeting, The Tooling & Manufacturing Association of Illinois (TMA) unanimously elected Zachary Mottl as Chairman of the Board. Mr. Mottl, 34, becomes the youngest chairman in the 88-year history of the organization. TMA was founded in 1925. “For many years I eagerly anticipated this opportunity to serve as chairman of the TMA. I am very enthusiastic about the coming year,” Mottl stated during his acceptance remarks. “We have all the pieces in-place to create a great-to-greater future for the association’s members. Our highly engaged members are bringing to communities in which they work and live exceptional benefits of TMA’s advanced hands-on training, education, and leadership development programs. Led by President and CEO Brian McGuire, the exceptional full-time professional staff is exceeding all expectations.”

Chairman Mottl offered this broad and promising view of TMA’s impact, “As manufacturing regains momentum for creating jobs in the U.S., and TMA strategically aligns itself more visibly with technology and entrepreneurial sectors of our economy, our grand old association is brand new again. We are uniquely poised and positioned to offer members and others features, benefits and attributes that simply cannot be found elsewhere. In the year ahead, we’ll launch numerous breakthrough programs to further strengthen individual members and the job-creating organizations they lead.”

Zach Mottl is the fourth generation of his family to own and operate Atlas Tool & Die Works, Inc of Lyons, Illinois. The company, founded in 1918, is a world-class precision manufacturing facility offering a broad array of metal manufacturing services. Atlas is the longest serving member of TMA. In his current Atlas role as Director of Development, Zach Mottl works not only to improve business with new and current customers, but also engages in outreach, development strategy, and identifying operational improvements at Atlas, and the family’s related businesses including Accushim Inc. and Abet Industries.

During TMA’s annual meeting, Zach announced, “I look forward to this golden opportunity to have an even bigger platform and louder microphone for the message that manufacturing is of unquestioned importance to any national, state, or local economy. Because of the good jobs and wealth we create, and the taxes we pay, our members positively influence quality-of-life of every Illinois citizen and beyond.”

“Good public policies must be developed to support and grow manufacturing, Mottl stated. “Today more than ever, that message is extra important. There is a bright new future for TMA, as well as for the greater Illinois manufacturing community. I truly believe this, and commit myself to driving all people and things toward this worthy destination. If we invest in ourselves, train our people, build better-and-better products, and buy more raw materials and support services, we will exceed societal value of the so-called glory days of manufacturing. This high impact won’t happen by accident. As we TMA members individually plan, execute and review our companies’ strategies, we already know we can count on TMA to be our thinking-and-doing partner in the people and products sides of the manufacturing process.”

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About TMA: TMA was founded in 1925 by eight small manufacturing companies who thought they could better themselves by associating with one another. Through the years, members established programs and services that would help their businesses grow and prosper, train their employees, and provide medical and retirement benefits. As a result of these efforts, TMA has grown into a 1,000 member not-for-profit organization of precision manufacturing and supplier companies representing almost 30,000 employees in Illinois.

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Zach is an advocate for the value and importance of domestic manufacturing in any healthy state or national economic model. He is serving a second term on the TMA Board of Directors and in 2011 was elected by the board to serve as TMA Chairman in 2013. TMA is Illinois' premier full-service manufacturing association with over 1000 member companies. Zach is the Chairman of the TMA PAC and Government Relations Committee and served on the Board of Trustees for the TMA Education Foundation Trust. The trust is a multimillion dollar education foundation established by industry to fund outreach, education, and promotion of careers in manufacturing.

Zach serves on the Industrial Advisory Board for the University of Illinois at Chicago department of Mechanical and Industrial Engineering and works with the DOE funded UIC Energy Research Center.

In 2005 he was elected to serve a 4-year term as Director of Government Affairs for the Illinois Defense & Homeland Security Association (IDHSA). Zach was appointed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to the Taxpayer Action Board (TAB) in 2009. The same year he was appointed by Burr Ridge Mayor Gary Grasso to his Economic Development Committee.

In October of 2010 Zach was appointed by Illinois Governor Pat Quinn to serve a two-year term on the Broadband Deployment Council of Illinois.

Zach also serves on the Advisory Board for the American High Speed Rail Association (AHSRA) and is an advocate for the importance of high speed rail and intercity rail development in the US supported by domestic manufacturing of the HSR trains and related components.

In June of 2012, Zach was invited to give testimony before the Subcommittee on Commerce, Manufacturing and Trade of the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Energy and Commerce. Zach testified in favor of the National Manufacturing Strategy act which passed in the US House of Representatives in 2012.

Zach lives in Burr Ridge, IL and in his limited free time enjoys kayaking, running, skiing, cooking, playing the piano, and gardening.