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Membership in the national ESOP Association automatically enrolls you as a member of the Illinois Chapter. It's easy to join. Just go to: esopassociation.org and choose "join/renew" on the top toolbar. The membership application is available in a downloadable PDF file or can be completed online.

To request a complete packet of information about The ESOP Association, e-mail your request to membership@esopassociation.org or call toll free (866) 366-3832.

If you are looking for someone to talk to about employee ownership, contact us. The Illinois Chapter of The ESOP Association is the right place to start for all of your questions.

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The Illinois Chapter of the **ESOP** ASSOCIATION



A diverse group of ESOP
companies supporting and
promoting employee ownership.

“The Illinois ESOP association does a great job of providing relevant educational content for ESOPs of all shapes and sizes.”

—Ken Serwinski, Prairie Capital Advisors, Inc.

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“...d there's always a great benefit to my interaction with the Illinois ESOP Association. They have great information, are a very active association, and networking with other members is extremely valuable.”

—Deb Wolfe, M.S. Carver Lumber

About Us

We are manufacturers, construction companies, engineers, distributors and service providers. We are owners, we are advisors. We are people who embody employee-ownership every day.

You'll find us throughout Illinois, from Chicago to downstate. Wherever you are in your ownership journey, we provide you with a network of colleagues with experience and allegiance to preserve and promote the ESOP structure.

“This ESOP Association events have been a fantastic opportunity for me to learn more of what it means to be an ESOP company, from a basic to advanced understanding. The time spent connecting with other employee owners and hearing other's stories is very motivating.”

--Christopher Pickering, Bimba Manufacturing Compa...



Our Vision

We believe employee ownership improves American competitiveness; that it increases productivity through greater employee participation in the workplace; that it strengthens our free enterprise economy and creates a broader distribution of wealth; and that it maximizes human potential by enhancing the self-worth, dignity, and well-being of our people.

Therefore, we envision an America where employee ownership is widely recognized as a catalyst for economic prosperity; where the great majority of employees own stock in the companies where they work; and where employee ownership enables employees to share in the wealth they help create.

And we look for our nation to become an example of prosperity with justice through employee ownership for all the world.

“It's a privilege to be associated with an organization who is as passionate and dedicated to ESOPs as the owners of our employee-owned organization are. Thank you.”

--George Pattee, Parksite Inc.

Benefits of Membership

The Illinois Chapter consists of approximately 100 member companies. We educate and learn from each other on how to promote a successful ownership culture and address critical technical and administrative issues.

Great Networking Opportunities

- Visit successful ESOP companies throughout the state at “Company-to-Company Events” – see their ESOPs in operation first-hand.
- Source an expert network of ESOP professionals and service providers.
- Exchange creative ideas and experiences with an extensive network of individuals from other ESOP companies.
- Talk with employee-owners at every level, to learn what's happening in other ESOP companies.

On-going Educational Opportunities

- National and local conferences, seminars and workshops specifically designed to promote ESOP education.
- Monthly communications dedicated to enhancing your knowledge about ESOPs.
- Profiles of some of the most successful ESOP companies in the world.

A Voice at the Capital for Pro-ESOP Legislation

- Up-to-date information on national ESOP-related lobbying and legislative activities.
- Opportunities to build grass roots support and lobby effectively for or against legislative proposals that will impact your ESOP.