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TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, 2018

Room W181c | West Building | McCormick Place | Chicago

4:30-6:30 p.m.

If you're attending IMTS, please join SME Chicago Chapter 5 for its member meetup!
This will be a great way to network and collaborate with other members.
We also encourage you to bring a manufacturing associate!

Hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine and other beverages will be served.

Agenda:

- 4:30 p.m. Reception begins
- 5:00 p.m. Opening remarks
- 5:05-5:35 p.m. Guest speakers
- 5:35-6:30 p.m. Reception continues

Please RSVP by Wednesday, September 5, 2018

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Guest Speakers:



James Schlusemann
President
Prosperia International
Batavia, Illinois

Schlusemann began his career as a machinist, setting up, operating and programming conventional and CNC machines that made parts for construction equipment, engines and trucks at Navistar, a global manufacturing company. After introducing computers to factory floor operations, he achieved the executive position of chief information officer for Navistar's engine business directing initiatives that expanded business operations to Brazil, Mexico, India and China. Schlusemann serves on the SME Board of Directors.



Matt Croson
President
American Gear Manufacturers Association
Alexandria, Virginia

Croson, a seasoned association professional, has spent most of his career in the trade association space. He spent 12 years at PMMI — the producers of PACK EXPO — and was the president and CEO of the Adhesives and Sealants Council for six years, before joining AGMA in 2016. Croson will share AGMA's approach to the top-two issues facing the manufacturing sector — acquiring talent and developing the next-generation workforce.



Jeffrey DeGrange
Chief Commercial Officer
Impossible Objects Inc.
Chicago

DeGrange is a former Stratasys VP and past Boeing research and technology leader for advanced manufacturing materials and technologies. He is the past chair of SME's Additive Manufacturing Community, former chairman of the Germany's Direct Manufacturing Research Center, a technology advisor to National Science Foundation, Chicago Museum of Science and Industry, University of Iowa College of Engineering and board member to Precision ADM in Winnipeg, Canada.