



Willmar Lakes Area Chamber president Warner receives Executive of the Year

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Sioux Falls- Ken Warner, President – Willmar Lakes Area Chamber of Commerce, has been named Executive of the Year by the Mid-America Chamber Executives (MACE). The honor occurred at the group's annual conference, held in Sioux Falls, the first week of May. The organization represents chamber executives in the six-state region of Iowa, Minnesota, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota and Wisconsin representing over 700 hundred chambers. Awards were presented for Event of the Year, Executive of the Year, Public Policy of the Year, Publication of the Year and Digital Campaign of the Year.

The executive of the year award was presented to a chamber executive who has demonstrated a vision, commitment and passion for the advancement of their chamber and community as a whole. The nominees in this category have proven to others that they are the "gold standard" in chamber leadership and are proven to have the vision for future chamber executives to follow.

The executive of the year award included nominees from around the five state area and recognizes chamber professionals for their giving spirit, many successes and humble attitude. While these leaders take an active role in their communities, they are well respected among their peers, serve on many community boards, and give a helping hand whenever needed.

Warner has proven to be the gold standard for chamber executives and has been an exemplary model for other professionals to follow. During his 30+ years in the chamber industry, he has demonstrated the vision, commitment and passion that the awards committee was looking to honor.

Previous recipients of the MACE Executives of the Year are:

2016 - Todd Klingel – Minneapolis Regional Chamber of Commerce

2015 – Linda Rabe – Rapid City Chamber of Commerce

2014 - Bob McCoy – Eau Claire Area Chamber of Commerce (WI)

2013 - Nikki Brevig – Decorah Chamber of Commerce (IA)