

**Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association**

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**Michael Blawas Named Next CFO of MEMA  
Wendy Earp to retire after serving MEMA members for more than 20 years**

**Research Triangle Park, N.C. – April 1, 2022** – Michael Blawas has been named chief financial officer of the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA). Blawas brings extensive experience to his new role and replaces Wendy Earp, who joined MEMA 21 years ago.

“The work of MEMA and its four divisions is critically important to the overall vehicle supplier industry, now more than ever,” said MEMA President and CEO Bill Long. “The choice of Mike Blawas aligns with the association’s ethical standards of managing its resources with the highest integrity.”

Prior to joining MEMA, Blawas served as CFO at SouthTech Orthopedics in Raleigh, N.C. Throughout his career, he worked in various financial roles at DuPont, General Electric, and NC Electric Cooperatives. He is a licensed CPA in N.C., a Registered Investment Advisor (RIA), and a Chartered Financial Analyst (CFA). Blawas received an MBA in finance from The Ohio State University and his bachelor’s from University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee.

“Wendy Earp has been a trusted advisor who will be greatly missed,” Long said. “We look forward to Mike Blawas continuing the legacy of excellent leadership and solid financial stewardship, positioning MEMA for the future.”

**About MEMA**

Since 1904, the Motor & Equipment Manufacturers Association (MEMA) has been the voice of the automotive and commercial vehicle supplier industry, the largest manufacturing sector in the United States. Across the entire range of new vehicle innovation—from autonomous to zero-emissions technologies—vehicle suppliers are leading the way. Our member companies conceive, design, and manufacture the original equipment systems and technologies that make up two-thirds of the value in every vehicle. Member companies also supply the aftermarket with the parts that keep millions of vehicles on the road, fueling international commerce and society’s need for transportation. And all of our members’ work is done with a focus on public safety and the environment.

MEMA is the parent organization of four affiliate associations: Automotive Aftermarket Suppliers Association (AASA), Heavy Duty Manufacturers Association (HDMA), MERA – The Association for Sustainable Manufacturing, and Original Equipment Suppliers Association (OESA). MEMA has offices in Southfield, Mich., Research Triangle Park, N.C. and Washington, D.C. Learn more about our organization, our members and the great vehicle supplier community at [MEMA.org](http://MEMA.org).



