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Food Products Association Names Culotta as New President

The board of directors of the Midwest Food Products Association (MWFPA) announced today that it has named Jason Culotta as president of the trade association. He succeeds Nick George who has announced his retirement after 14 years with the organization.

Since September 2017, Culotta served as Director of Public Affairs at Progressive Rail Incorporated headquartered in Lakeville, Minnesota, a shortline railroad company operating in Illinois, Iowa, Minnesota, Missouri, North Carolina and Wisconsin.

Prior to that he was Senior Director of Government Relations at Wisconsin Manufacturers & Commerce (WMC), the state's chamber of commerce. His policy focus areas included tax and transportation issues. He has also served as a board member of the Wisconsin Transportation Development Association, Wisconsin Department of Transportation Freight Advisory Committee, and with the Wisconsin Central Group, an industry group promoting access to freight rail.

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In addition, Culotta served as a member of the Wisconsin Civil Justice Council, a broad coalition of trade groups working for a sound legal system and in which MWFPA is a participant.

"We are very pleased to have Jason join our organization," said Jim Knetsch, chair of the MWFPA board of directors.

"His experience and insight will ensure the association continues to be an effective advocate on the governmental level and be an asset to member development and engagement. Each of those areas will be critical to our Association as we seek to serve our members and the industry in new and exciting ways."

"The MWFPA is regarded as the food industry's voice in the Midwest," Culotta said. "I look forward to extending the association's reach and working with food manufacturers at a time when the consumer's interest in food has grown to new heights. It's a great honor to join the association and to work with this group of industry leaders," he added.

Culotta will be responsible for the strategic direction and day-to-day operations of the trade group which serves a diverse group of food manufacturing companies and their allied industries on a variety of food related issues.