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## Biography

### **Kelsey Johnson**

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Kelsey Johnson is the president of the Iron Mining Association. She has a bachelor and masters in ethics and leadership from St. Catherine University. Prior to joining the Iron Mining Association of Minnesota, Kelsey was the Director of State Affairs for an international trade association, the Grocery Manufacturers Association (GMA). While at GMA, Kelsey lobbied on behalf of the food industry in 27 states and at the federal level, fought countless food related measures and helped create a grassroots campaign that lead to the eventual passage of federal legislation. Prior to working at GMA, Kelsey worked at the Minnesota Attorney General's Office, the Minnesota State House and Minnesota State Senate. Having grown up in rural northeastern Minnesota, Kelsey understands the unique needs facing rural areas of the state.

While serving as President of the IMA, Kelsey also holds many other titles, such as the Vice President of Finance for the Minnesota Center for Mineral Resource Education, which funds the Minnesota Minerals Education Workshop. She serves on the governor-appointed Minerals Coordinating Committee, and the Board of the Northeast Minnesota Workforce Investment Board. She's also the Treasurer of the Mining Industry Leadership Fund, a fund used to support candidates who support mining.