
Steven C. Finch



Professional Experience: Steve Finch is the former President of Manufacturing and Director of Community Engagement at Viridi Inc., a developer and manufacturer of environmentally conscious energy usage and storage products, including large battery powered energy delivery systems for construction equipment, energy storage, and power management systems. Prior to this, Steve served on the AAA Western & Central NY Board of Directors from 2011 to 2017 and served as Chairman of the Automotive Committee for several years until transitioning into a full time staff position, overseeing all Automotive Operations as Senior Vice President.

Mr. Finch concluded his 41-year career with General Motors as the Plant Manager of the Tonawanda Engine Plant, one of Western New York's largest manufacturers, with nearly 2,000 employees. This was his third Plant Manager assignment, previously leading GM Stamping and Powertrain operations in Michigan. Starting with the company in 1976 as a General Motors Institute co-op student, his Electrical Engineering background and leadership skills allowed him to move into many areas of automotive manufacturing including vehicle assembly, Stamping, Powertrain, Advanced vehicle Development, and Information Technology.

Mr. Finch is a member of the Board of Directors of Allient Inc. (formerly Allied Motion Technologies Inc.), a designer and manufacturer of precision and specialty, controlled motion components and systems, headquartered in Buffalo with global operations. He is also a member of the Board of Directors of the National Fuel Gas Corp., a natural gas producer/distributor in Western New York and Pennsylvania.

Community Service: Steve is also very active in his church, and in the Buffalo community, where he serves on the board of Roswell Park Alliance Foundation, a philanthropic arm of the renowned cancer research hospital in Buffalo. He is the Chair elect for The Community Foundation of Greater Buffalo, where he is also the Vice Chair of its Racial Equity Roundtable, an initiative comprised of more than 350 community partners working together in coordinated ways to advance racial equity and achieve an expanded, inclusive economy. In addition, Steve serves on the board of the Northland Workforce Training Center, a workforce development company designed to help prepare youth to meet the growing need in the Western New York area for advanced manufacturing and energy jobs. Steve was previously the Board Chair for the United Way of Greater Buffalo, and the Buffalo Urban League.

Steve's happiest moments come from family. Having been married for over 45 years, he and his wife Lillian have been blessed with 5 children and 11 grandchildren.