

GAC graduate, 22, to head St. Peter Chamber

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ST. PETER — A 22-year-old Gustavus Adolphus College graduate has been named to head the St. Peter Area Chamber of Commerce.

New president/CEO Anders Ringdahl-Mayland will begin work on Monday. His duties will include guiding Chamber committees, advocating for businesses and marketing the community.

"My first step will be to get in and meet with as many Chamber members as possible and then proceed with the existing business plan or write a new one. This will be a great opportunity to sit down and get a consensus," said the Minneapolis native, who has lived in St. Peter the past five years.

Ringdahl-Mayland served as interim director of the St.

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Peter Arts Center last fall and played a key role in organizing the center's successful first-ever gala fundraiser.

"Anders has demonstrated strong skills in communications, leadership and organization," Chamber Board Chairman Bob Southworth said.

"We're confident that he will represent Chamber members professionally while trumpeting the virtues of St. Peter."

Ringdahl-Mayland replaces Daniel Kuchinka, who assumed the Chamber presidency in August 2009 following the death of longtime Chamber head Larry Haugen.

Kuchinka left the St.

Peter Chamber in February, and Marilyn Rundell has been serving as interim director. She and Southworth declined to comment on Kuchinka's departure.

The St. Peter Area Chamber of Commerce serves about 240 member businesses and entities such as the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center and River's Edge Hospital and Clinic.

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