



## **Nick Bauer**

Nick is the President of Empire Group Inc., which is based out of Belleville, Illinois. Nick started his career in 2007. Empire was founded by Nick's great grandfather in 1932 and has been a family company ever since. Empire Group is made up of several different companies such as Empire Comfort Systems, Broilmaster Gas Grills, Stove Builders International and Primo Ceramic Grills all based out of North America. Nick previously served on the Midwest HPBA board for many years prior to joining this national board.

Nick holds a BS in Business Operations from Southern Illinois University Carbondale where he played tennis and just completed his Masters in Operational Excellence from the Ohio State University.