



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Mid-Michigan Chapter

February Secretary Report

Meeting Date: February 19, 2025

Meeting Time: 2:30 pm

Format: Webex

Attendees: Bob Schneider, Mary Bainbridge, Carl Granger, Nora Gathman, Craig Galecka, TJ Richardson, Eric Allen

Meeting Started: 2:30 pm

Meeting Ended: 4:00 pm

January Secretary Report Review: Motion to approve by TJ, Seconded by Craig. Approved. Nora will post on the website.

January Treasurer's Report Review: Motion to approve by Bob. Seconded by TJ. Approved. Nora will post on the website.

Notes: Financials included dues. Bob noted there was recent vote to increase the amount going towards Region 7 general dues. Discussion followed on increasing dues and reasons for the increases. Carl suggested asking the question on this at the next ROC. The Board agreed if there was a benefit or justification of a dues increase it would be acceptable to raise Chapter dues.

Past meetings and events

1/23/25 ASSP Leadership January Jumpstart: TJ attended the meeting and noted the speaker was dynamic and there was good attendance. The topic was "How do you get beyond – never give up and never surrender." TJ will pass on the speakers details.

2/11/25 ASSP Region VII Leadership Bi-Monthly Meeting: Bob attended the meeting and shared some notes from the meeting:

- The April meeting will be held in South Bend, IN at the Notre Dame campus with lodging at the Morris Inn. There will also be a golf outing. Bob will not be attending and asked if anyone else could attend. Safety 2025 will be held in Orlando FL and more details will coming out on that soon.
- The ASSP Region 7 election link will be coming out soon and will include an election for the new Regional Vice President.
- The Fall ROC will be held in Knoxville TN sometime in September or October. More information will be coming out soon. Carl reminded everyone that the Chapter supports travel for the ROC. Travel and lodging are covered but not meals.
- Bob noted that he made a suggestion to Rich Delau to explore sharing information among Chapters through a formal network possibly using the Region 7 website.

Future Chapter event updates:

Tracy Hazel, April 4, 2025: (Bob, Mary, Nora): The presentation is confirmed for April 4 at the Okemos Library. We are planning on 2 hours with lunch included. Tracy will cover 1 hour on the benefits of completing an audit and the MVPP program. She can cover a second topic, but we will need to confirm the topic. We will be requesting CEU's for attendees.

First Aid/CPR – (TJ): TJ will put something together.

EHS Technologies – (Bob): Bob will follow up with presenter

Lithium-Ion Batteries, TJ – (TJ): TJ noted this was on hold as he is still working on this and is planning on speaking with the fire crew at the Michigan Conference. He reached out to the State Fire Marshall and was told they do not currently track this, it is tracked as electrical, but will be tracked in the future. He has found a few presentations, but the data is not available for all locations. There will be presentations at the Conference. Eric noted he had participated in a construction panel discussion and will pass on the information he has.

Ethics In Safety – (Craig): Craig reached out to their professional liability carrier and has not heard back. Mary noted that an ethics class is required for CPE so it would be of great value. Bob mentioned Jeff Grey as someone that has presented on risk management in the past. Carl located his contact information and will reach out to him.

Emergency Response Preparedness, Brittany Parks – (Bob): No update

SlipKnot – (Bob): No update

Evan Wing-Flaim Systems – Mary: On-Hold

Safety In Government (As Opposed to The Private Sector) – On-Hold

New topic ideas:

Mary suggested Legionella and water management plans as a presentation topic.

Carl suggested a presentation on carbon monoxide. Carl has a presentation he gives at Woods and could do it virtually or in-person.

Eric has a presentation on a multi-worker worksite.

TJ suggested putting out a call for speaker email to the chapter to see if anyone is interested in presenting on a topic. Nora will send out a communication.

New Business:

Nominations & Elections: Carl noted he has spoken with the current board members for their preferences to serve and will get the ballot put together to send out. Carl suggested sending a notice out to the Chapter notifying them of the upcoming election and seeking volunteers to serve. Nora will send a communication out.

Financial Audit: Carl noted that the financial audit is due by March 31, 2025. Carl, Craig and Mary will meet at Craig's office on April 26, to finalize the audit.

Carl noted we received a Safety Professional of the year nomination so he will be getting that finalized to vote on soon.

All-Chapter ASSP Meeting: The all-chapter meeting will be held during lunchtime on April 15, at the conference.

Leveraging activities and resources from other chapters. Bob will bring this up at the next ROC meeting.

Call for Volunteers. The Board discussed the best way to handle programs, newsletters and engaging membership. It was agreed that we should send out a Call for Volunteers to see if there are members interested in assisting with items such as programs and newsletters.

Roundtable:

Carl Granger: Carl noted that since the Mid-Michigan Chapter is hosting the conference, we will need to provide a bag of swag. Will need about 100 bags and have 30 available at the chapter meeting. We will also need prizes for the booth drawing. Bob will communicate the cost.

Craig Galecka: Craig asked for information on the cost for the booth. Bob will pass that on to him. Craig noted he will circle back on the Risk presentation. He added that it's important to get CEU's for the presentations to make it worthwhile for the participants.

Mary Bainbridge: Mary asked the group if we could explore partnering with MSU and other colleges. This will be a topic for future discussion. Mary will reach out to Zach Hansman (MSU) and Bob will reach out to CMU.

TJ Richardson: TJ noted he attended the Advisory Group meeting. The topic of speakers was discussed and suggested to establish a speaker list. Virtual meetings seem to be the norm.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 19, 2025.