



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Mid-Michigan Chapter

April Secretary Report

Meeting Date: April 23, 2025

Meeting Time: 2:30 pm

Format: Webex

Attendees: Bob Schneider, Mary Bainbridge, Nora Gathman, Carl Granger, Chris Johnson, Eric Allen

Meeting Started: 2:30 pm

Meeting Ended: 3:30 pm

March Secretary's Report Review: Motion to approve by Mary. Seconded by Bob. Approved. Nora will post on the website.

Treasurer's Report Review: February, March and April Treasurer's Reports will be presented and reviewed at the May meeting.

New Chapter Appointments

Bob announced that Eric Allen has been appointed as the ASSP Mid-Michigan Chapter Program Chair. Eric noted he will begin by sending out a member survey to see what topics would be of interest and will start putting together a speaker list. Having a Chapter Program Chair will be a significant help in getting informative and timely presentations on the calendar for the coming year and hopefully help increase participation. The Board is incredibly pleased and excited to have Eric step into this new role.

Past Meeting and Events

Tracy Hazel's presentation on MIOSHA visits and emphasis programs for 2025: This presentation took place on April 4, with approximately 8 attendees. The presentation was good, and the smaller group allowed for Tracy to interact with attendees more and answer questions more tailored to the group.

Mid-Michigan Conference Booth: The West Michigan Chapter brought handout materials for the booth. We have a sample set of the information now. The booth was in a good location and had a fairly suitable number of visitors. Most of the visitors were from West Michigan and Greater Detroit chapters. We have a list of names and emails of nonmembers that were interested in joining and being entered into a drawing for a free membership. Bob will reach out to the Chapter Presidents to see how to manage the drawing and communications. Carl noted that ASSP may have a discount code we can offer to them. Bob will reach out to ASSP to check on that.

All-Chapter ASSP Meeting-Michigan Safety Conference: Nora and Mary attended the meeting and noted that there seemed to be a good turnout, and it was an informative presentation.

Mid-Michigan Conference Social Mixer: The mixer went well. There was a good turnout, and it was nice to meet some students, current members, and some potential members as well.

Future Chapter Event Updates

Phil Weinstein: Nora followed up with Phil Weinstein on topics and dates he would be able to present. He provided the following dates and topics; June 17-20,24,25 and July 7,8,12,13,14,20,21

- Heat Stress
- Confined Spaces: Overview of requirements and clarification of terminology.
- Trenching and Shoring: Options for compliance

- Overview of Chemical Regulation: HAZCOM to HAZWOPER
- Respirators: Overview of requirements and equipment types

Nora will follow up with Phil to confirm that there will be no compensation as a volunteer presenter and then pass the information on to Eric to move forward if he will present.

May: Bob asked Eric if he could give a virtual presentation on multi-worker worksite in May. Eric will get something scheduled and share it with Nora to get the communication sent out.

June: Chris noted that Ben Block with MIOSHA can present on heat stress and prefers to present in-person. The group agreed this would be a fitting topic for June and could draw a larger crowd so the Michigan History Center/Library of Michigan would be a better venue. That could also allow for a hybrid meeting and Ben or Chris will have access to log in there. Bob will check with Craig to see if he can reserve the venue and get possible dates for June.

July: If Phil Weinstein is able to present, we can look at one of his topics for July.

Previous identified topics for consideration

These topics were identified in previous discussions and will be considered or closed out for future programs as Eric develops the program topic list and calendar.

- First Aid/CPR – (TJ)
- EHS Technologies – (Bob)
- Lithium-Ion Batteries, TJ – (TJ)
- Ethics In Safety – (Craig)
- Emergency Response Preparedness, Brittany Parks – (Bob)
- SlipKnot – (Bob)
- Evan Wing-Flaim Systems – Mary: On-Hold
- Safety In Government (As Opposed to The Private Sector) – On-Hold
- Legionella Water Management Plan – (Mary)
- Carbon Monoxide – (Carl)

New Topic Ideas

Coffee with MIOSHA: Chris noted that we should get the Mid-Michigan Chapter Coffee with MIOSHA scheduled. The Greater Detroit Chapter's is scheduled for August and West Michigan chapter's is scheduled for December. The Michigan Safety Conference's is also scheduled for December. There was a better turn out when we held it with Great Lakes Safety in Midland than when we held it in Jackson.

Chris noted they are hoping to have the renewal signing at the next Coffee with MIOSHA where they can get all the Chapter Presidents together.

New Business

Nominations: Bob noted that Selena Schmidt is the new Region VII Regional Vice President.

ASSP Region VII Spring 2025 ROC Meeting - 4/24 & 4/25 Rock: Bob will try to attend as much as he can. Mary will attend a session on Friday. Bob will send out a proxy for Mary to attend the meeting.

Student Chapter Opportunities: Mary checked in with Zach Hansman on some sort of student partnership with MSU. He noted that MSU does not cover cost for credentials or memberships, but he could present it to leaders if we think it is something we would like to pursue. We can also explore other community colleges/universities or look at creating some type of section in the Northern region that we could finance but not have to manage. Mary noted that Rita LaMoreaux works at Lansing Community College so she will reach out to her.

Monthly website review: Carl sent Craig his SPY award and asked him to forward a photo with it for the website. Nora will post the photo upon receipt.

Nominations & Elections: The Mid-Michigan Chapter election ballot was sent out to chapter members on April 11, with a closing date of May 11. As of date, only 18 have been submitted. Nora will send out a reminder a week before deadline.

Roundtable

Mary Bainbridge: Mary recently had an electrical safety training session and thinks the trainer would be a great speaker for the Michigan Safety Conference. The presenter works at Tyndale, which provides arc-rated and flame-resistant clothing. Carl noted that the speakers do not get compensated for speaking, but we could suggest his company get a booth which could also help promote the business. Mary will pass the information on to him.

Eric Allen: Eric receives job postings for the MIHS website he manages and asked if there was a procedure to have the safety related positions posted on the Mid-Michigan Chapters website. Nora noted he can forward those to her, and she will post them to the Mid-Michigan chapter site.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 22, 2025.