



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF SAFETY PROFESSIONALS

Mid-Michigan Chapter

May Secretary Report

Meeting Date: May 21, 2025

Meeting Time: 2:30 pm

Format: Webex

Attendees: Bob Schneider, Mary Bainbridge, Craig Galecka, Nora Gathman, T.J. Richardson, Eric Allen and Jared Crotwell

Meeting Started: 2:30 pm

Meeting Ended: 3:40 pm

Bob welcomed Jared Crotwell, an ASSP member who expressed interest in getting involved with the Board. Jared gave a brief introduction of himself. He is the Manager of Safety & Risk Management at M.L. Chartier. They are based out of Fair Haven but have an office in Lansing, so he joined the Mid-Michigan chapter. Jared served 21 years in the U.S. Coast Guard.

April Secretary's Report Review: Motion to approve by Eric. Seconded by TJ. Approved. Nora will post on the website.

February, March, April Treasury Reports and Annual Report Review:

Craig gave an overview of the Treasury Reports and noted that we had received larger amounts of dues income in February and April, and the usual amount for March. There are still outstanding expenses from the Michigan safety conference totaling \$1269.80 (\$350 for the booth and \$919.80 for the reception). Craig noted that the other chapters have agreed to split the cost and will need to confirm the amount agreed upon. Bob will follow up and confirm the agreement.

Craig gave an overview of the Annual Report. The chapter is in good financial shape with approximately \$18,611 at end of the physical year which is almost \$1,000 increase from last year. Some changes include additional interest from the CD. Spending included \$328 for meetings, \$150 donation to National and \$200 for the SPY award.

Motion to approve February, March and April Treasurer's Reports and Annual Report by TJ. Seconded by Eric. Approved.

Bob noted that because of the Region 7 increase, we will see a slight decrease in the dues increase if we maintain current dues amount. We need to make sure our members can see the value of the membership by hosting events and providing more education services to members.

Old business

Bob noted that he had received items we can use for giveaways for attendance at meetings, events or other member promotions. Items include \$25 gift cards for Amazon, Starbucks and ASSP Gear Store.

Past Meeting and Events

No events since last meeting.

Future Chapter Event Updates

Eric noted he had some conflicts and was unable to schedule his presentation for May. He will follow up to get the June and July presentations scheduled and can present in August. He will focus on the current presentation plan and then work on getting the survey out. The group discussed the best way to conduct the survey. It is a good opportunity to add some questions on in-person vs. virtual meetings and what would entice more participation.

June: Heat Stress – Ben Block, MIOSHA. Craig will check with his contact at the library for dates and will let Eric and Chris know. The best time would be 9-11am.

July: Eric will follow up with Phil Weinstein to see if he can present in July and confirm the topic.

August: Eric will present on Multi-Employer Worksites.

Coffee with MIOSHA: At the April meeting 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.

Status on previous identified topics

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

- Lithium-Ion Batteries (TJ) - TJ noted he has a student working for him that is using Rise to create a training module on Lithium-Ion battery for her capstone project. He is hoping that once its complete it can be presented at a chapter meeting.
- Ethics In Safety (Craig) - Craig reached out to internal contact back in January but has not heard back so he will follow up.
- First Aid/CPR (TJ) - No update
- EHS Technologies (Bob) - No update
- Emergency Response Preparedness, Brittany Parks (Bob) - No update
- SlipKnot (Bob) - No update
- Safety In Government, as Opposed to The Private Sector - On-Hold
- Legionella Water Management Plan (Mary) - No update
- Carbon Monoxide (Carl) - No update
- Risk Management (Jeff Gray) - No update
- Evan Wing-Flaim Systems (Mary) - On-Hold

New Topic Ideas

The topic of AI was brought up and Eric noted that he had been given a potential speaker from D.C., but he wanted to be paid for his presentation services. AI could be tied in with robotics or another topic such as monitoring.

Jared noted that they are looking at CAT AI software that can be put into heavy equipment. The AI systems can alert operators of potential collisions with structures or other equipment and direct automated vehicles around human-operated equipment, people and other obstacles. He noted they currently use AI in their company vehicles to monitor speeding, hard breaking, phone usage, distracted driving and seat belt compliance.

Eric noted that he talked to someone from U of M that is exploring AI to prevent injuries from heavy lifting tasks and relating to ergonomics. Eric will follow up on this for the topic.

The group agreed that these would be a good topics to pursue.

New Business

Monthly website review. SPY announcement was posted. Mary will send Nora photos from the Safety Conference Social Mixer to post.

Nominations & Elections: The Mid-Michigan Chapter election ballot closed May 11, and results of the chapter election were published by email on May 13. Congratulations to the Board.

Bob asked Jared about his interest and how he would like to participate going forward. Jared noted he would like to participate in more meetings and will review the roles to see what might be the best fit for him. Nora will add him to the distribution list for future meetings.

Roundtable:

Mary Bainbridge: Mary asked Jared where he was stationed while in the Coast Guard. Jared listed several places including Alaska, California, Florida, Washington, Louisiana, Maine, Virginia and Panama – so many amazing places! Mary also noted that we sent out the WISE common interest group notification to the chapter. The chapter gets points for communicating this information.

Nora Gathman: Nora noted that she had sent an email on May 9 to the chapter presidents asking how to manage the drawing and discount code and asked Bob if he could follow up with the other Chapter Presidents to confirm. The code that was provided is good through June 30, 2025, so we should get something out soon.

TJ Richardson: T.J. welcomed Jared.

Eric Allen: Eric apologized for the delay on getting the programs scheduled and will follow up to confirm the plan.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 18, 2025.

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Monthly Financial Report

Period Ending May 31

INCOME STATEMENT					
REVENUES (Cash Receipts)					
Dues		\$	130.00		
Meeting Fees		\$	-		
Conference/Seminars		\$	-		
Special Project		\$	-		
Interest		\$	-		
Advertising	(Unrelated Business)	\$	-		
Sale of Products *	(Unrelated Business)	\$	-		
Sale of Services	(Unrelated Business)	\$	-		
Other		\$	-		
			REVENUE (Total Receipts)	\$	130.00
EXPENSES (Cash Disbursements)					
MEETINGS:	Lunch/Dinner	\$	-		
	Speaker Gifts	\$	-		
	Other	\$	-		
CONF/SEMINAR:	Meals/Breaks	\$	-		
	Speaker Expenses	\$	-		
	Books & Materials	\$	-		
	Other	\$	-		
NEWSLETTER:	Printing	\$	-		
	Postage & Mailing	\$	-		
	Other	\$	-		
TRAVEL:	Officers	\$	-		
	Other	\$	-		
Publicity		\$	-		
Special Project		\$	-		
Administrative		\$	-		
Scholarship		\$	-		
Bank Fees		\$	-		
Web Hosting		\$	-		
Other		\$	216.07		
			EXPENSES (Total Disbursements)	\$	216.07
NET INCOME (Excess Receipts over Disbursements)					(\$86.07)
PREVIOUS MONTH/YEAR CASH BALANCE - Total Assets from Previous Month/Year					\$18,809.15
NEW CASH BALANCE - Previous Month/Year Cash Balance plus Net Income					\$18,723.08
Total Assets as of May 31 / Bank Balance					
	Savings	\$0.00			
	Checking	\$13,723.08			
	Other/CD	\$5,000.00			
	Deposit In Transit	\$0.00			
	(Outstanding Checks)	\$0.00			
NEW CASH BALANCE = Total Bank Balance			\$18,723.08		
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Chapter Treasurer (Print and Sign Name)				Date	