



West Michigan Chapter
American Society of Safety Engineers
Protecting people, property, and the environment since 1911



The West Michigan Society of Safety Engineers was organized July of 1952 and became a charter member in October 1953. The original ledger entry in November 1952 indicates a beginning balance of \$7.50, dinner receipts totaled \$66.09 with dinner disbursements being \$73.65 for a negative balance of \$.06. Mr. Henry Hymant contributed his dues immediately raising the balance to \$7.44.

We have had our struggles as evidenced during the original organization of the WMASSE, but the commitment of the professionals dedicated to serve the communities where we live, work and play is exemplary of the dedication of our chosen profession

During our 50+ years we have seen many changes: Presidents, Treasurers, Secretaries and other non elected positions, but the desire to decrease injuries, improve worksite conditions, preserve and protect property has remained a steadfast commitment to the members regularly in attendance at our chapter meetings.

Since the original formation, the WMASSE had maintained relationships with various societies, including the industrial hygiene society and professional and educational relationships with MIOSHA, Ferris State University and Grand Valley State University. Paramount to our affiliations is the involvement with the various student groups including the ASSE student chapter at Grand Valley State University.

With these relationships, members of the WMASSE receive a fellowship with other professionals and are afforded tremendous educational opportunities.

Our Chapter currently has 178 members and a healthy balance in the bank, which we consistently reinvest into our chapter, members, students, and community. This spring we are taking a day to volunteer our time, working on a Habitat for Humanity project. Each year, we hold 10 monthly meetings, with all but our annual golf outing having “Technical” topics. The golf outing serves as our last “Meeting” for the year, and serves as a fun way to raise money for our scholarship fund, which we give to a small number of Students in the EH&S field each year.

As I review the archived newsletters, I’m reminded about the battles our predecessors engaged in related to safety. More importantly, I’m encouraged by the victories our profession continues to have in an effort to ensure “Everyone goes home at the end of the day”.

Respectfully Submitted:

Kevin Roehling, Archivist

Jamie Bauer, President

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Past President

Bernard Dillon	52-53	Larry Onebee	83-84
Harold Davey	54-55	Ken Ringnalda	84-85
Charles Day	55-57	John McConnele	85-86
James Denyes	57-58	Richard VanAelst	86-87
Donald Renkes	58-59	Fred Bowman	87-88
Carl Behnke	59-60	Charles Dittman	88-89
Jack Milarch	60-61	Paul Stefanski	89-90
Robert Richards	61-62	Debra Martin	90-91
Wilson Hislop	62-63	David Cox	91-92
Glenn Hammond	63-64	Gary Felty	92-93
Frank Johnson	64-65	Charles Bruursema	93-94
Quinlyn Anderson	65-66	Mike Lucas	94-95
Robert Louis	66-67	Linda Hudson	95-96
Edwin Green	67-68	Steve Allen	96-97
Col. James Qualls	68-69	Kevin Quigley	97-98
Robert Ballard	69-70	Joe Hartings	98-99
Loren Krug	70-71	Thomas Lenartowicz	99-00
James Steele	71-72	Pat Knight	00-01
Norm Oosterbaan	72-73	Jeff Mather	01-02
William Duncan	73-74	Eric Longman	02-03
Laurene Robinson	74-75	Eric Krieger	03-04
John Watson	75-76	Dan Grzegorski	04-05
Dick Baldwin	76-77	Mike Rabach	05-06
Bill Gustus	77-78	Clara Davis	06-07
RW Allen	78-79	Heather Kubiak	07-08
Vern Hyde	79-80	Brian Becker	08-10*
John Swanson	80-81	Jamie Bauer	10-12*
Ray Case	81-82		
Larry Christian	82-83		

* Serving Two Terms