

SPECIAL EXECUTIVE BOARD MESSAGE

This section of the Newsletter is usually reserved for the President's message, which might include some teasers about upcoming events. Normally, this issue of the Newsletter would have an article about Student Night, with pictures of people accepting awards and standing within 6 feet of each other and not wearing masks or gloves or any other PPE. Instead, we have an article about the U of M students who received those awards, but no pictures of them mingling with the MIHS folks. That is because we were forced to cancel Student Night this year, which would have been March 26.

We did get the Past President's Breakfast (PPB) in just under the wire, and the new Board and Executive Committee is in place. Matt Macomber is our new President, and the four open Board positions were filled by three incumbents (Scott Chandler, Matt Repka, and Eric Allen), and one person new to the Board (welcome Michael Manning!). Sadly, that may be the last in-person MIHS function this year.

Our next regularly-scheduled gathering would be the Fall Conference in early October. At this time, it is probably a 50:50 proposition as to whether "mass" gatherings of 10 or more people will be allowed or socially acceptable by then. We will make every attempt to get everybody in the auditorium at the MSU Management Center, just like we used to do in the times before social-distancing. Plan B would be a live webcast, but there will be something for sure.

The Board will continue to meet online on a monthly-ish basis to do the business of MIHS. We will try to plan an online event or 2 between now and October, and as always, your suggestions are welcome.

Usually, the space below is the Calendar of Events, but we decided to put links to COVID-19 resources in that space instead.

These are exceptionally strange, once-in-a-lifetime times we are living in, but things will get better.

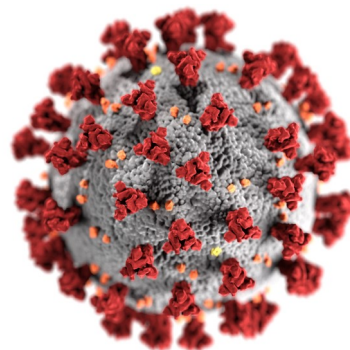
CORONAVIRUS/COVID-19 ONLINE RESOURCE LINKS

[Michigan.gov Stay home. Stay safe. Save Lives.](https://www.michigan.gov/stayhome)

[Michigan Executive Order 2020-42](#)

[AIHA Coronavirus Outbreak Resource Center](#) There are numerous links within the AIHA Resource Center such as CDC, OSHA, NIH, WHO, etc.

[Johns Hopkins University Coronavirus Resource Center](#)



IN MEMORIAM: BILL CLEARY 1930-2020



MIHS Past President, former MIHS Board Member, and all-around great guy, Bill Cleary passed away on April 1, 2020, at age 89. Bill earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from what was then Michigan State College in 1952. He then entered the U.S. Army as a Second Lieutenant in July of 1952 and left the service as a First Lieutenant in March of 1954. Upon leaving the Army, he became employed by the Michigan Department of Public Health, Division of Occupational Health. While with the Division, Bill also obtained an MBA from Michigan State University in 1989. Bill served the Division for nearly 40 years in various capacities as both a Certified Industrial Hygienist and licensed Professional Engineer, retiring as its Deputy Chief in 1993. In his retirement, Bill consulted on various industrial ventilation projects and also performed energy audits.

Bill served as a first responder to and investigator for the Lake Huron Water Supply Project tunnel explosion in Port Huron in December of 1971; 22 employees died in this event and its remains as one of the deadliest industrial accidents in Michigan history. Bill also served as part of the team that compared existing Michigan occupational safety and health regulations against those enacted by the newly created federal Occupational Safety and Health Administration in 1971. His work was instrumental to the creation of the Michigan Occupational Safety and Health Administration (MIOSHA), which was enacted in January of 1975 and administered by both Michigan's Departments of Labor and Public Health.

Both in his employment with the Division and in his retirement, Bill was professionally active. He served as a member of the [ACGIH® Industrial Ventilation Committee](#) for 29 years, from 1976 through 2006. During his time with the committee, Bill served as its Chair from 1978 through 1984. Bill was also active with MIHS for more than 50 years and was President in 1966 (and Secretary/Treasurer and Board member a couple dozen times). Additionally, he served several other organizations, including: the Michigan Safety Conference; annual industrial ventilation conferences in Michigan, Washington, and Alabama; and his church. Bill also authored both industrial hygiene and ventilation articles for numerous professional and trade publications, lectured at many trade events and conferences, and mentored many industrial hygienists and engineers.

Bill had a great sense of humor, which he needed in February of 1981. Bill was the Chairperson that year for the 30th Annual Michigan Industrial Ventilation Conference. Amongst Bill's responsibilities that year was dictating the content of the conference brochure. At that time, Microsoft Word had yet to be invented, and nobody had computers. Printed materials were commonly dictated and then typed. As one might guess, proper enunciation was critical. Unfortunately for Bill, the person transcribing his dictation typed the word "duck" everywhere that the word "duct" was to be used. This *faux pas* led to a "flock of ducks" being included in that year's conference brochure. An enterprising conference instructor, who was also a sheet metal contractor, went out to his work van and proceeded to fashion a duck out of galvanized sheet metal, which was titled Stannous Quackus. He then applied some duct tape and a ribbon and awarded his Duck Award to Bill in front of the entire conference for the laughable errata in the brochure! This award continued to be presented at the conference to a worthy conference instructor for having achieved the most laughable gaff of that year. It should be noted that Bill was a two-time Duck Award winner.

Bill is survived by his loving wife, Maxine, sons Patrick and Michael, many family members, and a host of friends and colleagues. A memorial service will be held later this year, when it becomes socially acceptable to gather again.

MIHS will miss Bill and his green sport jacket.

(special thanks to Gregg Grubb)



Bill Cleary, front left in the picture above, dispensing advice or telling a great story to someone at the 2016 MIHS Student Night



Bill Cleary, third from left, at the 2019 MIHS Past-President's Breakfast

STUDENT RECOGNITION

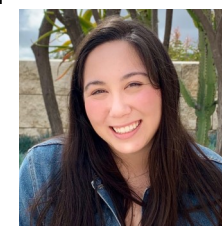


In a “normal” year, soon after our election, the first MIHS event is the Past President’s Breakfast and Annual Business Meeting (previous page), followed in March or April by the MIHS Student Night. This is far from a “normal” year, and MIHS was forced to call off this year’s Student Night dinner, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Student Night was scheduled for March 26, and though the event was cancelled, the award was not! This year’s best University of Michigan student was **Ms. Roxane Strobel**. Roxane maintained a 4.0 GPA, and was the 2019 University of Michigan Industrial Hygiene Students Association (UMIHS) Secretary. Roxanne competed a summer internship in 2019 at Bechtel Corporation in Atlanta, and was offered a full time position to begin in May of this year. We were not able to witness the award presentation in-person, but all of MIHS congratulates Roxanne on this achievement. In addition to the recognition, the award includes a voucher to attend a future U of M/MIHS Comprehensive Industrial Hygiene Review course in Ann Arbor.



Roxane Strobel

MIHS also endows a scholarship through the AIHA American Industrial Hygiene Foundation (AIHF) for students enrolled in the U of M industrial hygiene program, with preference given to a Michigan resident. The MIHS Merit Scholarship was established in 2006, and the 2019 award recipient was **Natalie Mullen** of U of M.



Natalie Mullen

Schedules permitting, we would like to recognize both Roxane and Natalie in-person at next year’s Student Night dinner.



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PAST PRESIDENT'S BREAKFAST AND ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING 2020

The Past Presidents' Breakfast and annual business meeting was held at the Vista Tech Center, Schoolcraft College on February 26, 2020. Mr. Mike Snyder, PE, CSP, Managing Director of Process Safety at Dekra gave a presentation entitled "Managing Exposures to Deliver World Class Safety". The presentation was followed by the annual MIHS business meeting.

After the annual meeting, the newly elected officers and board members began their terms of office. Our new President is Matt Macomber. The President Elect is Andy Crause. As noted on Page 1, the four Board positions were filled by 3 incumbents (Scott Chandler, Matt Repka, and Eric Allen), and one person new to the Board (welcome Michael Manning!). The other Board members include Aaron Jacob, Chinonye Akunne, Dave Fogle, and Bill Kilgore. Treasurer Adam Calisti, and Secretary Brad Burcz are both in their 2nd year of 2-year terms.



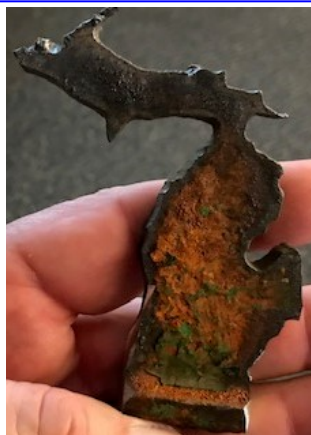
MIHS Past Presidents (l to r): Aaron Jacob, Andy Crause, Alan Amberg, Cindy Ostrowski, Ron Drafta, Dave Hands, Carrie Brown, and Graham Parr



Incoming MIHS President Matt Macomber with new Past President Lynn Totsky



MIHS President Matt Macomber with special guest speaker Mike Snyder. The speaker gift is a piece of the Mackinac Bridge (closeup below).



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TREASURY REPORT

MIHS Treasurer Adam Calisti delivered the annual treasury report for the period January 2019 to January 2020 at the Annual MIHS Business Meeting held on February 26, following the Past-President's Breakfast presentation.

Income 2016	\$18,825.60
Expenses 2016	<u>\$10,426.46</u>
Net Income	\$8,399.14

Cash Reserves

Savings Account	\$59,985.84
CD	\$5,705.22
Edward Jones Account	<u>\$52,205.97</u>
Total Reserves	\$117,942.03

TELL US A STORY!

We are always on the lookout for content and items of interest to our members. If you have a story to tell that you feel would be of interest to the group and you would like to see it in the MIHS Newsletter, let us know.

- A "Tale from the Front" about something you have done in the field.
- A write-up on a seminar or conference you've attended
- A write-up on a new gadget or "app" you have discovered that might be of interest to others

Pretty much anything industrial hygiene-related. Send your article to apcrause@aol.com.



Virtual AIHce EXP

AIHCE EXP COMES TO YOU!

The AIHce for 2020 will be a virtual experience. If you have already registered, there are 3 options to consider (below left). You can click on the blue box to the left and that will take you directly to the registration page. With any luck at all, the 2021 AIHce will be held in-person, in Dallas on May 24-26, 2021.

1. Convert to virtual participation – dates scheduled are the same as the current schedule, June 1-3. PDCs will be held Thursday and Friday, June 4-5, as well as the following week, June 8-12. To convert to virtual, you do not need to do anything. We will automatically convert individuals who do not choose one of the other two options by 11:59 p.m. on Thursday, April 30. If you registered for a PDC that is not being offered virtually, our registration team will be in touch with options to change your selection or to be refunded the cost of your PDCs.

2. Defer your 2020 registration fee to AIHce EXP 2021 at the 2020 registration rate prices. In December 2020 when we launch registration for the Dallas conference, we will provide deferring attendees with a code to use to apply the 2020 credit to their 2021 registration fees. The fees paid for the 2020 conference will be honored regardless of what the 2021 conference rates are.

3. Refund your 2020 registration fee in full. Donations to the AIH Foundation (as either a Fun Run entry, conference pin purchase, or separate donation) are non-refundable and will be excluded from the total refundable amount.



Conference Dates

February 8-11, 2021 Ventilation Conference. The Conference begins at 8:00 a.m. on Monday and concludes at 5:00 p.m. on Thursday.

February 12, 2021: Combustible Dust Workshop (3/4 day w/lunch)
February 12, 2021: Troubleshooting Workshop (3/4 day w/lunch)

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Each year the activities of the MIHS have been supported by our Organizational Members. The MIHS appreciates the support and generosity of our Organizational Member.

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