



2021 EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS



PRESIDENT: Melanie Myers '94 & '95

Melanie has a Bachelor and Masters in Construction Management and is a Project Manager for St. Joseph Mercy Health System. She has been a member of NAWIC for 21 years

and has served on the NAWIC Education Foundation Board for 10 years. In her spare time, she likes to craft and work on stained glass projects. This is her first term as President and has been Treasurer for the last 3 years.



VICE PRESIDENT: Stephanie Corey '17

Stephanie is a project Manager/Estimator at Woods Construction and Interiors. She is a member of the AGC of Michigan Construction Leadership Council and regularly participates in the Student Constructor Awareness Night. When not at work, Stephanie enjoys

discovering fun new breweries. This is her first term as Vice President.



TREASURER: Tiffany D. Vorhies '11

Tiffany, NACE CIP-2 is a Chief Consultant and Principal at SME. She has 22 years of industry experience and manages the Steel | Coatings | Nondestructive Testing group. Outside SME, Tiffany serves as the NACE Detroit Trustee and past president. She is also an

active member of the Geoprofessional Business Association and is assisting them in creating podcasts to further educate our industry. When not at work, Tiffany is usually woodworking or camping. This is her first term as Treasurer.



SECRETARY: Sandy Aufermann '17

Sandy served as the president of Eastern Constructors before graduating. She has a Master's in Safety Management and is an Environmental Health and Safety Specialist at Woods Construction

and Interiors. She is a member of the AGC of Michigan Construction Leadership Council and is currently serving as the Education Director. When not working, Sandy enjoys playing volleyball and soccer. This is her third year as Secretary.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

There is still time to support our Construction Management students this year! #GIVINGTRUEDAY is kicking off tomorrow, and there is no better time to make your gift than right now!

Although we were not able to gather in person this year, we are offering an opportunity for you to support the Dr. John A. Weeks Construction Management Endowed Scholarship and the Dr. James Stein Construction Management Endowed Scholarship. These scholarships are funded through the golf outing proceeds each year and provide essential support for our Construction Management students.

There has never been a more crucial time for you to invest in the future of our Construction Management students and program. We hope you will consider making a gift to the Construction Management Scholarship Fundraiser in honor of #GIVINGTRUEDAY at <https://donate.emich.edu/CMstudents2020>

Thank you for your support during this challenging time. So far 18 donors have helped us raise \$8,135. Thank you to our Donors:

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JIM STEIN'S RETIREMENT



On October 22, 2020, the Eastern Michigan University Board of Regents formally granted Emeritus Faculty status to Dr. Jim Stein in recognition of his 29 years of service to the University, the College of Engineering and Technology and the Construction Management

program. Dr. Stein officially retired from EMU on May 1, 2020. While the COVID restrictions meant that his retirement celebration had to be postponed, we hope to be able to make new plans in the coming months.

During the summer, Dr. Stein and his wife relocated to Austin, Texas to be near their daughter and her family. Although he is no longer in Michigan, Dr. Stein remains actively involved with the Construction Management program. We are looking forward to welcoming him as a featured speaker during the upcoming virtual hard hat ceremony on Wednesday, December 9th!

NEW FACULTY MEMBER FOR THE CM PROGRAM



Adam Bogedain joins EMU as an Instructor of Construction Management in the College of Engineering and Technology. Adam's education with EMU started in the mid-'90s where he earned a Bachelor of

Science in Art and went on to work in technical publications. Continuing at EMU, in 2014 Adam earned a Master of Science in Construction Management, started as a part-time lecture, and also began working full-time at Michigan Mechanical Insulation until he accepted a full-time tenure track position at EMU in 2020. During Adam's graduate studies he completed a cognate concentration in educational technology as part of the program. He utilized educational technology

tools acquired in developing course delivery methods outside the box, such as a flipped-classroom approach. Since Adam's time as a part-time lecturer, he has taught over six different courses and one he developed from the ground up, CNST230 Construction Applications in Construction. Adam is currently working on a Ph.D. in Educational Studies at EMU to take student learning and engagement to the next level. Adam has been a member of EMU's Construction Management Alumni, Construction Management Advisory Board Committee, Eastern Constructors, and a host of other activities.

HARDHAT CEREMONY

The end of the semester is quickly approaching and with it a new group of graduates. On **Wednesday, December 9, 2020, at 5:30 pm-8 pm**, there will be a virtual John Reposa Hard Hat Ceremony for all students graduating at the end of this semester. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

5:30 pm- Zoom will open for attendees

5:30-6:45 pm- Construction Law presentations (all alum are welcome to watch the presentations)

7:00 pm- 8 pm John Reposa Hard Hat Ceremony

Featured Speakers during the ceremony:

Dr. Jim Stein, Professor Emeritus

Melanie Myers, President of the Construction Management Alumni Chapter

The link for the Zoom meeting is:

<https://emich.zoom.us/j/96563535549?pwd=RGRsdHUwQkRmMVNHQWI0MW50VjM4QT09>

Meeting ID: 965 6353 5549

Passcode: 6g571d

SILL HALL RENOVATION

If you live in the area and have had a chance to drive through campus, you'll have seen the dramatic changes to Sill Hall.



Although work on Sill Hall was paused earlier this year due to COVID-19, renovations are in the final stages and, while the “high bay area” that houses the Construction Management Lab was opened last year, the two-story section of the building will be completed this month. Faculty and staff are expected to move into the new areas of the building during the winter break to prepare for classes in January.



DYNAMIC ACTIVE LEARNING STRUCTURE

With the renovations to Sill Hall nearly complete, plans are underway to determine a location for a Dynamic Active Learning Structure that will serve as a teaching aid for EMU’s Construction Management students. Originally created by a professor at the University of Florida in 1986, the structure was designed to be a full-size, 3D model that would provide students with up-close, hands-on exposure to structural steel, steel framing and their connections. Schematics for a scaled-down version of the original structure are provided free of

charge by the American Institute of Steel Construction.

Today, more than 170 college campuses around the world feature these structures, including Ferris State, Lawrence Tech, and MSU here in Michigan. The EMU Construction Management Advisory Board and Alumni Chapter have advocated adding the Learning Structure and will be reaching out to our industry partners for assistance with the necessary supplies and any professional services required to build the structure in the coming months. If you or your company would like to help with this project, please contact Lisa Comben, lcomben@emich.edu

JOIN OR RENEW NOW!

At just \$20 annually you can make an impact on a program that has given you a solid career path. Some great reasons to Join or Renew your current membership.

- Volunteer at the end of the semester to help evaluate senior projects.
- Be a guest speaker and share your industry knowledge with students.
- Have left over jobsite materials or a warehouse that just needs cleaning out? Donate those unwanted items to the construction lab for their projects.
- Become a CM Alumni Board Member or active member where you can plan for current events
- Attend member gatherings held before the Hard Hat Ceremony each semester. See old friends and network with some new industry members.
- Attend member gatherings held after the Career Fair each semester. Find new talent for your company.
- Attend monthly chapter meetings held on campus.
- Help raise awareness of industry opportunities to prospective students by representing our chapter at High School events.
- Participate in the Mentor program.

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