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Healthcare Facilities & Engineering News

President's Corner

Good afternoon SMSHE members,

As we move into the first quarter of the year, I want to take a moment to thank everyone who continues to support and engage with SMSHE.

First, thank you to all who attended our Annual Christmas Party and Business Meeting. It was great to see such strong participation, and on behalf of the board, I want to extend a sincere thank-you to our sponsors whose continued support allows SMSHE to provide meaningful education, networking, and social opportunities throughout the year.

I would also like to thank everyone who attended our educational session yesterday on freeze/thaw cycles, hosted at McLaren. A special thank-you to RAM Construction for sponsoring the event and to McLaren for opening their doors and supporting SMSHE's educational mission. The discussion and engagement during this session truly reflect the value of learning from one another in real-world healthcare environments. Additionally, thank you to Candace Kitchen with Total Door Systems for her January educational presentation, "Integrated Fire and Smoke Door Systems: Specifying Your Own Safety Net." The session provided valuable insight into compliance, safety, and best practices that directly impact patient/staff safety and overall compliance.

Looking ahead, we encourage healthcare professionals who are interested in hosting a future SMSHE educational event at their facility to come forward. Hospital-hosted events are a tremendous opportunity to showcase best practices and strengthen

collaboration across our membership. Likewise, if you have ideas for future educational topics, please share them.

I also want to recognize our upcoming social event, the SMSHE Fowling Event on February 19th. These events are an important part of building relationships across our chapter, and we hope to see many of you there.

On the governance side, I'd like to share an important update. An amendment to the SMSHE bylaws has added an Associate Member Board position to oversee the Sustainability Committee. This committee will be responsible for leading SMSHE's participation in the ASHE Energy to Care Chapter Challenge, a key initiative aligned with our goal of achieving ASHE Elite Platinum status. The Associate Member Board position that chairs the Awards Committee is also open; this role is responsible for managing and preparing documentation to keep SMSHE an ASHE accredited chapter.

Associate members who are interested in these board positions and contributing to the leadership within SMSHE are encouraged to submit their resume to the executive board; James.Krzywiecki@medxcel.com, Keith.Miller@mclaren.org, and DinoMarra@johnegreen.com. The application deadline is FEBRUARY 28th. **Please indicate which position you are interested in with your submission.**

As a reminder, please take a moment to update or renew your annual SMSHE membership to ensure continued access to educational programming, advocacy updates, and chapter communications.

For information on upcoming events, advocacy initiatives, and chapter resources, please visit www.smshehealthcare.org. The advocacy section highlights how SMSHE and ASHE continue to support healthcare facility professionals at the local, state, and national levels.

Thank you again for your continued involvement and support.

Best regards,
Jim Krzywiecki
SMSHE President

Open Board Member Positions

- At Large Directors
 - Requirements:
 - Professional Level Member (Employed within a Healthcare organization). We are seeking one Professional Level Member, Secretary Executive Board position.
 - Associate Level Member (individuals or representatives that provide professional, technical and consulting services or sell products or services to Healthcare organizations). We are seeking two Associate Level Members, Sustainability and ASHE Awards Chairs.
 1. Must be willing to assist other Board Members in their assignments.
 2. Must be willing to attend regular Board meetings.
 3. Must be willing to work in a team environment.

4. Must be willing to participate in an interview process.

To apply: Submit an email expressing your interest and your resume to James.Krzywiecki@medxccl.com, Keith.Miller@mclaren.org, and DinoMarra@johnegreen.com.

Membership Dues Structure

If you have not signed up for our SMSHE Membership, we encourage you to go to our website or talk with one of our Board members about the process. It is rather simple and can be done online. Please follow the link: [Membership | Southeastern Michigan Society for Healthcare Engineering \(smshehealthcare.org\)](http://Membership|SoutheasternMichiganSocietyforHealthcareEngineering(smshehealthcare.org))

Professional:	\$25.00
Associate:	\$100.00
Retired/Regulatory	\$0.00
Educator/Student:	\$5.00

Call for Presentations

We are constantly looking for fresh material for presentations at our monthly educational meetings. If you have a code/compliance related presentation or you have developed proven best practices that push the leading edge of the profession, we want to hear from you! Presentations should be roughly 45-60 minutes long and must be generic as far as branding (NO COMMERCIALS!).

Contact [Liz Lyon](mailto:LizLyon) for more information.

Supporting SMSHE!

The SMSHE board needs your help! We're constantly looking for ways to improve the experience for our members, provide more meaningful content, and help our membership grow and develop in their career tracks.

We have several openings available to help the organization grow and serve better, reach out to us to get involved or for further information.

Interested in the position or learning more? Contact James.Krzywiecki@medxccl.com

Calendar of SMSHE Events

These events are added to the website and promoted for registration just prior to each event. More events to be scheduled soon!

- February 19, 2026 - SMSHE Event Fowling!
 - Fowling Warehouse-Detroit
3901 Christopher St.
Hamtramck, Michigan
 - [SMSHE Members and Sponsorships - Register through your Dashboard Here and Click on the Events Tab – Register Here!](#)
 - [Non-SMSHE Members and Sponsorships - Register Here!](#)

- March 11, 2026 - SMSHE Educational Meeting
 - Parking Structure Compliance. Presented by PULLMAN
 - Karmanos Cancer Institute, Detroit, Michigan
Registration coming soon!

- April 8, 2026 - SMSHE Educational Meeting
 - Healthcare Modular Construction. Presented by CareAffirm
 - Henry Ford Rochester Hospital, Rochester, Michigan
Registration coming soon!

- May 13, 2026 - SMSHE Educational Meeting
 - Preparing for the future of code compliance: A highlight of major code changes from the NFPA 99 2012 edition to the 2024 edition. Presented by Omega Flex, Inc.
 - Location TBD
Registration coming soon!

- June 11, 2026 - SMSHE Educational Meeting
 - Ventilation Management Plan (VMP) Deployment: Leveraging ASHRAE Guideline 43 to Prioritize Strategic Infrastructure Investment. Presented by Infrastructure Investment HC, L.L.C.
 - Location TBD
Registration coming soon!

- July 17, 2026 - SMSHE 30th Annual Golf Outing
 - Links of Novi
50395 W. 10 Mile Road
Novi, MI 48374
Registration coming soon!

- August 2 - 5, 2026 - ASHE Health Care Facilities Innovation Conference
 - Minneapolis, MN
<https://www.ashe.org/education/health-care-facilities-innovation-conference>

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