

BIOS FOR SEAMI OFFICER ELECTIONS August 2010

Larry Hulst, P.E., SECB – Previously Elected President for 2010-2011

Larry Hulst has over 30 years of experience and has been a Principal at the Grand Rapids area structural engineering firm of JDH Engineering since 1989. Prior to JDH, he was the structural department manager at an A/E firm in the Grand Rapids area. He is a licensed professional engineer in 12 states. Larry attended Calvin and Hope College and also Michigan Tech.

In addition to general management and shared oversight of the business of JDH Engineering, Larry maintains client relationships, coordinates business development, and serves as principal in charge of engineering projects. He is actively involved in design concepts as well as final engineering and retains special interest in engineering adaptations of existing structures.

Matthew Rehtien, P.E. – President-Elect

Matthew Rehtien received his B.S. in Civil Engineering from the University of Michigan in 1997, and his M.S. in Civil Engineering (structural emphasis) from the University of Texas at Austin in 1999. After graduation, Matt practiced structural engineering with the firm of Walter P. Moore and Associates, Inc. in Houston and then in Austin, Texas until 2004. Matt then enrolled in, and ultimately graduated from, the University of Washington School of Law in 2007. He is now an attorney at Clark Hill PLC in Detroit, and specializes in commercial litigation and construction law. He is a licensed professional engineer in Michigan, Washington and Texas (inactive). Matt and his family live in Harper Woods, Michigan.

Mark Johnson, P.E. – Vice-President

Mark Johnson is a structural engineer with URS Corporation in Grand Rapids. He has been employed by URS for ten years. Prior to joining URS, Mark was employed by S.A. Miro, Inc., a structural engineering firm in Colorado. Mark attended Purdue University where he received his bachelor's and master's degrees. He has experience in wood, masonry, steel, and conventional and post-tensioned concrete construction. He is also a member of the NCSEA Code Advisory Committee on Quality Assurance and Special Inspections. He enjoys spending time with his wife and three sons, running, and the outdoors when not at work.

Rich Kipke, P.E. – Treasurer

Rich Kipke received his BS in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University in 1990. After graduation he worked as a structural engineer on the east side of the state with Giffels, Paris Consulting and Haden Inc. In 2003 Rich and his family relocated to Rockford on the west side of the state where they currently reside. Most recently employed at JDH Engineering, Rich enjoys the challenges and continual learning that come with structural design. Rich is active in his community, volunteering his time with youth sports, Cub Scouts, the Equest Centre for Therapeutical Riding, and building mountain bike trails.

Brandon L. Hildreth, P.E. - Secretary

Structural Department Manager, Associate, Prein&Newhof corporate office in Grand Rapids

BSCE 1996 Michigan Tech

Work consists of municipality, water and wastewater plants, industrial, commercial, schools, and religious buildings. SEAMI Secretary 2007-2010, SEAMI West Michigan Chapter Co-Director since 2004.

John Gruber, P.E., S.E. – Southeast Michigan Director

Project Manager, Partner, Sheppard Engineering, P.C. in Troy.

BSCE Lawrence Technological University, 1991, MSCE Wayne State University, 2006.

Specialize in timber structures and specialty engineering services. SEAMi Vice President 2008-2009, 2007-2008, SEAMi Board Member 2009-2010 and SEAMi Secretary 2006-2007.

Karin M. Kasper, P.E. – West Michigan Director

Structural Engineer with Classic Engineering, LLC in Grand Rapids

BSCE Michigan Tech, 1981

Projects consist primarily of commercial, retail, industrial and residential. SEAMi Director, West Michigan Chapter since 2006.

Bill Thayer, P.E. – Saginaw Valley Director

Structural Engineer with Macmillan Associates in Bay City

Saginaw Valley Director for many years

Brian Quinn, P.E. – Director At-Large

President, SE Solutions, LLC in Holland

Past President of SEAMi. He has a BSCE and MSCE from Purdue University and worked for JDH Engineering from 1991-1995, then at the software company of RAM International (acquired by Bentley) from 1995-2007. He founded SE Solutions in 2007. He also currently serves on the NCSEA Basic Education Committee, the Purdue CE Advisory Council, and is a contributor the SEI-CASE BIM Committee.