

Volunteer Spotlight **John Rubio**



John Rubio, Vice President, West Region for Simpler Consulting, an IBM Watson Health Company, was introduced to AME 19 years ago by a colleague who wanted to connect lean thinkers with others in the field. John supports his region by organizing and leading workshops, assisting other board members in finding host sites for events, recruiting, and welcoming new volunteers to his region.

For practitioners, the "networking opportunities are amazing" for meeting others on the lean journey. He has "developed a lot of friendships and relationships with people through AME."

and enjoys interacting with and working alongside fellow volunteers. One of the biggest benefits John says he receives from AME is the learning. He also loves seeing attendees at AME events get excited about what they're learning. "Like anything else, no matter how long you've been involved, there's always something new to learn. Things are always changing. AME provides a learning opportunity that you can't get in very many places, with all the activities and various ways you can interact with other members."

If you have a passion for excellence and enjoy sharing, become a volunteer.

- Share your talent and skills by participating and helping with special projects as needed.
- Share your company's story by hosting a regional event.
- Share your company's story and results by presenting at AME's annual conference.
- Learn from others by hosting a tour at your site.
- Grow professionally and personally by volunteering on your AME regional board.
- Share your passion for lean and help others by volunteering at AME's annual conference.
- Share your own AME conference experience with new registrants who would like to speak with a previous attendee.
- Share your lean knowledge and learn from others by serving as an assessor for the AME Awards.
- Share your lean lessons learned and experience in an article for *Target* magazine or Target Online.



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