



VOLUNTEERS MAKE AME EXCELLENT.

Volunteers are at the very heart of AME.



Their contributions and dedication are vital to our organization and the services we are able to provide.



AME offers a variety of ways for members to get involved, from short-term volunteer projects to board and committee service.



Our volunteers develop their professional skills and connections, give back to the continuous improvement community and form lasting friendships as they share, learn and grow together.

Since our creation as a not-for-profit in 1985 by a group of volunteers, AME has grown to represent approximately 4,000 members.



Today, AME is primarily driven by volunteers who provide relentless support, energy and time to help their fellow members prosper in today's challenging global marketplace. AME volunteers enable our vision of a modern-day manufacturing renaissance driven by people-centric leadership coupled with enterprise excellence.



JOIN US: BECOME AN AME VOLUNTEER!

Volunteer Spotlight Nicki Schmidt



Nicki Schmidt, lean coach for Michigan Medicine, began her career as an ER nurse. She attended a lean workshop and said the session provided **“a common-sense approach”** to removing the barriers that prevented her from doing her nursing job effectively and providing the patient with the highest level of service. Nicki was eager to learn more about those methods and participate in the lean community.

She notes that **“the organization is awesome and good to their volunteers. Even though you’re volunteering, you still network with people and learn**

so much. It’s also just an amazing conference.” Nicki always enjoys the kick-off parties for the next conference, as well, and has amassed a collection of photographs with fellow volunteers and attendees and the fun times they’ve shared at those events. She says, **“AME offers great opportunities to volunteer, create friendships and grow professionally. I get so much out of it.”** Nicki will host Idea Exchange sessions at the AME 2017 conference in Boston, and is looking forward to catching up with old friends as well as to making new ones.

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 experience and lean lessons learned in an article for *Target* magazine or Target Online.