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Volunteer Spotlight Drew Locher



“I would see an incredible amount of change happening in 3 days,” remembers Drew Locher. President of Change Management Associates, Locher has been volunteering with AME since 1993. “In the 90s we used to do kaizen events. Facilitating those and watching the transformation – that was fantastic.” While facilitating change was what initially caused Locher to get involved, he continues to volunteer because of “the people” and the relationships he has built with other AME volunteers. They are **“personal relationships that have developed over the years,”** especially at the post-conference celebrations, where Locher notes he **“really began to feel like a part of AME.”**

Locher notes that two of his passions – “maintaining a manufacturing base in this country and making healthcare affordable” – are values shared by AME. “I’ve been plugging away

at these since the 90s,” he notes. Having previously led the Mid-Atlantic Region, and having served on multiple international conference teams, Locher seeks out presenters with different experiences and perspectives to share with attendees, helping ensure AME attendees are exposed to a diverse lineup, reflective of current issues.

If you want to get involved, “step up and do it; don’t wait for someone to ask,” says Locher. **“It can be a big time commitment, but if you’re willing to put time into it, it’s more rewarding. It makes a better experience for everyone. Don’t wait until you get older. The best time to do this and reap benefits of networking is when you’re younger. And bring your friends – that will enhance the experience for everyone.”**

To learn more about becoming an AME volunteer, visit: www.ame.org/volunteer

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.