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Volunteer Spotlight **Bret Orr**



"I'm amazed at how seriously we take trying to make the organization better," says Bret Orr, who has been volunteering with AME for over 3 years. "We really work hard to help each other get better and to hold ourselves accountable." Orr currently serves as the North Central regional president, chair of the president's council and as a member of BEST (Big Event Support Team). "Initially, I was part of an AME consortium, and the North Central region was looking for new board members." In classic AME fashion. someone reached out, and Orr said, "yes," without realizing that "yes" would lead to a lot of volunteer hours, but also be truly rewarding. "The people who have been with AME a long time have been very gracious and I have been able to learn so much from them."

"I really value the network of people I've met through volunteering," says Orr, noting that everyone is "willing to go above and beyond to help each other and that has opened more doors than we ever thought possible or that we knew existed." Furthermore, "by sharing our successes and failures, we learn from each other," which helps him improve. Orr appreciates that volunteering with AME allows him to give back to others, noting that when he served as a Bus Captain in Boston, "the ride was long, but it allowed me to help facilitate networking and it was great to play a part in helping everyone get so much value out of their AME experience."

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- 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.
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