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President's Message

Dear MiSHE Members,

First, I want to thank our sponsors, whose generous support makes our events possible. To our members, thank you for attending, networking, and sharing your expertise—you are the heart of MiSHE. To our board members and our consultants at Kelley-Cawthorne, thank you for the countless hours of work behind the scenes that made the conference seamless and impactful.



A special thank you goes to our keynote speaker, Anthony Grupido, who delivered a powerful message on mental health—while also weaving in a little magic that made his talk unforgettable. We are also grateful to all of our speakers and presenters, who brought meaningful insights and tools that will strengthen our profession and community.

We were also honored to welcome several of our ASHE colleagues to the conference. A special thank you to ASHE President Michael Hatton, Donald Page, and Michigan's own Mark Mochel for joining us and supporting our MiSHE members.

Looking ahead, MiSHE has an exciting slate of events to close out the year:

- October 14 - MiSHE October Education Webinar: BCC & BCHS Updates and Code Changes
- October 17 – MiSHE/SMSHE Bowling Fundraiser, benefiting Next Steps 4 Seniors
- November 2–4 – Midwest Healthcare Engineering Conference & Tradeshow in Indianapolis, Indiana, where MiSHE is proud to participate
- November 13 - MiSHE November Education Webinar: Michigan Uniform Energy Code Updates
- November 21 – MiSHE Healthcare Compliance & Safety Forum
- Plus, our chapter holiday parties will be taking place across the state this winter—a great chance to reconnect and celebrate another successful year.

This quarter also brings important leadership updates. I want to thank Shelly Prew for her dedicated service on the board during her two-year term, and I am excited to welcome Mark Fine as the newest Associate Board Member—his energy and

perspective will be a great addition to our team. I also want to take this opportunity to recognize and sincerely thank our current MiSHE Treasurer, Ed Belanger, for his many years of commitment and service to MiSHE as he steps down from his executive board position. Ed's dedication has been instrumental in our society's growth and success, and we are grateful for his leadership and contributions.

Finally, please mark your calendars for next year's Annual MiSHE Conference, which will be held at the Soaring Eagle Casino in Mt. Pleasant, Michigan, September 23–25, 2026. We look forward to building on the momentum from Traverse City and delivering another outstanding event. With everyone's generous help with the silent auction and jersey sale there was \$475 raised that is being donated to the nonprofit Next Steps 4 Seniors.

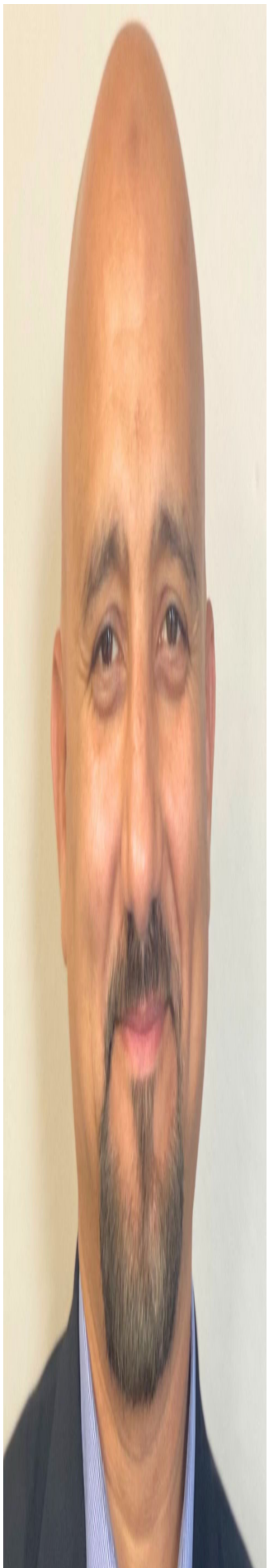
Thank you again for your commitment to MiSHE and to the healthcare engineering profession. Together, we continue to grow stronger, support each other, and advance our shared mission of safe, efficient, and innovative healthcare facilities across Michigan.

Sincerely,

Joe Saldivar

President, Michigan Society for Healthcare Engineering (MiSHE)

SE-MiSHE Chapter article



Greetings to all MiSHE Family and Friends.

It was great catching up with everyone at the annual conference in Traverse City.

It's been a great year so far for the Southeast Chapter!

- In February, we hosted a chapter meeting and event at Robustos, in Dearborn, MI. It was a well-received networking event. **Save date:** Due to popularity and demand, we will be hosting a chapter meeting and networking event on October 24th, 3pm -7pm @ Churchills in Birmingham, MI. Feel free to reach out to [Rocky](#) if you are interested in sponsoring.
- In April, we hosted our 2nd annual virtual golf outing, which was well attended and a fun way to connect while raising money for charity.
- This summer, our 9th Annual Southeast Golf Outing at beautiful Cherry Creek in Shelby Township sold out in just one week—an incredible show of support! Both golf events raised important funds for local charities.

Looking ahead, our Annual Holiday Party will take place on **December 5 at Roncelli in Sterling Heights, MI** Don't forget to bring a gift to pass as all gifts will be donated to **Friends of Foster Kids. Keep an eye out for details in the coming weeks.**

As we prepare for 2026, we're planning a variety of educational events along with both indoor and outdoor golf outings to keep members engaged year-round. **We need all members and friends to be engaged in our initiative to increase professional participation; all ideas welcome! Don't hesitate to reach out to Rocky, Joe, or any MiSHE board members.**

A big thanks to our members, sponsors, and supporters for making this such a successful year—we couldn't do it without you!

Thanks

Rocky

President MiSHE SE Chapter

Eliminating Zombie Activities in Your Facility

Those who attended the 2025 ASHE innovation conference in Columbus experienced a very inspiring opening talk from Diana Kander and learned about eliminating Zombies activities so we can have better outcomes.



The ASHE Health Facilities Management magazine summarized her opening keynote addressing how to improve results and drive innovation.

A byproduct of this success are "zombies," which Kander defined as any use of time and resources that doesn't produce enough value in return. To help remove these unhelpful endeavors, Kander suggests ranking projects on a 1 to 10 scale by level of importance rather than asking a simple "yes" or "no" question about whether it should be continued.

Once these zombies are eliminated, Kander said, health care facilities professionals and their teams can reimagine what's possible by asking themselves: "What does version 2.0 look like?"

At the 2025 ASHE annual conference in July, several MiSHE and SMSHE leaders were on hand to receive platinum awards for their chapters. Congrats!



Handling Unwanted Pharmaceuticals and Pharmaceutical Containers

Guidance for Healthcare

Introduction

Discarded pharmaceuticals and their containers are waste streams subject to environmental, public health

Examples of Pharmaceutical Containers

Blister Packs

EGLE Guidance on Handling Unwanted Pharmaceuticals

The Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes, and Energy (EGLE) has published an 8-page guidance document to assist healthcare facilities in complying with their new pharmaceutical waste regulations.

See: <https://www.michigan.gov/egle/-/media/Project/Websites/egle/Documents/Programs/MMD/Drug-Disposal/Handling-Unwanted-Pharmaceuticals.pdf>

It covers pharmaceutical waste characterization, gives examples of non-acute hazardous waste pharmaceuticals (HWP), mixing and shipping HWPs, explains requirements what qualifies as a RCRA empty container and reiterates that HWPs can no longer be managed as universal waste as of May 5, 2025. It discusses sewer prohibition for disposal of HWP and the corresponding 2025 regulations. The document ends with answers to several Frequently Asked Questions.

CMS publishes revised SOM Appendix A for Hospitals 09/05/25 – minor changes to surveyor guidance

The update incorporates guidance from QSO memos S&C-16-29, 19-13 (revised), QSO-20-04, 22-20, 23-09, and QSO-23-19 into the SOM. These previously published memos involve life safety code updates, co-location, electronic reporting for deaths

in restraint and seclusion, infection prevention and control, Quality Assessment and Performance Improvement (QAPI), and ligature risk and assessments.

Downloads [QSO-25-24-Hospitals](#)

Note: Appendix A sections being changed are included at the end of the document in the link.

The changes pertaining to Physical Environment include minor revisions to surveyor guidance under A tags **717 sprinkler system outage** and **718 windowsill height**.

There is also a new requirement under A tag 1114 for emergency services:

Appendix A/A-1114/482.55 (c)Emergency services readiness. Effective July 1, 2025, in accordance with the complexity and scope of services offered, there must be adequate provisions and protocols to meet the emergency needs of patients.

Excerpt example:

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§482.41(b)(8) When a sprinkler system is shut down for more than 10 hours, the hospital must:

- (i) Evacuate the building or portion of the building affected by the system outage until the system is back in service, or
- (ii) Establish a fire watch until the system is back in service.

Interpretive Guidelines §482.41(b)(8):

A building sprinkler system is a significant fire protection feature. Therefore, when a sprinkler system is out of service for more than 10 hours in a 24-hour period, this regulation and the LSC requires either an evacuation of the building or portion of the building affected by the system outage, or the establishment of a fire watch until the sprinkler system has been returned to service.

A fire watch consists of trained personnel who continuously patrol the affected areas until the sprinkler system has been restored. The personnel must have access to fire extinguishers and the ability to quickly notify the fire department. Fire watch

personnel look out for fire and other hazardous situations. They also ensure that fire protection features of the building (e.g., extinguishers, means of egress, alarm systems) are available and functioning. The fire department should be notified any time the building sprinkler system is out of service.

Survey Procedures §482.41(b)(8):

The LSC surveyors will assess the sprinkler system during the LSC survey, but health surveyors should also assess the status of the sprinkler system at the time of the health survey. Part of this assessment includes determining if the sprinkler system has been out of service for more than 10 hours, and if so, to confirm that an evacuation or a fire watch was in effect until the system is back in service.

ST108 Info summary by Garratt Callahan



Garret Callaghan, a water treatment company has created a 4-page handout on ST108 which gives some very good details on the requirements of ST108 along with some information on their services. It includes a chart on categories and performance qualification levels of water quality for medical device processing. See link:

Below is an excerpt from this document:

Q: What is the difference between the technical information report TIR34 and ST108:2023?

ST108 goes a step further than the TIR34 by providing in-depth information for creating and maintaining a good water supply system and consistent water quality. TIR was *guidance* for action and implementation and facilities “should be in compliance.” This guidance has been replaced by the *standard* and now facilities “shall be in compliance”. The standard provides detailed information on creating a

quality water system to help ensure good water quality and better patient outcomes. The information includes but is not limited to:

- Designation of responsibility for establishment and maintenance of water quality
- How to apply risk analysis to evaluate water supply system
- Expansion and clarification of “water quality categories” for processing of medical devices and the application and use of each
- Interaction of water quality with disinfection technologies
- Effects of water quality on steam and liquid-chemical sterilization
- Water system design and qualification
- Routine monitoring activities
- Continuous quality improvement maintenance
- How to handle cases of shutdown, boil water alerts, and other interruptions to supply, and after repairs or modification

Q: Why is the ANSI/AAMI ST108:2023 important?

Healthcare facilities receiving reimbursement from the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (“CMS”) and/or are accredited by The Joint Commission are required to have a water management program. An ST108 program requires similar management and risk assessment requirements for managing the use of Sterile Processing Services (SPS) water. The primary goal of this program is to reduce negative patient impacts and issues with medical instrumentation.

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