



### Message from the President

**T**o keep pace with the quickly changing worlds of education and industry, the *asbe Foundation* continues to evolve. To help us remain current and relevant, we have added four directors who are presently engaged in automotive design, engineering, and/or education. See related article.

On April 20th the winners of our High School Design Challenge, their parents and instructors attended our Annual Awards Dinner. Twenty-four students received certificates of recognition and cash awards. Students from five local community colleges and three universities, nominated by their instructors, were also recognized for their academic achievement and leadership.

Jim Karlavage, the engineering manager of the 2016 Camaro, was our keynote speaker who encouraged the students to pursue their automotive design aspirations. As an added bonus, Karlavage will be taking the two top winners on a personal tour of a G.M. facility.

To better plan next year's Contest, we sent out an extensive survey to teachers with the intention of making the competition more relevant and more easily integrated into their curriculum. Response to the survey has provided valuable information.

Your support is important to us, please consider making a contribution.

*Dave Barran*

**O**ur Valued Partners: the MotorCities Automotive Heritage Area (MCAHA) and the Design and Manufacturing Alliance (DMA) continue to partner with us in providing Historical and Industrial Tours for students and teachers.



The *asbe Foundation* has worked with MCAHA over the years and received their recognition for our Design Challenge High School Competition and Tours Program last year. Recently, the *Foundation* received a grant of \$2900 from MCAHA to support the Competition and to strengthen and make tours available to more students. With significant additional financial support and under the direction of the DMA, a part of the grant is also being used to develop a video presentation to introduce students to the Ford Piquette Plant. We appreciate both of these valuable partnerships.



**T**he Design and Manufacturing Alliance, in cooperation with the *asbe Foundation*, will continue to develop and coordinate student and instructor tours. In the past year tours were held at the historic Ford Piquette Avenue Plant, the General Dynamics Endeavour Center, the GM Heritage Center, the Nissan Technical Center, and the Stahl Museum. Our goal is to increase the number of tours available during the coming year. Available tours and tour contacts can be found on the *asbe Foundation* website [www.asbeFound.org/events](http://www.asbeFound.org/events). For further information on pending tours, becoming a tour docent, or hosting a tour, please contact Jim Masiak at 248-977-0849. Instructors, it is not too early to schedule fall tours!



**T**he *asbe Foundation Golf Outing* will again be held at the beautiful Springfield Oaks Golf Course in Davisburg, MI. This is a day when old friends and new come together to enjoy a round of golf. It is also the principal scholarship fund raising event for the *Foundation*. Bring a friend and join us on September 8th. Sponsorships and door prizes are also gratefully accepted. Information and registration for the outing is available on our website: [www.asbeFound.org/events](http://www.asbeFound.org/events)



*Introducing  
New Board  
Members*

*Four new members were recently elected to the asbe Board of Directors; all bring a great deal of experience, expertise, and passion to the work of the Foundation.*



**Steve Ault** was elected Treasurer of the Foundation and brings broad financial experience. He has held various positions from Vice President of Finance at Modern Engineering, Chief Financial Officer for Von Weise Corporation and also for HP Pelzer Automotive Systems. He is currently Chief Executive Officer and

part-owner of ALR Products Inc. Steve holds a BA in Business Administration from Michigan State University, and an MBA from Wayne State. "Having spent many years working for an automotive design and engineering company, I got to know a number of asbe members. I also got to see all of the great work the Foundation is doing with students to encourage and promote design and engineering careers. Becoming a member of ASBE allows me to help students to pursue a great career and impact future products."



**Don Hutchison** is the Associate Dean of Engineering Technology at Macomb Community College. A graduate of the Focus Hope Machinist Training Institute in Detroit, Don received a Bachelor of Science degree in Engineering Technology with honors from Lawrence

Technological University and obtained a Master of Science degree in Manufacturing Operations from Kettering University. Before joining Macomb, Don worked at General Motors in the areas of design, engineering, and manufacturing. He has consulted for government, non-profits, and corporations on how to build and retain a skilled and diverse manufacturing workforce. "I joined asbe to encourage and support the next generation of talented, enthusiastic designers who will eventually become prominent leaders in industry."



**Myron Lemon** attended high school at Cass Tech and Breithaupt Career and Technical Center where he began his design studies and interned at General Motors as a detail designer for engine test lab parts. Myron graduated from Macomb Community College with a degree in Au-

tomotive Design and again gained two additional years of co-op experience at General Motors Design Staff. Myron's work experience includes Ford Motor Company, and now Lear Corporation where he is an Automotive Product Leader focusing on seating and trim. His extensive volunteer work includes Forgotten Harvest, Meals on Wheels, teaching basic drafting for DAP-CEP (Detroit Area Pre-College Engineering Program) and mentoring through the BINGO Youth Institute Myron comments: "We have to mold the clay and form the steel, before it's hardened by life."



**Janice Seitz** credits her parents for her pursuing a career in engineering. Janice's educational background includes a Bachelor's of Science in Engineering from the University of Michigan, a Master's of Science in Manufacturing Management from Kettering University and an Advanced Propulsion in Electric Vehicle

Certificate from Michigan Technology University. Janice started her automotive engineering career in Body Engineering and is still her passion. She is currently in Predictive Engineering, Research and Development in Vehicle Engineering at Fiat Chrysler Automotive and has worked for more than twenty years in Interior Engineering. Janice's goal is "to pay it forward and one way to do so was to join the asbe Foundation because it promotes design and engineering as a career choice and encourages and recognizes the achievement and creativity of students through scholarships and awards."

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