

MiSGMP ROCKS at 2017 NEC!



**Mr. Impossible,
Michigan's Super
Hero**



17 MiSGMP members attended the 2017 SGMP National Education Conference in Fort Lauderdale, June 6-8, where the Michigan chapter, once again, received national recognition: the Chapter Operations Excellence Award, the highest award given, and 3rd place for Communications of the Year.

New this year, chapter presidents were asked to identify their chapter's "Super Hero." This was not a decision of the membership, or even of the board, but of the president – and a difficult decision it was. As president, I have the privilege of working with dedicated MiSGMP members in a variety of capacities – chapter board members, committee chairs and committee members, and members who continually promote MiSGMP in their workplace and throughout the industry. So often, recognition is given to someone who is well into or even near the end of her/his career. I decided to view this as an opportunity to recognize one of our newer members, an emerging leader who has embraced and promoted MiSGMP, and who has already made significant contributions. It was my honor to identify Nick Stratton as MiSGMP's Super Hero! Please congratulate Nick, not only for this honor, but also for his new position as he joins Katie Newsome as a sales manager at the Radisson Kalamazoo!

Board Changes!

In early May, Leonard LaFrance, 2nd Vice President, left the Bavarian Inn to pursue a career in real estate. MiSGMP is most appreciative of his service, especially with regard to our social media presence and communications – Lenny established the MiSGMP e-REEL, our innovative e-newsletter. Best wishes Lenny, we'll miss you!

Heidi Schmitt with Experience Grand Rapids was appointed, and approved by SGMP, to move from her Director position into the role of 2nd Vice President. Congratulations Heidi!

Success is liking yourself, liking what you do, and liking how you do it. ~Maya Angelou

In Case You Missed It

Next Week's Meeting **has been canceled**. We hope to see you at the July 19th meeting at the Holiday Inn Flint-Grand Blanc, 5353 Gateway Center, Flint



This newsletter is dedicated to the Memory of David Pletzke.

The MiSGMP family extends our deepest sympathy to President Laurie Nickson for her loss.