

Summer MiAPPA Conference 2022
Presenter Biographies

Karim Allana, PE, RRC, RWC
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Karim Allana is the CEO and Founding Principal of Allana Buick & Bers, Inc. ABB is a leading Architectural-Engineering firm specializing in building envelope and sustainable construction trades. Karim has been in the A/E and construction fields for 35+ years and acted as a consultant and expert witness on 1,000+ forensic / construction defect projects. Karim earned a B.S. in Civil Engineering from Santa Clara University and is a licensed professional engineer in California, Colorado, Hawaii, Nevada, North Carolina, Oregon, and Washington State. He is also a Registered Roof Consultant (RRC) and Registered Waterproofing Consultant (RWC) through IIBEC, Inc.

Dave DeVree, Sales Manager, Rapid Water Technologies
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Dave DeVree has been a part of the HVAC industry since the late 80s, when he started his career as a sheet metal installer. In addition to his 10+ years of field knowledge, Dave has decades of experience as a manufacturer's rep, project manager and estimator. He works with Rapid Water Technologies' institutional customers, with a focus on universities and hospitals. These organizations can especially benefit from the water, energy and cost savings created with nanobubble technology. Water is a major part of Dave's life outside of work, and you can often find him salmon fishing on Lake Michigan or enjoying watersports with his family at their Fife Lake cottage.

Aaron Frantz, PE
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Aaron Frantz is a mechanical engineer at Peter Basso Associates with a focus on complex, multidisciplinary, and high-rise projects. Beyond delivering client-centric systems that balance cost and performance, Aaron has been a champion of integrating energy modeling with design processes to discover novel design options that optimize energy performance while minimizing impact on architectural goals. In addition, he is passionate about engineering education, serving as Chair of the Detroit Young Engineers in ASHRAE organization, leading the mentoring of college co-ops in his department, and presenting seminars on sustainability and life safety topics to architects and building owners. Prior to joining the AE world, Aaron received his Masters in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Michigan – Ann Arbor, where he gained additional practical sustainability experience as Operations Director of the University of Michigan Solar Car Team.

**Jeff Korpi, Director of Partnerships and Events
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Jeff Korpi's nearly 20-year career has been dedicated to providing leadership to students, staff, operations, facility management and revenue generation in university housing and programming venues. Recently, Jeff served as the Director of Housing and Residence Life at Northern Michigan University and helped the institution successfully achieve their goal in building an \$80-million, 1200 residence-hall bed replacement, under a P3 model, the first in the state of Michigan on a campus. Seeing the project from inception to launch to full operation, Jeff's management strategies and brand vision helped the project exceed every annual occupancy and financial goal. Jeff holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Sociology and a Master of Science degree in Criminal Justice, both from Northern Michigan University and he hails from San Antonio, Texas.

**Doug Kozma, PLA, ASLA
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Throughout Doug Kozma's 25-year career with the firm, he has channeled his energy into integrated planning at the intersection of academic mission and the physicality of campus. He has worked for a wide spectrum higher-education clientele throughout the US.

Cheryl LaJoye, Supervisor-Facilities Maintenance and Energy Management, Northern Michigan University

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Cheryl LaJoye is responsible for scheduling building operations through the campus Facility Management System, tracking and reporting on all utility use and directing the work of the Preventive and Housing Maintenance Technicians. She has been integral in the development of the analysis of the campus' Facility Management System and Preventive Maintenance Program. She led the pilot program that installed Monitoring Based Commissioning software to analyze the Facility Management System in three critical buildings to determine issues early in their development so they can be addressed and result in efficient operations maximizing energy savings and comfort. Cheryl is a member of APPA, received her CEFM Certification in 2017 and has an Associates in Business Administration, Bachelorette Degree in Accounting and Masters Degree in Public Administration with an emphasis in Finance.

Kody Meier, Commissioning Engineer

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Kody Meier holds bachelor's degrees from Ferris State University in both Mechanical Engineering Technology and Energy Systems Engineering. His studies were a hybrid mix of mechanical and electrical principles focusing on energy efficiency and innovation, bringing a unique perspective to the dbHMS Team. Kody provides value to commissioning projects in various industries including healthcare, universities, lab buildings, office buildings, K-12 schools, and mid-rise / high-rise residences. He provides Monitoring Based Commissioning for several clients with a wide range of influence on the energy usage for those projects. Kody's expertise in systems' functional testing and operational data investigations, including those recently conducted with the Western Michigan University FM Team, makes his involvement a key component of our MBCx efforts.

Jaime Paris Boisvert, CEFP

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Jaime Paris Boisvert is well known for delivering solutions that optimize buildings and infrastructure by improving energy efficiency, data collection and analysis, comfort, safety and security. This approach allows institutions to realize lower energy costs and increased building values, as well as garner recognition for corporate and social responsibility in the communities in which they operate. Prior to joining JCI, Jaime's experience as a General Manager leading strategy, sales, and operations for a building technologies provider in the Boston market fueled her passion for higher education thought leadership, meaningful market insights, decarbonization, and impactful infrastructure and digital offerings. She also serves on the Board of Trustees for Nichols College, her alma mater in Massachusetts.

Kathy Richards, PE, CEFP

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Kathy Richards directs and administers the activities of the Facilities, Engineering and Planning, and Plant Operations Departments. Her oversight includes design and construction, building and grounds maintenance, custodial, campus utilities, including the central steam plant. She is responsible for developing the university's campus energy master plan that includes the goal of becoming carbon neutral by 2050. Kathy is a professional engineer with a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering from Michigan Technological University, serves as the MiAPPA Vice President and is an APPA Certified Facilities Educational Professional.

James Rosner, PE, CEM
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James Rosner partners with clients to achieve their carbon neutrality goals through the Johnson Controls Net-Zero Buildings and Decarbonization services. James has over 18 years of experience in Utility and Energy Master Planning, District Energy Central Plants, Sustainability, and Renewable Energy programs while as the Associate Vice Chancellor of Facilities Management and Planning (University of Denver) and as the Director of Utilities and Energy Management (Oklahoma State University). He leads Johnson Controls' ESG Advisory Services team developing decarbonization, renewable, and resiliency master plans and roadmaps. He is a Professional Engineer and Certified Energy Manager holding a Bachelor of Science degree in mechanical engineering from Colorado State University and a Master of Science degree in engineering management from the Air Force Institute of Technology. His experience includes approximately 10 years in the Air Force worldwide including combat deployments to Iraq and the United Arab Emirates.

Nick Salowich, AIA
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Nick Salowich brings over 35 years of experience in project management and architecture. As the Science & Technology Studio Leader for the Detroit office, he is a registered architect with demonstrated expertise in the areas of architectural design and project management within the science & technology, higher education, workplace, residential, and healthcare market sectors. His most recent areas of focus have been in the development and management of projects with Michigan State University including the Grand Rapids Research Center, the Grand Rapids Innovation Park, the Doug Meijers Innovation Building and the Interdisciplinary Sciences & Technology Building. He received a Bachelor of Arts in Architecture, Bachelor of Architecture, and Master of Architecture from Lawrence Technological University and has served as a speaker at TRADELINE, COAA, I2SL, and APPA conferences.

Steve Schonberger, AIA
SmithGroup, Principal in the Campus Strategy & Analytics studio

Steve Schonberger has more than 30 years of experience in higher education programming, planning, and design. He has directed and participated in teams for a variety of educational projects, including space utilization studies, campus master plans and teaching, research, student support, and residence life facilities on over 60 campuses.

James Spurr, Esquire

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James Spurr specializes in resolving disputes, from trials in state and federal court to arbitrations, mediations and facilitations. Many cases involve real estate and development, construction projects, commercial transactions, contracts and business deals gone awry. James has concentrated upon claims arising from complex construction projects for more than 25 years. He has advocated for, defended against and resolved claims involving corporate headquarters, manufacturing facilities, college and university buildings, public works projects, municipal parks, local schools and athletic arenas. The claims range from interference and delay, lost productivity, defective buildings, design negligence and serious accident. His expertise has led him to speak before and serve on the faculties of major nationwide construction law seminars and industry symposiums. In resolving disputes, James has come to master skills such as creativity and problem solving, effective negotiating, persuasive advocacy/writing and the effective use of expert witnesses.

Pete Strazdas, Associate Vice President for Facilities Management

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Pete Strazdas leads a department of over 330 employees, they are responsible for planning, engineering, construction, and operations for a campus of 150 buildings and 8 million GSF. In his 43-year tenure at WMU, he also held positions as Construction Administrator, Director of Maintenance Services, and Assistant Professor of Construction Management. He served on the Michigan APPA Board for many years, including six years as President. He also served for many years on the International APPA Board and served as their President. He is presently on the APPA Credentialing Board. He was appointed by the Governor to the Michigan OSHA Construction Commission, served six terms Mayor in the City of Portage and the President of the Council of Governments in Kalamazoo County. He has been a speaker at the Michigan, Midwest, and National APPA conferences. He also presented at the national COAA, ASHEE, SCUP, CAUBO, NFMT, CDS, HEFMA, AUDE, TEFMA, and Engineering Society of Detroit conferences.

Richard (Dick) J. Temple, AIA, LEED AP
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Dick Temple is a licensed Architect practicing in Michigan. His background includes 30 years in the private sector as a Principal-in-Charge for an Architectural practice, a Construction Manager, and a Real Estate Broker. In his current role with Michigan State University, he is responsible for Real Estate Operations, Campus Planning, Capital Planning, and Capital Renewal. He is a strong proponent of project collaboration and stakeholder synergies that lead to integrated facility solutions and was an early adaptor of sustainable design. For the past two decades his focus has been primarily on educational clients. At MSU he is able to apply his expertise and experience to help move forward both on-campus and off-campus initiatives. These have included community integrated planning with traditional construction delivery methods and non-traditional construction delivery strategies and ownership models.

He received a Bachelors in Business Administration and Masters in Architecture from the University of Texas in Austin. He has worked and taught in Germany, and has completed projects in England and China.

Jim Thams, CEFP
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Jim Thams is heavily involved in campus planning and design and since 2008 has helped guide the university's effort to benchmark space utilization and establish use standards for both existing and new facilities. Jim holds a Bachelor in Science in Planning with a minor in Architectural Technology and a Masters Degree in Public Administration with a concentration in Community Development.

Matt Wandrie - General Manager
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Matt Wandrie is a subject matter expert in Emergency Response Planning, Matt was a co-founder and key member of the leadership team at PrePlanLive, Inc., founded in 2017 as a technology solution for first responders. BELFOR acquired PrePlanLive Inc, in June 2020. PrePlanLive – with Matt and the current BELFOR Alert team - developed this mobile app to capture a building's most-critical facility data, emergency operations plans, and key building contact information. This platform gave first responders unparalleled access to building data and information before, during, and after emergency scenarios. The ultimate goal of the app was to help first responders better understand the physical environments within the buildings they responded to – and at the end of the day, save time and protect lives. Matt and his team

combine to offer their clients over 50 years of combined experience in emergency response planning and training, threat assessment, facilities management and organizational leadership. Matt brings over 20 years of educational leadership experience with him having served as a principal, human resource director and district superintendent.

Mark Wisz, Principal and Commissioning Studio Leader
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Under Mark Wisz's leadership, the dbHMS commissioning focus is to maximize technical expertise and ultimately deliver value for the owner, to "build it once and operate it for life". Mark holds credentials as a Certified Energy Manager, University of Wisconsin Commissioning Authority Professional, LEED AP, and was awarded the Building Commissioning Association's "20 under 40" distinction in 2021 demonstrating expertise in building science, project turnover, and system operations. Mark's experience includes higher-education projects at WMU, the University of Notre Dame, and Grand Valley State University, as well as high-profile projects at Stryker and Spectrum Health, and the William Eckhardt Research Center at The University of Chicago. He has worked throughout the United States and internationally, with Boeing and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Mark's collaborative and proactive approach to all commissioning projects elevates owner requirements to the top priority.