**Michigan Aggregates Association History**

**Updated April 25, 2025**

**Why the Association was Formed**

The Michigan Aggregates Association (MAA) is a non-profit trade association founded in 1960 by a group of conscientious and environmentally concerned aggregate producers to protect and promote the interests, growth and welfare of the Michigan aggregates industry. These goals have remained essentially the same over the years. The MAA membership has grown to include not only crushed stone and sand and gravel products, but many industrial and recycled material producers as well as suppliers of equipment and other goods needed to produce mineral products required by every citizen of Michigan.

The proliferation of new laws at the local, state and federal level affects everyone in today’s business environment. The MAA participates proactively in the legislative process, keeping elected officials aware and well informed of the issues that significantly affect this industry and its thousands of employees. The MAA, through its active committee network, interacts with state regulatory agencies to advise them on developing regulations in a variety of areas including health and safety, land use, taxation, material specifications, land reclamation and the environment. Through its educational programs, quarterly business meetings and newsletters, the MAA keeps its members informed of critical regulatory developments.

**Mission Statement**

Michigan Aggregates Association is the recognized advocate of the aggregate industry.  We promote best practices for safe and efficient aggregate production, responsible environmental stewardship and reasonable material specifications for our members.  Through community involvement, we educate the public as we create a sustainable industry for future generations by providing materials used by Michigan citizens in their daily lives.

**Vision Statement**

Michigan Aggregates Association’s vision is to promote favorable public policies that foster growth and innovation for the mining of materials used by diverse industries.  We are committed to rebuilding and maintaining Michigan’s infrastructure and economic prosperity.  Our members are committed to providing a desirable career choice by offering a safe and sustainable working environment.  We accept our responsibility to restore the land to its natural beauty for beneficial use and conservation for future generations.

**Various Names of the Association**

1960 – 1983 **Michigan Sand and Gravel Producers Association**

* First BOD
  + Lawrence Clark – American Aggregate
  + John Gillespie – Edw. C. Levy – Burroughs Materials
  + Paul Hubscher - Hubscher & Son, Inc.
  + Robert Kurtz - Kurtz Gravel Company
  + Wayne Mickelson, Jr. - Mickelson Sand and Gravel
  + Richard “Dick West” – Nashville Sand and Gravel Company
  + Arthur L. Wysong - Wysong Gravel Company
  + Donald L. Walker - Straits Aggregates & Equipment
  + Robert Stuart - Burroughs Materials, Inc. Div. of Edw. C. Levy Co.
  + Dan Gooding - Whittaker & Gooding Co.
  + David Schreur – Rieth Riley
  + Brenton Cook - Bill Smith Sand & Gravel, Inc.
  + William Wilson - Mid Michigan Materials, Inc.
* Association President
  + Lloyd “Dutch” Reid

**Transition Period 1980-1983**

* During the period 1980 to 1981 the Michigan sand and Gravel Producers Association, a nonprofit Michigan corporation, was reorganized informally as the Michigan Mineral Producers Association.
* Changed from Michigan Sand & Gravel Assoc. to Michigan Mineral Resource Association in order to include Slag, Dry Producers and Limestone at the same time including Vendors.
* During this reorganization period, the former managing director L.D. Reid became ill, retired and subsequently died. What records could be located were moved in late 1981 from the prior Michigan Sand and Gravel Producers Association offices in Southfield, Michigan to the present offices of the Michigan Minerals Producers Association in Lansing, Michigan.
* The loss of important records and unsettled legal status of the association led to the retention of the law firm Dykema, Gossett, Spencer, Goodnow & Trigg to consult on dissolution of the Michigan Sand and Gravel Producers Association and formally established the successor Michigan Minerals Resources Association - from letter dated August 24, 1983 from Law Firm to IRS

Officially changed name on November 17, 1983 to **Michigan Mineral Resources Association**

October 25, 1995 – The Board of Directors voted to change name to **Michigan Aggregates Association**

August 28, 1996 **officially changed name to Michigan Aggregates Association**

* First official BOD of Michigan Aggregates Association
  + Jeffery W. Wilson - Mid Michigan Materials, Inc.
  + G. Max Brown - American Aggregates of Michigan, Inc.
  + Scott Carson – Lyon Sand & Gravel
  + Richard Davidson – Michigan Aggregate Corporation
  + James Steen – Presque Isle Corporation
  + Ralph Olivanti – Contractors Machinery
  + Ron Tipton – France Stone Company
  + David Rowden – Michigan Limestone Operations Limited Partnership
  + James Broderick – Edw. C. Levy Co.
  + Todd Brayton – Certified Sand and Gravel
* Association President
  + 1995-2015 – Michael Newman

**Michigan Aggregates Association Foundation** – Established in Dec 2006

**Milestones – Major issues/Legislation – the association was part of/led the charge**

* May 8, 2023 passage of PA 27/30 of 2023 - Industrial Processing
  + These Public Acts clarify that equipment used for the production, manufacturing, or recycling of aggregate, where the aggregate will be used as an ingredient or component for the construction, maintenance, repair, or reconstruction of property that will ultimately be subject to sales or use tax, is exempt from sales tax at the time you purchase the equipment.
* April 26, 2023 passage of PA 20/21 of 2023 – Sales Tax on Delivery
  + These Public Acts states that if delivery charges are listed separately on the invoice, bill of sale, or similar document provided to the buyer and the seller maintains its books and records to show the separate amounts, the delivery charge is not subject to sales (or use) tax.
* March 5, 2014 – Kyser v. Kasson Twp Judges Decision
  + Judge Power’s decision – Kyser cannot mine on gravel on the mine she owns in Kasson Twp. This case started in 2004 and the MAA has been involved in both the Supreme Court case and the legislation. MAA initiated to overturn the court’s decision. The original court ruling was there were almost not “very serious consequences” to the community. Unfortunately, the courts later ruled that there is no need for the material in the region.
* July 20, 2011 passage - PA 113 of 2011
  + This Public Act amended Section 205 of the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act to specify that a zoning ordinance cannot prevent the extraction of valuable natural resources by mining from any property unless "very serious consequences" would result from the extraction. The bill states that natural resources will be considered valuable if a person, by extracting the natural resources, can receive revenue and reasonably expect to operate at a profit. Under the bill a person bringing a zoning challenge has the initial burden of showing there are valuable natural resources located on the relevant property, that there is a need for the natural resources by the person or in the market served by the person, and that no very serious consequences would result from the mining.

**Awards/ public recognition of the association**

* Celebrated 50-year anniversary in 2010 and received a Special Tribute from the Governor, Speaker of the House and various Michigan Legislators

**Timeline of major events & Changes / Association Name/logos/etc.**

* 2025 – Hired part time MAA Events Coordinator
* 2024 – MAA Technology Committee developed “Steps to Success” guides
* 2024 - Developed industry template for MSHA Safety Program for Mobile Equipment Rule
* 2024 – Began MAA Emerging Leaders Program
* 2023 – Created the “Women of MAA” forum
* 2022 – MAA Specifications Committee developed an industry template Quality Management System (QMS) satisfying the requirements of MDOT and AASHTO R 18.
* 2022 – Formed the MAA Technology/Integrated Mine Workgroup
* 2021 – MAA Public Relations Committee initiated the “Mining for the Future” project highlighting reclaimed aggregate operations
* 2019 – MAA began partnership with the Michigan Chamber of Commerce and Tenurgy to offer MAA members an opportunity to help save/reduce on utility bills.
* 2019 – Formed the MAA Operation Manager Workgroup
* 2019 – Hired Harbor Strategic (John Sellek) to be the associations public relations consultant
* 2019 – MAA Public Relations Committee updated the school rock boxes and developed the MiRockRock program
* 2018 – Collaborated with MDNR, Michigan Oil and Gas Association, Michigan Manufactures Association to develop and host a Governor’s Summit on Extractive Industries
* 2018 – Developed MAA Investment Policy (initial deposit $125,000 on 11/1/18)
* 2018 – MAA Safety Committee developed the MAA Safety Innovation Program that recognizes companies who go above and beyond normal safety practices by establishing or developing new ways to be safe.
* 2017 – Developed Strategic Plan along with updated Mission and Vision Statement – updated in 2022
* 2017 – Initiated the EGLE/MAA Environmental Committee yearly meeting
* 2016 – Updated the MAA logo
* 2016 – MAA Safety Committee developed the MAA Safety Bulletin program to aid members with various training aids
* 2016 – Developed
* 2003 – Hired Kelley Cawthorne (Dave Ladd) to be the associations lobbing firm
* Aggregate Use in Everyday life brochure

**Chairman of the Board of Directors**

* 2025 – 2026 Sky Cheney – Cheney Limestone
* 2023 – 2024 Mark Schlegel – Schlegel Sand & Gravel
* 2021 – 2022 Rick Kidd – Edw. C. Levy Co.
* 2019 – 2020 Dan Balkema – Aggregate Resources
* 2017 - 2018 Rick Becker – Stoneco of Michigan
* 2015 - 2016 Robert W. Wilson - Mid Michigan Materials, Inc.
* 2013 - 2014 Greg Thomas - Consumers Concrete Corporation
* 2011 - 2012 Clifton Halliday, Jr. - Halliday Sand & Gravel, Inc.
* 2009 - 2010 Bob Nobbs - Edw. C. Levy Co.
* 2007 - 2008 Don Griffin - H&D, Inc Div. of Rieth Riley
* 2005 - 2006 Daniel Guthrie - Superior Mineral and Gravel
* 2003 - 2004 Bob Adcock - Iafrate Companies
* 2001 - 2002 David Rowden - Michigan Limestone Operations
* 1999 - 2000 R. Scott Carson - Lyon Sand & Gravel Company
* 1997 - 1998 G. Max Brown - American Aggregates of Michigan
* 1995 - 1997 Jeffery W. Wilson - Mid Michigan Materials, Inc.
* 1993 - 1994 Richard Davidson - Michigan Aggregate Corporation
* 1991 - 1992 G. Charles Hubscher - Hubscher & Son, Inc.
* 1989 - 1990 J. David Stein - Burroughs Materials, Inc. Div. of Edw. C. Levy Co.
* 1987 - 1988 Robert Kurtz - Kurtz Gravel Company
* 1985 - 1986 Earl Spring - American Aggregates Corporation
* 1983 - 1985 Robert Stuart - Burroughs Materials, Inc. Div. of Edw. C. Levy Co.
* 1981 - 1983 Dan Gooding - Whittaker & Gooding Co.
* 1979 - 1981 Brenton P. Cook - Bill Smith Sand & Gravel, Inc.
* 1977 - 1979 Donald Walker - Straits Aggregates & Equipment
* 1975 - 1977 Brad Rahn - Grand Rapids Gravel Company
* 1973 - 1975 Paul Hubscher - Hubscher & Son, Inc.
* 1971 - 1973 Max Wysong - Wysong Gravel Company
* 1969 - 1971 Robert Robinson - Construction Aggregates Corp
* 1967 - 1969 Wayne Mickelson - Mickelson Sand and Gravel
* 1966 - 1967 Harold Schultz - Bill Smith Sand and Gravel - ???
* 1965 - 1966 Charles Gooding - Whittaker & Gooding Co.
* 1964 - 1965 Harold Stukey - H. Stukey Co.
* 1962 - 1964 R. S. Evans - American Aggregate Corp
* 1960 - 1962 Lyle Walker - Walker Sand and Gravel

**Executive Director/Presidents**

* Douglas E. Needham, P.E., Executive Director – 11/1/2015 - Present
* Michael Newman, President - 1995-2015
* George Gallup President - 1989 - 1994
* A. Douglas Graham – President - 1981 - 1988
* Lloyd “Dutch” Reid, President - 1960-1980

**Michael Newman Distinguished Service Award Recipients**

* 2024 – Cliff Halliday, Jr. – Halliday Sand & Gravel
* 2023 – George Colby - MSHA
* 2022 – Bob Allison – AIS Construction Equipment
* *2021 – COVID Shutdown- No Award this year*
* 2020 – Chris Kinney – Great Lakes Aggregates
* 2019 – Greg Thomas – Consumers Concrete
* 2018 – Bob Nobbs – Edw. C. Levy
* 2017 – John Friend – Michigan Department of Transportation
* 2016 - Bob Adcock -Iafrate Companies
* 2015 - Mike Newman - Michigan Aggregates Association
* 2014 - Bill Hodges - Michigan CAT
* 2013 - Bill Kidder - Burroughs Materials, Inc. Div. of Edw. C. Levy Co.
* 2012 - Jerry Jung - Michigan CAT
* 2011 - Neil Casaceli - Great Lakes Aggregates
* 2010 - Jim Young - Lafarge Corporation
* 2009 - G. Charles Hubscher - Hubscher & Son, Inc.
* 2008 - R. Scott Carson - Lyon Sand & Gravel Company
* 2007 - Jeffery W. Wilson - Mid Michigan Materials, Inc.
* 2006 - Richard Davidson - Michigan Aggregate Corporation
* 2005 - Brenton P. Cook - Aggregate Industries, Inc.
* 2004 - Brad Rahn - Grand Rapids Gravel Company
* 2003 - Ralph Olivanti - Contractors Machinery Co.
* 2002 - J. David Stein - Burroughs Materials, Inc. Div. of Edw. C. Levy Co.
* 2001 - Bob Kurtz - Kurtz Gravel Company
* 2000 - Paul Hubscher - Hubscher & Son, Inc.