

2021 Vernon B. Spalding Leadership Award

Keith M. Swaffar, PE

Chairman Emeritus, NTH Consultants, Ltd.



Keith attended Michigan State University receiving both a bachelor's and master's degree in Civil Engineering. He is a licensed professional engineer in the State of Michigan.

Upon graduation, Keith started at NTH Consultants as a staff engineer in April 1979. Over the years he held many project leadership and management positions within the firm. He was appointed as COO and Executive Vice President in 1999. Keith served as President from May 2003 through March 2012, and CEO from January 2005 through April 2012. He was appointed Executive Chairman in March 2012 and Chairman Emeritus starting in January 2021.

Keith has been active in several professional organizations over his career, serving as President of MSPE from 2002 to 2003, as the Scholarship Chairman since 2006, and he is currently the MSPE representative on the Michigan QBS board. Keith was also awarded MSPE's Outstanding Engineer in Private Practice in 2002 and was named an MSPE fellow in 2005.

In 2009, he was appointed by Governor Granholm to fill a vacant seat on the Michigan Board of Professional Engineers, serving until the term expired in 2011.

Keith has continued his involvement with Michigan State University, serving on both the Civil Engineering Advisory Board as well as the College of Engineering Advisory Board.

Keith has been active with ACEC/Michigan for many years, starting on the legislative committee in 2004. He joined the ACEC/M Board of Directors in 2006 and served as President during the 2012- 2013 year. He also served as the Alumni Committee Chairman for several years. On the ACEC National level, he served as a trustee of the ACEC Retirement Trust from 1997 to 2005 and from 2007 to 2015, serving as chairman from 2003 to 2005 and from 2012 to 2015.