



**Event:** Lean 102

**Speakers:** Dave Kippen and Howard Weston

**Date:** September 27, 2013

**Location:** ABB in Auburn Hills

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The Michigan Lean Consortium (MLC) partnered with ABB on September 27, 2013 for Lean 102 educational event featuring Dave Kippen and Howard Weston.

The next class in the series expanded the scope of the Lean Leader to the Value Stream level. More advanced Lean tools were taught to support Value Stream wide improvement.

Students walked away with an understanding of what a Value Stream is, how to map it and some of the advanced countermeasure tools used to improve performance Value Stream Mapping, Kanban, SMED, Heijunka, Visual Management, One Piece Flow, Facility Assessments, Facilitation.

Approximately 18 people attended this event in Auburn Hills.



**Speaker Bios:** For the past 8 years, Dave Kippen has served as a Lean leader, coach and educational instructor. He currently works at Milsco Manufacturing in Jackson, MI. Dave's passion is to aid in the development of leadership and growth throughout all levels of the organization. During this time, Dave has successfully coached more



than 250 people through Lean 101 classes, 20 Leaders through Lean 201 classes and facilitated well over 100 Kaizen events throughout the United States and Europe. In addition, Dave is Bronze certified through the SME/AME/Shingo Prize/ASQ Partnership. For more information, please connect with him via his LinkedIn profile or at [davekippen@yahoo.com](mailto:davekippen@yahoo.com).



Howard Weston currently serves as Managing Director and Lean Implementation & Continuous Improvement Coach at KWA North. Prior to joining Ken Wantuck Associates (KWA, Inc.), he spent 15 years in industry holding leadership positions in manufacturing, materials, engineering, finance and project management while guiding LEAN transformation initiatives. He has led lean implementation project teams as a coach, mentor, trainer and life-long lean student with numerous fortune 500 companies including Parker Hannifin where, as a contract service provider and certified Lean Sensei, he facilitated implementation initiatives throughout North America, Mexico, Europe and Asia while training and mentoring team members in their development as Lean Leaders and Certified Trainers. Howard is a member of Society of Manufacturing Engineers (SME) where he currently serves on the Executive Board for Chapter One. He is also a member of the Association for Manufacturing Excellence (AME), American Society for Quality (ASQ), American Society for Training and Development (ASTD), Association of Operations Management (APICS-CPIM) and serves on the Event and Project Committees with the Michigan Lean Consortium having received the Distinguished Service Award in 2012.

[See photos from the event on Facebook.](#)

The mission of the MLC is to offer a diverse network of knowledgeable lean professionals who come together to share innovative practices. The organization aims to create a lean culture in Michigan to ensure sustainable competitive advantage, which could translate into healthier businesses that offer more job opportunities leading to economic growth in the state.