

# Society of Allied Weight Engineers, Incorporated

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Dear fellow mass properties engineer,

As you already know, being a member of the Society of Allied Weight Engineers (SAWE) affords you access to mass properties information, subject matter experts, training resources and new processes, plus products and services from our vendors. A SAWE membership also keeps you abreast with how SAWE is responding to the Industry Survey results collected and analyzed in 2018 which potentially can affect you as a mass properties engineer. Several sessions with our Corporate Partners in our monthly Corporate Steering Council meetings have been focused on the establishment of a Mass Properties Certification program accredited by the American National Standards Institute. We have a committee established, have provided formalized ANSI accreditation training to our committee chair and deputy, and have architected a plan that will prepare SAWE's Mass Properties Certification Committee to present an approach at the forthcoming SAWE International Conference in May 2019 to members, academia, government and industry representatives. We have also sent a letter to over 200 leaders of organizations that possess mass properties engineers informing them of this SAWE Mass Properties Certification initiative, as well as the value of mass properties engineers and SAWE.

So why certify and how can this affect you? Well first, the SAWE Executive Committee identified certification as a way to elevate the importance of mass properties and mass properties engineers towards ensuring vehicles are safe and perform within their desired performance envelope. Secondly, establishing a certification program can assist in:

- Identifying qualified professionals
- Ensuring recognition of expertise
- Enhancing credibility and prestige
- Providing a vehicle for professional development
- Establishing professional practice standards
- Protecting the public
- Enabling professionals to stay current
- Increasing influence on our society

Discussions within our newly established committee and within our Corporate Steering Council sessions are raising questions relative to the benefits and drawbacks of certification to our profession, eligibility requirements, training content and fees. Now more than ever is the time to be a SAWE member as SAWE's engaged Executive Committee charts the mass properties industry future based on the guidance and feedback of our corporate partners and members. But we can only assist our members with your support and participation. Enclosure (1) provides the membership rates, which remain unchanged.

Regards,

Bill Boze, President

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## Enclosure 1

### Individual Membership Grades and Fees:

- Lifetime - \$900 USD
- Member - \$60.00 USD
- Retired Member - \$30.00 USD
- Student Member - Free (Pending collegiate verification)

### New Members:

- New Member - \$30.00 USD (Half Price)  
(SAWE Weight Engineers Handbook included with membership)