Staff Council Member Feature: Lee Stone

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Lee Stone has been a member of Staff Council for six years and has served as its president beginning in 2012. Over his time with the council, Lee has served on the Staff Affairs, Membership, and Faculty Relations committees. He works tirelessly on behalf of the staff at IUPUI and has focused his efforts on expanding the impact and reach of the Staff Council over his tenure as president.

When asked what his favorite part of working on the council is, Lee responded that meeting new people and feeling engaged with the council have been the most rewarding elements. He continues to serve on the council because he hopes to impact the campus for the betterment of staff. Lee feels that his skills as a leader have been improved because of his experience on the council and lists this as “one of the many benefits of serving…” In particular, he mentioned that the opportunity to chair committees, meet with executive leaders, sharpen public speaking skills, and have difficult conversations on behalf of staff have been beneficial experiences he has gained.

Lee is a champion for staff on many different campus and university-wide committees and although this takes a substantial time commitment, he is always willing to take the lead on a new project to support the needs of IUPUI’s staff. He mentions that to manage it all, he “pray[s], take[s] it one day at a time, and work[s] long days.” He suggested that to have success in both work on the council and in other settings, people should listen and recognize the value in others regardless of their background, education, or socioeconomic status.

Lee grew up in Hagerstown, Indiana, and has a wife, three children, and three grandchildren. He earned his BS at Purdue and MS at IUPUI. He is active in his church and enjoys spending time with his family, riding his Harley motorcycle and horses, and fishing. He serves as the Laboratory Safety Manager at the Office of Environmental Health and Safety, where he is responsible for ensuring IUPUI’s laboratories are a safe place to work and learn.

Finally, when asked if he could be any office supply what he would be, Lee responded that he would like to be an eraser “because when my life comes to an end, I would know my life was used to improve, to correct mistakes, to clean up smudges, and to make a change for the better.”

Thank you, Lee, for your outstanding leadership and devotion to the Staff Council and IUPUI overall!

-Written by Caitie Deranek