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*Our Success as a Chapter
depends on the Participation of our
Volunteers!*

Chapter Dinner Meeting Monday, January 8, 2001 *Welcome Students!*

Oregon State Representative **Jeffrey L. Kropf** will be our speaker to start off the new year, bringing us an update of Legislative activities in Salem. **Rep. Kropf** is a native Oregonian, born in Albany, and currently residing in Halsey. A 5th generation farmer, he has been the owner of Kropf Peppermint Farms since 1987. His crops include peppermint, pumpkin seeds, and grass seed.

Jeff has an entrepreneurial spirit and has started or owned many different businesses. Along with having been a professional musician, some of **Rep. Kropf's** ventures include: Halsey Mini Storage, Bombers Deli, and Kropf Peppermint Farms.

Being involved in the community has always been a priority for **Rep. Kropf**, as evidenced by his involvement with the Halsey Planning Commission, where he is chairman, and the Halsey Fire Department, where he serves as Volunteer Fire Captain. Other community service activities include being a Fire Prevention Teacher, and flying in the Civil Air Patrol. He was named Fire Fighter of the Year in 1994.

Don't miss this very informative presentation on what is happening in our State Government.

Meeting Location: Governor Hotel, 611 SW 10th Street (10th & Alder), downtown Portland

New Time ~ New Prices (see flyer insert)
Social Time-5:30 pm - Dinner-6:00 pm - Program-7:00 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, February 12, 2001

Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Elmer's, I-205 & Sandy—1001 NE Sandy Boulevard (Parkrose) 503/256-2150.

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, January 23, 2001** at 7:30 a.m. All members are invited to attend and participate.



Executive Board Meeting Highlights

submitted by: **Shannon Knowles**

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, November 28, 2000. A quorum was established, and the minutes from the October E-Board meeting were approved with noted changes.

Treasurer Report: - Checking account balance is at \$20,866.13. AMEX is at \$57,495.65 and the total assets are at \$109,767.49. There are PDC monies not

2000-2001 Committee Chairs	
Past President, Nominating	John Remmers
Past President	Eric Fullan
Past President,	Karen Blythe
Past President/Legislative	Bruce Poinsette
Past President,	Bruce Poinsette
Sub-Committee Chairs:	
Brown-Bag Lunch Series	Dan Sabatino
Dinner Meetings	Dan Sabatino
GOSH Conference	LaVerne Gray
National Safety Month	OPEN
Seminars	Dan Sabatino
ASP/CSP Preparation	OPEN
Membership / Orientation	Clint VanArsdall
Internship	OPEN
By-Laws	Ken Greenhill
Historian	Bruce Conrad
Scholarship	Barbara Augon
SPY Award	Al Arguedas
Communications	Bob Langager
Photography	OPEN
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accounted for that will affect the balance of the account.

At the January E-board we will do our bi-annual financial review.

Section Reports: - **Karen Blythe** presented "Violence in the Workplace" at the last Section meeting. The meeting Date and time has been changed. The next meeting will be held at Boones Treasury at 4pm on the 4th Wednesday of the month.

Mount St. Helens—The Section PDC is being planned for May, more information to follow.

Student Sections – **Mark Hopkins** and **John Remmers** met with the OSU students to talk about reestablishing a Student Section. They also met with the Engineering Department Head and Safety Environmental Health Department head to talk about the option of building the Student Section into the curriculum.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development - Dinner speakers have been confirmed through March. Brown-Bag lunches are scheduled through the year. Chapter PDC has been postponed until February (*see registration flyer insert*).

Membership - There is a lot of member movement without any notification to **Clint Van Arsdall** or the **Safety Emphasis** for updating.

Government Affairs – The Capitol Coffee Break is planned for January 24, 2001. **Shannon Phillips** will report to the December E-

board with Chapter support needs

National Safety Month - We are looking for a National Safety Month Committee Chair **Barbara Augon** is researching the North American Safety Month Program. A report is expected at the December E-board meeting.

Webmaster Search – **Brian Bailey**, a student at the Mount Hood Community College, has offered to take over the web page for the Chapter. **John Remmers** moved to accept **Brian**

Section News

Bailey's offer to manage the web page and in return the Chapter would pay for his membership.

Barbara Augon Seconded the motion.

(A complete copy of the E-Board minutes is available on the Chapter website.)

Mt. St. Helens Section

The regular monthly meeting of the Mt. St. Helens Section is held the third Thursday of each month.

The next Section meeting will be on **Thursday, January 18, 2001** at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion, Exit 39, Kelso. For more information, contact **Tony Howard**, 503/799-3916.

The November 16 speakers were **Mike Heuer**, **Jolie Marshall**, and **Sam Ceballas** from Weyerhaeuser Timberlands. Their presentation reviewed their 5th Annual "Safety Fair" held in September. It concentrated on the younger members of the family. Fair events included helicopter rides, electrical safety, chain saw carving, bike drawings, etc.

Scheduled for the January meeting is **Bruce Coulter** from WISHA discussing the Ergonomics Standard.



Santiam Section

The regular monthly meeting of the Santiam Section is held the first Tuesday of each month at 7:30 a.m. at The Change of Seasons Restaurant in Salem. The E-Board has changed the **day, location, and time of their meeting** to the **fourth Wednesday** of each month. The next E-Board meeting will be at **4:00 p.m., Wednesday, January 24**, at **Boones Treasury on High Street** in Salem. For more information, call **Donna Andrew-Tuthill** 503/378-5525.

Brown-Bag Highlights December 8, 2000

Guest Speaker at the December Section meeting, **Tim McDonald**, presented a virtual tour of the ASSE website. He demonstrated the various areas of interest in ASSE's online community. The areas of interest include the online directory, career counseling, bulletin board, chat rooms, and email.

Capt. Bill Morris of the Portland Fire Bureau was a wealth of information on hi-angle rescue and what it takes to perform this hazardous task. Bill provided numerous props to show exactly how safe and secure rescuers must be before they attempt to retrieve another person. Of the many tasks performed by the Fire Bureau, hi-angle rescue is but one. They are also trained in confined space rescue along with the normal duties of a firefighter. Due to these other duties, just because we call 911, does not necessarily ensure the bureau can respond.

Bill also encouraged us to be available when a response team gets to the work area to provide necessary information such as: Who and how many victims are involved?; Are there any special circumstances?; Where are the secure anchor points to tie off to?; Is there any other equipment available on site that may be of assistance in the rescue? Being a resource and understanding what our rescuers have to do

Dinner Meeting Highlights December 11, 2000

before they can start to save us was enlightening and thought provoking. Thanks to Bill for his leadership in developing the program and the opportunity to glean from his years of experience.



Living history and meeting those that made us what we are today was the overall benefit of our last dinner meeting. Not only did we get the opportunity to say thank you for the years of service to the Past Presidents and Section Chairs, we also got to partake in some of the highlights of their personal and professional experiences. Those Past Presidents in attendance were:

Al Arguedas ~ 1988/89
Ken Austin ~ 1985/86
Karen Blythe ~ 1997/98
Fred Caron ~ 1986/87
John Fling ~ 1983/84
Eric Fullan ~ 1998/99
Ken Gipson ~ 1963/64

In addition to honoring our Leaders, we also had the privilege to honor a few distinguished members for their commitment to the Association.

For 25 years service were:

Stephen Brown
Bruce Conrad
Richard Dunlap
John Fling

For 40 years of service was:
Paul Merz

To our members and their guests it was an evening to rekindle old friendships, honor our leaders, and share in the fun and their fond memories.



Raffle Ticket Winner!

Our raffle ticket winner this month was **Ken Austin**, retired, ASSE Past-President. His winning number resulted in receiving half of the total pot of \$59.00, (the other half going to charity).

In the spirit of giving, Ken graciously returned his winnings back to our Christmas Giving Fund, which this year will be given to the American Cancer Society.



Safety Quiz Winner!

Jill Ross, Safety Manager of Fullman Kinetics, was our Safety Quiz Winner for the month of December, picking up a nice gift of emergency first-aid supplies from United Fire, Safety and Health Company, of N.E. Portland. Jill correctly answered a question on respiratory protection, regarding the appropriate cartridge to use in a paintshop environment. Way to go, Jill!



Committee News

Nominating Committee: Chair Positions for the 2001- 2002 term are open for Secretary, House Delegates, Delegates at Large, Vice-President and President-Elect. Please contact **John Remmers, (503) 848-3048** to add your name to our roster of candidates, to find out more about any of these important positions, or to suggest others you feel might be appropriate.

Capitol Coffee Break - Shannon Phillips, Co-Chair Committee is planning activities for a scheduled coffee presentation at the Oregon State Capitol on January 24th, 2001. Contact **Shannon at (503) 591-2398** for more information.

Membership Committee - Clint Van Arsdall, Chair is planning a new member orientation meeting for shortly after the first of the year. More information soon.

The Committee needs your updated mailing address and other information,

ASAP. Send your corrected info directly to **Judy Reschke** so you can be kept current on *Safety Emphasis* and other mailings.

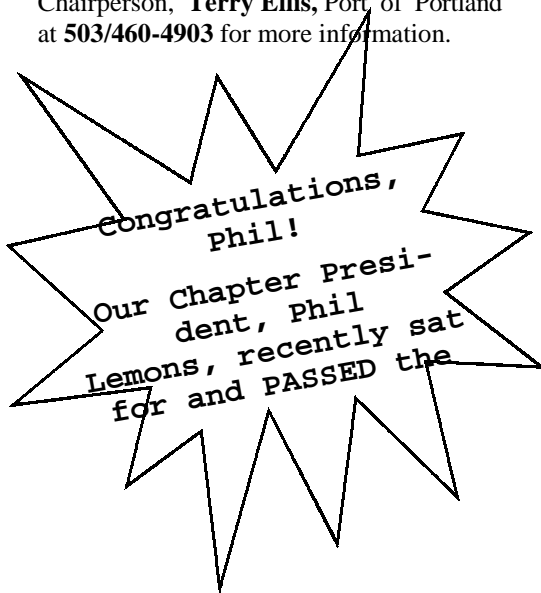
Chapter PDC Re-Scheduled

The Chapter PDC featuring the OSHA 500-501-502-503 certifications has been re-scheduled for **February 5-8, 2001**. Mark your calendars and send in your registration. (See flyer insert.) If you had registered for the cancelled December class, please re-register on the new form.

GOSH Update

Registration booklets are coming out soon for 2001 GOSH. Please encourage as many people as possible to register for this fabulous conference! They can contact Oregon OSHA for additional registration booklets. Also, don't forget our new GOSH business cards, available through Oregon OSHA and various Chapter Officers.

The Sponsorship Committee needs some assistance. Please contact Committee Chairperson, **Terry Ellis**, Port of Portland at **503/460-4903** for more information.



Columbia-Willamette Chapter/OR-OSHA Volunteer for OPB Pledge Drive

Thanks to **Tony Howard**, ASSE, Mt. St. Helens Chair; **Sharell McMurray** and **Jani Johnston**, OR-OSHA, for coordinating this volunteer activity.

On December 5, a group of 44 people from our Chapter and OR-OSHA answered telephones at OPB for an evening of pledging during the featured programs by **Barage** and **Paul McCartney**. Thank you also to OPB for their warm hospitality, providing snacks, beverages, and dessert, along with a tour of the facility to see the behind-the-scenes working of the television station.

Our group took 148 pledges for a total of **\$14,456**. We also had **\$1,200** in call-outs, of which **Dave Parsons** raised a total of **\$645!** Way to go Dave!

Great job on everyone's part. Thanks to all the volunteers for giving your time at this very busy time of year for a very worthy cause.

Gregg Bieber and Gene Patrick on a brief break between calls.

Karen Blythe, Judy Reschke and others busy on the phones taking those pledges.

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New Member News



Welcome to recent new members and student members: **Stevan Guenther**, Hoffman Construction; **Dane Brewer**, Andersen Construction; and to recent transfer from Virginia, **Wesley Lashbrook**, Clayton Environmental.

If you have recently become a new member and are not listed here, please contact **Judy Reschke, 503/241-4812**.

Key Dates to Remember

January

2	Tues	Santiam Section Meeting @Change of Seasons 7:30 a.m.
3	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E-Board Meeting @ Red Lion/Kelso 12:00 p.m.
5	Fri	Brown-Bag Lunch @11:30 a.m.
8	Mon	Chapter Membership Meeting Students' Night @ The Governor Hotel 5:30 p.m.
8	Mon	Safety Emphasis material due
18	Thurs	Mt. St. Helens Membership Meeting @Red Lion/Kelso 7:30a.m.
23	Tues	E-Board Meeting @ Elmers 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
23	Tues	Construction Safety Summit @ Buster's BBQ/Tigard 11:30 a.m.
24	Wed	Capitol Coffee Break Capitol Building, Salem @8:00 a.m.
24	Wed	Santiam E-Board Meeting @Boones Treasury, 4:00 p.m.

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2	Fri	Brown-Bag Lunch @11:30 a.m.
6	Tues	Santiam Section Meeting @Change of Seasons 7:30 a.m.
5-8	M-Th	OSHA 500-501-502-503 Metro Training Center
7	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E-Board Meeting @ Red Lion/Kelso 12:00 p.m.
12	Mon	Chapter Membership Meeting OSAOHN Night @ The Governor Hotel 5:30 p.m.
12	Mon	Safety Emphasis material due
15	Thurs	Mt. St. Helens Membership Meeting @Red Lion/Kelso 7:30a.m.
27	Mon	E-Board Meeting @ Elmers 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
28	Wed	Santiam E-Board Meeting @Boones Treasury 4:00 p.m.

**A Word From
Our President...**

Introvert/Extrovert...

Which one are you? Perhaps a little of both. For the most part I lean to the introvert side. It serves me well in research and writing, developing safety training programs, even writing this monthly article. As for the extrovert part I have realized some significant improvements in public speaking, comfort in groups, increased written communications and other areas, because of my involvement with ASSE. As past-facilitator of Brown-Bag Lunch meetings, past-editor of the **Safety Emphasis**, participant in our annual planning sessions and various committees, these and other experiences have provided me solid opportunities for personal growth.

And, recently, the ultimate extrovert event, our Chapter participation with Oregon OSHA in a fund-raising drive for Oregon Public Broadcasting. Over 40 Chapter members, friends and OSHA staff worked the phones and food lines at OPB for over three hours. We talked with total strangers, got their commitment, and money, and had a lot of fun in the process. Mostly, though, it was us, working together, outside of our regular jobs and comfort levels. Time to let the hair down, loosen up, open up. The introvert's ultimate nightmare!

So, let me appeal to my fellow introverts. There is no better elixir than involvement, and no better place to get it than through the many activities, events and opportunities of your Columbia-Willamette Chapter of ASSE. It really is the place to be, to grow, to shine!

Please...have a Safe and Happy Holiday, review your ladder safety program before installing and removing lights, and we'll see you at our January, 2001 Chapter Brown-Bag, Dinner Meeting, Executive Board and other meetings and events.

Sincerely,

Phil Lemons, MBA, CSP
President



Let It Snow!

