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



## Chapter Dinner Meeting Monday, February 12, 2001 Welcome OSAOHN!

**Carl A. Halgren**, Area Director, U.S. Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration, will be our featured speaker at our February 12 Dinner Meeting. Mr. Halgren has been the Area Director for Federal OSHA in the Portland Office since 1985. Prior to that he was Safety & Health Manager in the Regional Office from 1982-1985, with an extensive background in industrial hygiene.

Carl will be speaking to us on the implementation of OSHA's Ergonomic Standard. Be prepared to get the answers to questions, i.e. "Who does the final standard cover?"; "The proposal mentioned a "grandfather clause" for companies that already have effective ergonomics programs—Is that still the case in the final rule?"; "OSHA is also in the process of revising its record keeping standard—What impact will the ergonomics rule have on record keeping?"

Plan to attend this very informative presentation, and bring YOUR questions and concerns regarding the new ergonomic standard and how it will impact your business.



**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, March 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, February 27, 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, December 19, 2000. A quorum was established, and the minutes from the November E-Board meeting were approved with noted changes.

**Treasurer Report:** - The general operating accounts has \$20,306.58 in checking and AMEX Money Market Account has \$82,495.65 for a total of \$102,802.23.

# Section News

## 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, February 15, 2001** at 7:30 a. m. at the Red Lion, Exit 39, Kelso. For more information, contact **Tony Howard, 503/799-3916**.



## Santiam Section

The regular monthly meeting of the Santiam Section is held the first Tuesday of each month.

The next Section meeting will be on **Tuesday, February 6, 2001** at 7:30 a.m. at The Change of Seasons Restaurant in Salem. For more information, call **Donna Andrew-Tuthill 503/378-5525**.

**Chris Davie**, Governmental Affairs Coordinator for SAIF Corporation, presented information on workers' compensation reform proposals and provided a 2001 legislative update. A question and answer time was held at the end of his presentation.

At the request of **Donna Andrew-Tuthill**, a brief E-Board meeting was held after the Section Meeting adjourned. It was decided:

1. Election ballots will be mailed to Section members as soon as the ballot is finalized.
2. Due to the GOSH Conference, there will be no March Section meeting.

## Brown-Bag Highlights January 5, 2001

The ability to communicate effectively is critical in today's business, and **Kathy Mengal-Davis** of Professionally Speaking, offered a lively overview of essential presentation tips and techniques. Kathy demonstrated the power of "body language" and how it "speaks volumes" to the "non-verbal" impressions made on others. Did you know that 55% of our impact as a communicator is "physical" through body language; 38% through "tone of voice", and only 7% is the actual spoken word?

First impressions are very important, too. We make out initial impact within 10 seconds; in 30 seconds the other party will decide how they feel about us; and it only takes 2 minutes for our credibility and perceived level of knowledge to be established!

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
<b>Sub-Committee Chairs:</b>	
Brown-Bag Lunch Series	Dan Sabatino
Dinner Meetings	Dan Sabatino
GOSH Conference	LaVerne Gray
National Safety Month	<b>OPEN</b>
Seminars	Dan Sabatino
ASP/CSP Preparation	<b>OPEN</b>
Membership / Orientation	Clint VanArsdall
Internship	<b>OPEN</b>
By-Laws	Ken Greenhill
Historian	Bruce Conrad
Scholarship	Barbara Aguon
SPY Award	Al Arguedas
Communications	Bob Langager
Photography	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Student Sections:</b>	
OSU Student Section Chair	Anthony Veltri
Faculty Advisor	
MHCC Student Section Chair	Javid Mohtasham, PhD
Faculty Advisor	
WA Gov. Indust. Safety & Health Advisory Board	Herb Maxey
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**Section Reports: - Santiam:** Last month was a Christmas gift exchange for the Section. The Section E-Board meeting is now on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 4pm at Boones Treasury in Salem.

**Mount St. Helens:** The Section is working on By-Laws and revisions. The nominating committee has been established and is working towards getting next year's officer selection. **Tony Howard** has been asked and has accepted to sit on the Accident Prevention and Safety Fundamentals Committee for the 50<sup>th</sup> Washington Governor's Conference.

**Student Sections: John Remmers** met with the Mount Hood Community College and the student section chair. The committee is working with OSU to work on establishing a student section that will include the environmental, health and safety discipline from which to draw students.

### Committee Reports:

**Awards:** There were 44 attendees at the December Chapter meeting, of which 27 were guests for Past Presidents' Night; this was a great success. Thanks to **Judy Reschke** for her assistance in making the awards for the presentation.

**Professional Development Education:** The PDC for the OSHA Train-The-Trainer 500, 501, and the re-certification courses, 502, and 503 have been rescheduled for February, 5 - 8. An updated flyer will be included in next months Safety Emphasis. The training will be held at Metro Electrical Training Center

on Airport Way. The Professional Development Committee has started the planning for the next PDC, tentatively scheduled for the first quarter in 2001. They are proposing a presentation by Miller Nash on how to give depositions, a discussion on legal jargon and legal requirements.

**Membership:** Orientation is being scheduled for a large group in Hillsboro.

**By-Laws:** Sent out last week for revisions. Changes/updates should be submitted back to Ken Greenhill.

### New Business:

**Guest Speaker Beccy Beers** with Marsh talking about Risk Transfer: Beccy discussed with the group the option of a loss of revenue policy that would cover the Chapter in the event of a GOSH failure. Coverage would be available in the event that there was a loss of income or revenue due to a building fire or natural disaster that could interfere with the completion of the convention. Phil has asked Becky to provide a proposal on exact cost of both and the pros and cons of a policy verses a bond the E-board would then consider the value in pursuing this option.

**Guest Speakers Rosie Neisz and Linda Barns** from the Schnitzer Group: Spoke to the E-Board about a proposed workers' compensation reform that is currently at MLAC (Management Labor Advisory Committee). This proposal may fundamentally change the Oregon Workers' Compensation System, which is currently considered a national model for its high benefits and low cost to employers.

**Construction Safety Summit:** The Construction Safety Summit is in the process of reorganizing, including closer alignment with ASSE. The first training session that was held was an ergonomics workshop that had about 80 people in attendance. The Safety Summit is applying for a \$30,000 grant with Labor and Industries. If accepted, the proposal will go to the Finance Committee for review with a presentation to the E-board.

**Capitol Coffee Break:** The Capitol Coffee Break is being held January 24<sup>th</sup> from 8-3 at the Galleria in the Salem Capitol. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to attend, even if it is only for a couple hours. If you are interested and have questions please feel free to contact **Shannon Phillips** at 503/591-2398.

**GOSH:** The GOSH registration program is being printed.

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

It is important first to identify your purpose—be prepared, have a message, a point—know what the audience needs, then have passion and enthusiasm about your subject. Make eye contact around the room/group. It is OK to be nervous—but don't fidget with your hair, click your pen, or play with your laser pointer.

*It's not a speech, it's a conversation.*  
*Trust Yourself*  
**Kathy Davis**

## Dinner Meeting Highlights January 8, 2001

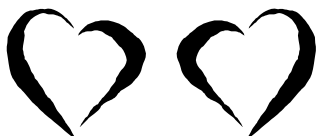
**Jeff Kropf**, Oregon State Representative, District 37, was our featured speaker this evening. Jeff spoke on work place safety issues. Recent legislative accomplishments include the passing of his HB2830 (1999 session). This bill essentially directs Oregon OSHA inspections to those Oregon businesses with the least-desirable safety records, thereby maximizing OSHA inspection resources where they are needed most. Also with this bill was a letter sent to select Oregon businesses cautioning that they may be in a high-risk industry, and that they can get help from Oregon OSHA Consultative Division. Many phone calls were received by OSHA.

Entering this 2001 legislative session, **Rep. Kropf** reviewed safety issues under consideration, including farm labor housing, ergonomics, aging workforce, temporary workforce, non-English-speaking workers, multiple-employer worksites, and proposed changes to workers' compensation. An informative and entertaining speaker!



### Raffle Ticket Winner!

Our raffle ticket winner at this month's Dinner Meeting was **Gregg Bieber**, Port of Portland. In the spirit of giving, Greg graciously returned his winnings to our Christmas Giving Fund. This last month, December, our Chapter donated over \$100 to the American Cancer Society, proceeds gathered through raffle ticket sales for the year 2000.



## Safety Quiz Winner!

**Eric Fullan**, Safety Manager, City of Portland Water Bureau, was our grand prize Safety Quiz Winner at our January Dinner Meeting. Eric was presented a brand new safety vest with built-in full body harness, by **Greg Nesen**, Outside Sales, Acme Construction Supply Company, Portland. Eric correctly answered a question about a U.S. Supreme Court 1978 case against OSHA, regarding right to entry and 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment protection against unreasonable entry. Runner-up pop-up question winners included **Bruce Poinsette** and several other ASSE members and guests.



## Committee News

**Chapter Orientation Scheduled:** A special orientation meeting for new and prospective Chapter members is scheduled for **Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**, from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at or near an Intel facility in Hillsboro. Lunch will be provided, attendance is limited. Please contact **Laird Blanchard, 503/793-7625**, **Phil Lemons, 503/288-9393**, or **Clint Van Arsdall 503/761-0572** for more information and to register for this informative gathering.

**Construction Safety Summit:** The steering committee of the Construction Safety Summit is meeting at Baugh Construction Company, at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>, just prior to the January general meeting, 11:30 a.m. at Buster's Barbeque in Tigard. **Stan Strickland**, EC Company and steering committee member, has just completed and submitted to Washington's Labor & Industries a grant request. Monies would be used to further promote the education and training efforts of the Safety Summit.

**Education/Communications:** The education/communications committee is researching the types and amounts of volunteer time that our Chapter members provide to our community. Enclosed in this issue of the Safety Emphasis is a flyer to help us quantify and ultimately acknowledge our members' extra contributions.

**Nominating Committee Report:** The Nominating Committee met on Monday, January 8 at the Governor Hotel, prior to the start of our Chapter dinner meeting. The committee is chaired by immediate past-president, **John Remmers**, and includes Past Presidents **Karen Blythe**, **Eric Fullan**, **Bruce Poinsette**, **Clint Van Arsdall**, and a member at large, **Kimberly Gamble**.

John reports that a number of qualified individuals have stepped forward, a few positions remain, and that those interested members should contact he or any member of the Nominating Committee

## Chapter PDC Re-Scheduled

The Chapter PDC featuring the **OSHA 500-501-502-503** certifications has been re-scheduled for **February 5-8, 2001**, at the NECA/IBEW Training Center. Mark your calendars and send in your registration by January 26 to take advantage of the great price. (See flyer insert.)

## GOSH Update

The GOSH 2001 Executive Committee is meeting on Tuesday, February 13, for final committee input and plan review prior to the March 5-8 GOSH at the Oregon Convention Center. Things are proceeding well. Exhibits are filling, registration booklets are mailing yet this month, several additional sponsors are on board.

## Chapter Achievement Program

The Chapter Achievement Program has been significantly updated. This year, ASSE chapters must earn points toward recognition, based on completed events, activities and other criteria. The Columbia-Willamette Chapter always has done well in promoting our members, programs and goals and we expect this year to be no less successful. If you would like a copy of the 2000-2001 judging criteria, or to learn how your experience and knowledge could contribute to our award preparation, please contact **Phil Lemons, CSP**, our Chapter President, **503/288-9398, Ext. 140**.

## New Member News

Welcome to recent new member(s),

**Tony Sanseri**, Sanderson Safety Supply; reinstatement of **Chad Couvillion**, JH Kelly; and student member(s), **Brian Bailey**, MHCC, and our new Web Master!

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



**Key Dates to Remember**  
**February**

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 <b>OSAOHN Night</b> @ The Governor Hotel 5:30 p.m.
12	Mon	<b>Safety Emphasis</b> material due
15	Thurs	Mt. St. Helens Membership Meeting @ Red Lion/Kelso 7:30a.m.
27	Tues	E-Board Meeting @ Elmers 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
27	Tues	Construction Safety Summit Training 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
28	Wed	Santiam E-Board Meeting @ Boones Treasury 4:00 p.m.

**March**

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

***We are f-a-m-i-l-i-e-e!***

You had to be there I guess. I'm talking about our December Chapter Dinner Meeting, which honored past Chapter Presidents and Section and Committee Chairs. This is an annual, but rare treat, with so much experience and talent gathered in one room. You can feel it, something, the time, the years, the pride. Special projects leaders and committee chairs also were recognized; those whose contributions, while not specifically through office, have significantly and fundamentally improved the capabilities of our Chapter.

Have you ever attended a family reunion? Where relatives, especially grandparents, were simply bigger than life? And time stood still when they spoke? Where the bits of wisdom and experience you caught have, over time, made your life just a little easier and happier? ASSE can be like this. A kind of continual, professional, family reunion.

There's a lot more to ASSE membership than just receiving a monthly magazine, as I was reminded at our Past President's night. It's about people. Teaching, learning, playing and working together to improve, individually, and to make things safer and better for others. Any successful family is forgiving, accepting, accommodating, supportive, nurturing, demanding, And so is ASSE. The things that make families work, make ASSE work. For over 30,000 safety professionals nationwide.

So, you're family now! Won't you attend our next Dinner, Brown-Bag Lunch or E-Board Meeting? We look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely,

Phil Lemons, MBA, CSP  
President



Happy Valentine's Day!

