

# SAFETY EMPHASIS

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



## Chapter Dinner Meeting Monday, May 14, 2001

**Bob Albers**, HazMat Services Manager for the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM) for the past seven years, will provide an overview of the many diverse programs the Office of State Fire administers. He will provide a more in-depth description of OSFM's HazMat programs and will provide an update on the activities of the statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee.

Bob provides management oversight to the State's Cardlock Regulatory program, the Regional HazMat Emergency Response Teams program, the Community Right-To-Know Information collection, auditing and distribution programs, and the Office of State Fire Marshal's HazMat Planning and Response Training assistance program. He has participated in the development of a hazardous materials response training program and delivery system for fire service, later working as the HazMat Information Compliance Manager where he participated in the development and implementation of a statewide HazMat Information Reporting Auditing program designed to validate information reported by Oregon facilities that use and store hazardous materials.



**Special Presentation:** At tonight's Dinner Meeting, special recognition will be made to a non-ASSE member for their service to our Chapter and safety community. Who is our mystery guest, and what contributions have they made to safety? Don't miss learning about this person's exemplary accomplishments.

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

**Social Time-5:30 pm - Dinner-6:00 pm - Program-7:00 pm**

**Next Meeting: Monday, September 10, 2001**

**Don't forget to RSVP your attendance to the Dinner Meeting to:**

**Judy Reschke, 503/205-6690 or email: judyr@christenson.com**

**RSVP Dinner—\$15.00 ~ ~ ~ At the Door—\$20.00**

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### 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, May 22, 2001** at 7:30 a.m. All members are invited to attend and participate.

### Executive Board Meeting

#### Highlights

submitted by: **Shannon Phillips**

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, March 27, 2001. A quorum was established, and the minutes from the February E-Board meeting were approved, as amended.

**Treasurer Report:** **Ken Greenhill** reported there is \$17, 800 in the checking account and approximately \$10,000 in outstanding bills that are yet to be invoiced. The GOSH account has \$113,826 in the checking account; there are still a number of bills coming in. There

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Past President, Nominating	John Remmers
Past President	Eric Fullan
Past President,	Karen Blythe
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<b>Sub-Committee Chairs:</b>	
Brown-Bag Lunch Series	Dan Sabatino
Dinner Meetings	Dan Sabatino
GOSH Conference	LaVerny Gray
National Safety Month	Barbara Aguon
Seminars	Dan Sabatino
ASP/CSP Preparation	Phil Lemons
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By-Laws	Ken Greenhill
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Photography	<b>OPEN</b>
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were approximately 1850 paid attendees and another 600 non-paid attendees at the GOSH Conference. **John Remmers** recommended that a letter be sent to those that could not attend a class and are requesting reimbursement.

**Dinner Meetings:** Due to challenges with getting an accurate headcount for monthly Chapter Meeting at The Governor Hotel, the E-Board is researching an option for Members to pre-pay for dinner and other ASSE functions. It is necessary for members to be set-up on pre-payment in order to take advantage of the RSVP discount rates. **Motion: Clint Van Arsdall:** a Sub-committee to develop a one-page flyer that is introduced to the membership at the April 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting. **Second: Ken Greenhill.** Decision: Bring information to the April 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter Meeting for presentation and discussion.

**Section Reports: - Santiam -** No March Meeting due to conflicts with the GOSH Conference. The Section E-board reviewed their By-Laws, and in addition voted that members from outside of their district attending their Section meetings was acceptable and not an issue. **Gary Hales** gave a positive update on the performance the Volunteer Committee from the GOSH Conference. All rooms and presenters were well supported by the Committee; Good Job and thanks for the support.

**Mt. St. Helens:** **Tony Howard** reported the April speakers are **Margie Wineburg** and **Kelly Casper**, who are with the Building Trades Labor Management of Washington. By-Laws have been proposed to the membership and will be voted on by April 4. **Marsha**

**Holborn** is the incoming Chairman and will be attending the National PDC in June. Section officer installation and recognition dinner is in planning stages at this point. The Section is planning a PDC for May 17. **Dan Miller** will be presenting on **"Safety—Preparing for the Future"**.

**Student Sections:** **John Remmers** reported the Gosh Conference offered this committee an opportunity to reach out to a lot of students and gave them an opportunity to look into Chapter Membership.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Professional Development Education:**

**Dan Sabatino** reported that a Chapter PDC is planned for May 9. The presentation will be by **Miller Nash** on **"Legal Responsibilities for the Safety Professional"**, with a discussion on pre-employment, depositions, documentation, HR, drug and alcohol testing to name a few topics. (See registration insert)

**Annual June Intrastate ASSE Meeting:** This meeting is tentatively Scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, in Salem from 9am -1pm. At this meeting there will be discussion on intrastate issues, how to run PDC's, lessons learned, working with OR-OSHA, and much more.

**By-Laws Revision/Update:** By-laws are on the web-site for anyone to review or comment on. Copies were made available to all members at the February Dinner meeting.

**Membership Retention/Growth:** The Membership Sub-committee met focusing efforts to define a procedure for better membership management.

**Awards & Honors:** The Committee has selected **Brian Clarke** to receive the 2001 Chapter SPY Award.

**Construction Safety Summit:** The mailing list for the Summit has doubled for the last three months. There are approximately 170 flyers going out at this point with daily requests by people to be added to the mailing list.

**WISHA Grant Update:** The Construction Safety Summit Committee is working on getting some supporting letters sent to The Department of Labor & Industries Selection Committee supporting their Grant Request

**National Safety Month: 1-5 Driver Safety Campaign:** **Barbara Aguon** is looking for a counterpart in Washington to identify the number of rest stops and locations. Goal is to enhance transportation safety along the I-5 corridor from Mexico to Canada

### **New Business:**

**Recognition: Stan Strickland**

suggested that the E-Board make an effort to recognize employers that are sponsoring memberships and supporting officers in challenging times.

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

## **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, May 17, 2001** at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion, Exit 39, Kelso. For more information, contact **Tony Howard, 503/799-3916.**

Our March speaker was Region 1 Vice-President, **Brian Clarke.** He presented an update on National/Regional ASSE. At the National level, By-Laws are reviewed and voted on every two years. The Regional Operating Committee is made up of each Chapter President as well as the RVP. Region 1 has 4,300 members; there are three ROC meetings per year. Brian encouraged members to become familiar with the National ASSE On-Line Community, where there is a chat room and many other features for membership. Your member number is your long-on. National has completed the restructure from 13 regions to 8, and has implemented programs that take some of the expense off of national officer's parent companies. Brian stated that an area where members can really make a difference is in supporting the ASSE Foundation



### **Santiam Section**

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

The next regularly scheduled Section meeting will be **Tuesday, May 1, 2001** at 7:30 a.m. at The Change of Seasons Restaurant in Salem. For more information, call **Donna Andrew-Tuthill 503/378-5525.**

**Mike Lulay**, OR-OSHA Ergonomic Technical Consultant, provided information and insight into the Worksite Redesign Grant Program at our April meeting. He gave examples of successful grants, discussed the product subsidies process and the application process, provided brochures, and answered questions about the program.

## Chapter Officers 2001~2002

Congratulations to our new slate of officers:

**Barbara Aguon**, President;  
**Dan Sabatino**, President-Elect  
**Dave Parsons**, Vice-President  
**Donna Ritter**, Secretary  
**Gregg Bieber**, House of Delegates  
**Terry Ellis**, House of Delegates  
**Mike Benjamin**, Delegate-At-Large  
**Gary Hales**, Delegate-At-Large

Make plans to attend the Installation Banquet June 18...*(See flyer insert)*.

This year's Installation Banquet will feature a Silent Auction. All Auction proceeds will be donated to the ASSE Foundation. If you have any Auction ideas or gifts to donate, contact **Dave Parsons**, by cell phone 503/519-1728 or by email at: [dparsons@triadpdx.com](mailto:dparsons@triadpdx.com)

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## Dinner Meeting Highlights April 9, 2001

Our guest speaker, **Mike Murphy**, of NECA/IBEW Electrical Training Center and fellow ASSE Member, presented a "lively" electrical demonstration at our monthly dinner meeting. Much to the amazement of all, Mike dropped a running electric drill motor into a tank of water ~ and it kept running! Mouths dropped open and feet hit the ground ready to run out the door, but surprisingly—nothing happened—the drill just kept going. Mike also demonstrated via a hot dog just what would happen to a person who is grounded to a hot circuit without a GFCI—that person would "cook" like the hot dog did in the demonstration.

Thanks, Mike, for a very "enlightening" evening learning about GFCI and electricity!

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## Pop Safety Quiz Winner!

Our pop safety quiz winner for April was **Joan Stovall**, who correctly computed the dollar value of jobs required to makeup an accident loss of \$10,000 at a profit margin of 5%. *(Ans. \$200,000 in sales)*. Thanks to **Tony Sanseri** of Sanderson Safety, for donating a cooler filled with various first aid/camping supplies. Congratulations Joan!

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## Raffle Drawing Winner

Congratulations to **Donna Ritter** who held the lucky ticket for the Dinner Meeting Raffle. And, thanks to Donna for turning her winnings back into the Chapter Charity Fund.

## Committee News

**By-Laws Committee:** At the April 9 General Chapter Meeting, a quorum of members was present and a vote taken to approve the Columbia-Willamette Chapter By-Laws as amended. Affirmative votes exceeded the required 2/3 minimum, and the amended By-Laws were accepted. The By-Laws now proceed to our Region One Vice-President for his review and approval. Thanks to all committee members for their hard work.

**Construction Safety Summit:** The next monthly meeting will be April 24. This month's guest speakers will be representatives from Washington Labor & Industries, SAIF, and Approach Management Services. They will discuss recent legislative action or court ruling in their states and how they effect the workers' compensation system. Following the update will be a round-table discussion on claim issues from the audience. By having representatives from both states, we can better understand the different claim management strategies and be better prepared for our involvement in that process. So, bring your questions. Remember, the new location for the regular monthly meetings is JJ North's Grand Buffet, 10520 NE Halsey, Portland. North's is conveniently located on NE 105th and Halsey, immediately East of I-205. JJ North's is a convenient buffet style restaurant; lunch price is \$7.45. The meetings will be held in a meeting room in the back of the restaurant.

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## Hello, my name is...

Are you a safety & health professional in need of a job? Are you a safety & health student looking for a summer internship? Are you an employer looking for qualified safety & health staff? If you're answering YES to these questions, then you need to attend our Chapter functions. ASSE Dinner Meetings, Brown-Bag Lunches and PDC's are where you will meet people with jobs and people with skills. Arrive early and in time for self-introductions. This is where announcements are made, notes taken, business cards and resumes exchanged. So, would you rather skim the classifieds, or schedule your interview? See you our next function

## Member Profile

### Bruce Poinsette

Safety & Loss Control Consultant  
Associated General Contractors

On March 16 and 17 of this year, an event took place at Lane Community College which, without Bruce's time and energy, quite probably would not have been the success it was. The event was the Occupational Safety and Health portion of the Oregon Skills USA state-wide student competition, where students compete in a variety of categories, with winners advancing to National skills competition this June.

Bruce was contacted by event organizers and asked to upgrade the program on testing of students' knowledge and skills of Occupational Safety and Health. He promptly assembled a team of safety professionals from the Columbia-Willamette and Cascade Chapters of ASSE, including **Mary Lou Wilson**, Wildish Construction, **Bob Bryant**, Oregon OSHA, **Mark McQuire**, University of Oregon, and **Duane Grange**, Selectemp Services, from the Cascade Chapter, and **Ashley Cooper** from our Columbia-Willamette Chapter.

Under Bruce's direction, the team broke the OSH test into modules to test basic safety and health knowledge, and the use of safety and health practices in various trade and industrial applications. The focus was on ever-changing work conditions, and meeting local, state and federal regulations. ASSE members developed test modules, served as technical judges, donated specific personal protective equipment for program use, and provided each participant with a gift bag. Many positive comments were received on the professionalism of Oregon ASSE members and their contribution. Thanks, Bruce, for taking a leadership role in this important event

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## Website Wonder!

Have you visited our Chapter website recently? You will be amazed and the new items and improvements made by **Brian Bailey**, our webmaster. Check it out at: [www.assecwc.org](http://www.assecwc.org).

## New Member News

Welcome to all recent new members. If you have recently become a new member and are not receiving our mailings, please contact **Judy Reschke**, 503/241-4812.



## Key Dates to Remember

### May

1	Tues	Santiam Section Meeting @ Change of Seasons 7:30 am
2	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E-Board Meeting @ Red Lion/Kelso 12:00 p.m.
4	Fri	Brown-Bag Lunch @ 11:30 a.m.
4	Fri	<b>DINNER RSVP'S due</b>
9	Wed	<b>Chapter PDC</b> @Electrical Training Center 8:00-3:30
14	Mon	Chapter Membership Meeting <b>Chapter Elections</b> @ The Governor Hotel 5:30 p.m.
14	Mon	<b>Safety Emphasis</b> material due
17	Thurs	<b>Mt. St. Helens PDC</b> @Red Lion/Kelso 8:00a.m.-4:00 p.m.
22	Tues	E-Board Meeting @ Elmer's 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
22	Tues	Construction Safety Summit @ Liberty NW—Training

### June

5	Tues	Santiam Section Meeting @ Change of Seasons 7:30 a.m.
6	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E-Board Meeting @ Red Lion/Kelso 12:00 p.m.
11	Mon	<b>Safety Emphasis</b> material due
18	Mon	<b>Chapter Officer Installation Banquet</b> @ Eastmoreland Golf Course 5:30 p.m.
21	Thurs	Mt. St. Helens Membership Meeting @Red Lion/Kelso 7:30a.m.
26	Tues	E-Board Meeting @ Elmer's 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
26	Tues	Construction Safety Summit @ North's Buffet/Gresham 11:30 a.m.
27	Wed	Santiam E-Board Meeting @ Boones Treasury 4:00 p.m.

## A Word From Our President...

As you can see with this month's issue of our **Safety Emphasis**, both May and June promise some exciting events. Perhaps it's Spring fever. Maybe the moon or stars. Whatever the cause, both Chapter and Section members are busy volunteering their time to bring high quality programs to our safety community. Our Chapter, and Mt. St. Helens Section, are providing excellent conferences this month. The Chapter's Professional Development Conference, "**Legal Considerations for the Safety Professional**", **Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>**, is practically required reading for today's safety professionals. Job descriptions for many in our profession are expanding to include important aspects of human resources, business management, quality and cost control, and other areas. Don't miss this unique opportunity to improve your knowledge, skills and value to your organization!

Our St. Helens Section's Professional Development Conference, set for **Thursday, May 17<sup>th</sup>**, is "**Safety...Preparing for The Future**", presented by **Dan Miller**. Dan will lead us in a discussion of specific strategies to improve organizational systems, remove performance barriers, reduce unsafe work practices and build good relationships between people in our workplaces. A model is presented to improve our safety leadership skills, something all of us strive for in our work as safety professionals. Make your plans now to attend. A separate flyer is being sent to all chapter members.

Please review and respond to the invitation flyer (*see this issue Safety Emphasis*), to our **2001 – 2002 Officer's Installation Dinner & Program**, slated for Monday, June 18<sup>th</sup>. This always is a great event, with special surprises for members and their guests. New officers will be introduced, outgoing officers bid farewell, great entertainment provided, and, this year, an exciting silent auction to benefit our ASSE Foundation. And, don't forget the **Brown-Bag Lunch, Friday, May 4<sup>th</sup>**.

Thanks to everyone helping with our May and June activities, and we'll see you there!

Sincerely,



Phil Lemons, MBA, CSP  
President

