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

Chapter Activities June and July 2001

Monday, June 18, 2001 ~ Chapter Officer's Installation
(See Insert Flyer this Issue Safety Emphasis)

This is it! The Big One! Chapter Safety Professional of The Year Presentation, Chapter Accomplishments & Outgoing Officers Recognition, Incoming Officers Announcement and Installation, Silent Auction Fundraiser for the ASSE Foundation, High Quality Eats and Entertainment, and much, much more. Don't Miss It!

Wednesday, June 6, 2001 ~ Intrastate Chapter Officers Meeting

This is our annual half-day meeting of past, present and incoming officers from Columbia-Willamette Chapter and Sections, Cascade Chapter in Eugene, and Southern Oregon Chapter in Medford. Successes and challenges are discussed in all areas of professional development, member communications, special projects, chapter administration and other areas. A must for incoming officers! (Contact Phil Lemons for location, agenda).

Tuesday, July 10, 2001 ~ Annual Chapter Planning Meeting

This is the annual Chapter planning get together, where our Long-Range Plan is reviewed, professional development activities are formatted, our numerous committees are organized, and planning for the next year's activities officially gets underway ~ 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. at the Eastmoreland Golf Course (contact Barbara Aguon for agenda).

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 by Thursday before to:

Judy Reschke, 503/205-6690 or email: judyr@christenson.com
RSVP Dinner—\$15.00 ~ ~ ~ Late RSVP/At the Door—\$20.00

Executive Board Meeting

The Executive Board meets on the 4th Tuesday of each month at Elmer's, I205 & Sandy—1001 NE Sandy Boulevard (Parkrose) 503/256-2150.

The next Executive Board Meeting is scheduled for **Tuesday, June 26, 2001** at 7:30 a.m. All members are invited to attend and participate.

The E-Board continues to meet

throughout the summer months. Mark your calendars for **July 24** and **August 28**.

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Executive Board Meeting Highlights

submitted by: **Shannon Phillips**

The Executive Committee Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, April 24, 2001. A quorum was established, and the minutes from

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	Barbara Aguon
Seminars	Dan Sabatino
ASP/CSP Preparation	Phil Lemons
Membership / Orientation	Clint VanArsdall
Internship	OPEN
By-Laws	Ken Greenhill
Historian	Bruce Conrad
Scholarship	Barbara Aguon
SPY Award	Al Arguedas
Communications	Bob Langager
Photography	OPEN
Student Sections:	
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
Columbia-Willamette Chapter Construction Safety Summit	Curt Charley 503/892-2557
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the February E-Board meeting were approved, as amended.

Treasurer Report: Ken Greenhill reported there is \$14,842 in the checking account. In planning for future events, ensure that the Finance Committee is involved whenever any events involving financial obligations are being coordinated.

Section Reports: -
Santiam - No report.

Mt. St. Helens: No report

Student Sections: Mark Hopkins and John Remmers are working with Central Washington University, Oregon State University to get student sections established on each campus. Mt. Hood Community College has had great attendance at the Chapter Dinner Meetings; keep up the good work.

Committee Reports:

Professional Development Education: Dan Sabatino reported that the Chapter PDC is scheduled 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.

By-Laws Revision: The Chapter By-laws were approved at the March Chapter Meeting. Copies will be sent to our RVP for signature.

Scholarship: There were 5 applicants for the scholarship. Scholarships will be announced on May 24th.

Awards & Honors: Brian Clarke will be recognized at the Installation Banquet for being selected as the Safety Professional of the Year (SPY).

Other Business:

Installation Banquet: The Officer Installation Banquet is scheduled for June 18, 2001 at the Eastmoreland Golf Club; look for a flyer in the *Safety Emphasis*.

Annual June Intrastate ASSE Meeting: This meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 6, at McNary Country Club 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. The meeting is for Chapter Officers and Committee Chairs only.

Chapter Achievement Program: All documents are due to Phil Lemons by June 30 to complete the Chapter Achievement Program packet. Thanks to all those that have supported the Chapter in this endeavor.

Chapter Officers Handbook: The existing handbook was passed around for input on duties. Board members have two weeks to provide input and submit it back to Phil or Shannon in order to ensure updates are made before the officer installation banquet.

OR-OSHA Resource Center Support: Mike Benjamin provided a list of OR-OSHA resource center needs and requested that we consider the Chapter's ability to provide some level of support.

Motion - Karen Blythe: Refer the request to support the OR-OSHA Resource Center needs to the Finance Committee for further consideration. **Second: Dan Sabatino**

Motion Amendment - Karen Blythe: Have Finance Committee decide if and how much the Chapter will spend and get with the Professional Development Committee to determine where the monies are to be spent.

(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, June 21, 2001** at 7:30 a.m. at the Red Lion, Exit 39, Kelso. For more information, contact **Tony Howard, 503/799-3916**.

Our April speakers, **Margie Weinberg** and **Kelly Kasper**, from the Building Trades Labor-Management Organization of Washington, presented the

safety innovations project grant they had received and how they are working to improve safety in the construction industry. Their Safety and Health Priorities are concerned with jobsite procedures or factors (communications, housekeeping); health hazards; safety hazards; musculoskeletal hazards. The Innovations Project Activities involve work group that develop materials to assist contractors in applying best practices with jobsite safety, jobsite check lists. Other activities include developing targeted family messages; develop strategy to recruit future safety and health leaders, implement pilot programs, I.e. education in preventing hearing loss due to noise both on and off the job. Check out their website at www.builditsmart.org. Phone 360/596-9200, FAX 360/596-9202, or e-mail at safetyhealth@aol.com for more information.

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, June 5, 2001** at 7:30 a.m. at The Change of Seasons Restaurant in Salem. For more information, call **Donna Andrew-Tuthill 503/378-5525**.

Liz Dowler, PhD, President and Ergonomics Consultant from Situs, Inc., spoke on musculoskeletal disorders and repetitive motion injuries. She talked about some common risk factors in occupations—static loading, exerted forces, repetition, contact stress, awkward postures, and vibration. One key point she made was that neutral posture is the key to ergonomics because neutral posture reduces fatigue, injury, and muscles work best in neutral posture.

Congratulations to the Santiam slate of Officers for 2001-2002:

Chair, **Trudi Tyler**
Chair-Elect, **Charlie Crawford**
Vice-Chair, **Alan Samarin**
Treasurer, **Cindy Clark**
Secretary, **Tim McDonald**



Chapter Spy

Our Awards & Honors Committee has chosen our Safety Professional of the Year for this Chapter year. He is **Brian Clarke**, Safety Director for Hoffman Corporation. Brian also is Regional Vice-President for Region One ASSE, encompassing the states of Oregon, California, Washington, Alaska and Hawaii.

Brian has spent many hours enhancing the reputation of our Chapter at both Regional and National ASSE levels. Locally he has been very active with our Construction Safety Summit Practice Specialty, Multi-Employer Worksite issues, Construction Industry Crime Prevention Program and other notable projects.

Thanks to **Al Arguedas, Clint Van Arsdall, Fred Caron, Kimberly Gamble** and other committee members for their work on this important recognition.

Dinner Meeting Highlights May 14, 2001

Our guest dinner speaker was **Bob Albers**, HazMat Services Manager for the Office of the State Fire Marshal (OSFM). Bob presented an overview of the many diverse programs of the OSFM, including an in-depth description of the HazMat programs, and an up-date on the activities of the statewide Local Emergency Planning Committee. Brochures and more information on the various programs were made available to members attending the meeting.

Special Service Recognition

At our May Chapter dinner meeting, special recognition was paid to **Jani Johnston**, Communications Manager for Oregon OSHA. Over the years Jani has been a true friend and supporter of our Chapter and activities. She contributes significantly in the promotion of our annual GOSH Conferences, National Safety Month campaigns, and, most recently, has

helped with a series of television public service announcements produced in concert with KGW Television in Portland.

Jani lives in Salem with her husband Bill. They have two grown children, Ben and Amy. Thanks, Jani, for all your hard work, enthusiasm, and dedication to safety, our Chapter and Society

Pop Safety Quiz Winner!

Our pop-safety quiz winner for May was Chapter member **Randy Gengler, CSP**, Safety Director for Marion Construction Company. He correctly answered a question regarding fixed ladders. His prize was presented by **Walter Want**, President of Norwest Marketing, Inc.

Committee News

Special GOSH Recognition: From the 2001 GOSH Executive Committee a special THANK YOU to all Columbia-Willamette Chapter and other volunteers. Numbering in the hundreds, your hard work on the many GOSH committees made this, quite simply, the best Conference ever. Would you please take a moment on our behalf to thank your employer? Without their commitment and support you could not have made as significant a contribution as each of you did. Thanks again!

By-Laws & Long-Range Planning Committee: Copies of our Chapter Long-Range (3-year) Plan and Approved By-Laws are available for review on our website, at: www.assecwc.org, or by contacting **Phil Lemons**, Chapter President.

Construction Safety Summit: The next monthly meeting will be June 26 at 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.

If you are not on the mailing list and would like to receive Summit information, contact **Kimberly Gamble** at king@andersen-const.com or leave a message at 503/240-3998, Ext. 127.

ASSE Products Available

Have you visited the National ASSE website recently? Almost as good as our Chapter website, the National site offers

myriad information sources, links, and opportunities to obtain some fine ASSE products as well. Check out the shirts, caps and other clothing. Wearing an item in ASSE colors with an ASSE insignia feels great! Especially when you are at an ASSE event, representing ASSE at ROC, PDC or other events, or even at work. You are proud to be part of the largest and most helpful safety organization in the world, and show it by purchasing and displaying high quality ASSE products.

Government Affairs Update

FYI: Being active in government affairs for our Chapter can mean much more than just waiting for state or federal legislative activity. Chapter members are encouraged to bring local issues to Chapter leadership. So how does this work? If you notice a local ordinance under consideration which could have a negative, or even positive impact on safety in our community or profession, you can bring it to the attention of our Chapter President.

Your ideas or concerns, presented at the Executive Board level, can become a released letter or submitted correspondence, by our President, to Chapter members, government leaders, even media. Chapters cannot issue position papers (these come only from National ASSE), and state-wide issues require approvals from other Chapters and our RVP. But at the local level we can make a statement, perhaps a difference as well. Have any ideas? Call or email any Chapter Officer.

Golf Anyone?

Interested in a little friendly competition with your fellow safety professionals? We would like to organize a fun golf tournament over the summer and need your help. Contact **Dave Parsons**, Triad Mechanical, with your ideas, preference days and times. Details and registration will be handled via phone and/or email. You can reach Dave at 503/289-9000 (office); 503/519-1361 (mobile) or email him at: dparsons@triadpdx.com



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**, 503/205-6690.

June

5	Tues	Santiam Section Meeting @ Change of Seasons 7:30 am
6	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E-Board Meeting @ Red Lion/Kelso 12:00 p.m.
15	Fri	Installation DINNER RSVP'S due
18	M-Th	National PDC Anaheim, California
18	Mon	Chapter Officer Installation Dinner @ Eastmoreland Golf Club 5:30 p.m.
18	Mon	Safety Emphasis material due
21	Thurs	Mt. St. Helens Membership @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.

July

10	Tues	Annual Planning Meeting @ Eastmoreland Golf Course 8:30-3:30
24	Tues	E-Board Meeting @ Elmer's 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
24	Tues	Construction Safety Summit @ Tony Roma's/Mall 205 11:30 a.m.

August

28	Tues	E-Board Meeting @ Elmer's 7:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m.
28	Tues	Construction Safety Summit @ Liberty NW 8:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m.

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

Now the Work Begins...

How so? Our Chapter year is almost over? Actually, the next Chapter year, 2001-2002 is just about to begin. Which is what all the work and preparation is about. New officers coming, new ideas, energies, fresh input. It's a constant and exciting process of planning, accomplishing and moving ahead.

Which is where you come in. We need our members to step up and ask the question: How Can I Pay Back A Little for All I've Received? Month in and month out your Chapter delivers. Quality speakers and programs for lunch, dinner and breakfast meetings. Professional development conferences in 1/2-, full- and multi-day formats. Certification preparatory classes, professional newsletters, announcements and web site, annual activity planning sessions, member recognition programs, student scholarships, innovative marketing and public relations campaigns, an active government affairs program, intrastate Chapter workshops and many other quality member services.

Phew...to operate at this level takes creativity, resources and people, and lots of each. Won't you reach out, right now, to help your Chapter? We need to hear from you, to find you a place where you are comfortable and can contribute. It doesn't take much, and, believe me, every little bit helps! See you at our Officer's Installation and Annual Planning Meeting.

A Special Goodbye..

This issue of Safety Emphasis marks the last issue in which **Judy Reschke** will act as Editor. She is stepping down after five years of working on the Emphasis, three years as Assistant Editor, and two years as Editor. Together, Judy and I have worked on over 50 consecutive issues. That's a lot of last minute deadlines, and tough decisions about what gets printed and what does not. But, when the presses roll, and the copies and inserts are folded and mailed and delivered, we've always known it was worth it. I'll miss Judy as our Editor, and I'll keep her as my friend, as we both step down and move on.

Thanks everyone. It's been my pleasure.

Sincerely,

Phil Lemons, MBA, CSP
President