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

Do you know what the regulations are for scaffolding? Who is required to be trained? Is scaffolding temporary or is it fixed? Do you know the correct scaffold is to be erected? Besides these and many other questions, there are still many accidents involving scaffolding throughout the nation. These accidents range from minor scrapes to fatalities on all types of scaffolding.

Come and listen to our presenter, Dave Parsons. Dave has been involved with the scaffold industry association for ten years and has assisted in the development of new regulations to keep our employees safe.

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

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

Next Meeting: Monday, May 13, 2002

Executive Committee Summary

The CWC Executive Committee met on March 26, 2002. The following is brief summary of the content of the meeting.

Treasurer Report

Ken Greenhill provided a financial update. Please check the ASSE CWC Website for more information.

Section Reports Mt St.Helens

John Remmers announced that the Section is preparing for May's PDC. Marshal Holborn is the chair person the GOSH Conference Public Relations/Marketing Committee. The Section's Nominating Committee: Tony Howard, Steve Earnest and John Remmers has a full slate of candidates.

Santiam

Charlie Crawford announced upcoming meeting topics and speakers: April's topic is "Changes to the Bloodborne Pathogen Rule" with Lorena Elliott, OR-OSHA. May's topic is "Effective Presentations" with Ken VanOsdahl, Saif Corporation. (Change of Seasons Restaurant at 7:30 am).

Committee Reports

Student Sections

Mark Hopkins relayed that the next OSU Student Section is April 17th. at 4:00 pm in Waldo Hall, room 244. The PDC is scheduled for May 31st. Topic is "Emergencies and Disaster Preparedness". A new slate of officers are being identified for 2002/2003 elections. Willamette Industries donated \$300 to the student

section.

Karen Blythe reported that MHCC Students Section is preparing for the Walter Morey Middle School Safety Fair. Currently the following booths are scheduled for the event: Recycling Safety, Safety Careers, Water Safety, Forest Safety, Gun Safety and Fire Safety. The Student Section is looking for donations for children life vests; the Sandy River has taken the lives of many children. For additional information contact: Karen Blythe at 503/665-1149, cicp@qcsn.com. or Mark Hopkins at 503/680-2046, markh@e-c-co.com

Safety Emphasis

Judy Reschke was thanked for her time, effort and dedication in overseeing the Safety Emphasis mailing list for the last three years. A new coordinator will be identified. To receive an electronic copy of the Safety Emphasis, contact Eric Becker at ASSECWC@hotmail.com or eric.v.becker@fritolay.com. Direct mailing changes to Donna Ritter at 503/640-6079, donalds60@aol.com.

GOSH Conference

Dan Sabatino conveyed that the "Solution for New Challenges in Safety and Health" logo is approved. Letter head will be available to committees soon. Committees and chairs are as follows: Exhibit-Gary Hales, Volunteer-Charlie Crawford, Sponsorship-Dave Parsons, Award-Karen Blythe, Program-Kim Gamble, PR/Marketing-Marshall Holborn, CUE's-John Remmers and Executive-Dan Sabatino. Dan Sabatino can be contacted at Ph/FAX: 503/699-0550, sabatino@hevanet.com.

Installation Banquet

Dan Sabatino announced that the Installation Banquet flyer will be in this month's Safety Emphasis. A head count is needed soon to identify whether the cruise will be 2.5 hr. or 3 hr. The banquet is scheduled for June 21, 2002 on the Sternwheeler Rose. The evening's agenda: ~15 minutes new office commencement, hors d'oeuvres,

gambling on black jack tables and roulette tables, and an auction for donated prizes. The cost is \$12.00 for singles and \$20.00 for couples. ~\$10.00 of chips will be issued at the beginning of the evening with the ability to purchase more if desired. All proceeds from the purchase of additional chips will go to the Foundation.

Hosting a National PDC

John Remmers is recommending that the chapter not host a National PDC in the near future. After conversations with previous host, there are number of major concerns that make the conference successful. One issue is having a very large hotel located at the Convention Center, which is not available. Other issues including attracting vendors from previous conferences and hosting a night out at a major area attraction.

Awards and Honors

Nominations for the National SPY Award is due Nov.1, 2002 and the Fellows Award is due by Dec 1, 2002. Please forward nominations to Al Arguedas at Aargedas@baughpdx.com

Government Affairs

Bruce Poinsette informed the E-Com. that Al Arguedas, Kimberly Gamble, Brain Clark and himself are drafting a letter reflecting individual industries' position on fall protection heights. The letters will be directed to selected politicians encouraging Pete Deluca to review the overall fall protection height rule. The letter will be available for ASSE to review, but does not reflect ASSE position. Just a note from Bruce that OR-OSHA is citing two wire coffee makers and two wire computers in fixed industry. Two wire coffee makers must be removed and two wire computers rewired to three wire. An open hearing is under way. The Multi-employer worksites Task Force met March 25th, three more bulleted items are left to address in the language before the work group can finalize the draft. The finalized draft goes to OR-OSHA and Labor & Industry on April 29, 2002 for approval.

Scholarships

Mark Hopkins relayed concern with the

available funds in the ASSE Leadership Scholarship. Due to the recession the available interest on the endowment fund is \$400.00 short. Mark Hopkins recommends adding an additional six thousand dollars to the endowment fund to cover future short falls in interest rates. The E-Com. discussed ways of supplementing the scholarship fund for this year and increasing the endowment fund for the future. Gary Hales and John Remmers will take the issue to the Section's. Karen motioned that the Chapter supplement this year's shortage of the ASSE Leadership Scholarship, only in the event the Section's can't supplement the fund and that the Chapter continue to explore ways to increase the endowment fund for the future. The motion was second by John Remmers and unanimously passed by the E-Com. Information and applications are on the ASSE Website, www.assecwc.org. **Scholarship deadline is April 30th.**

NAOSH

Barbara Aguon relayed that this year's NOSH Event will include the following: Locating posters at rest stops in Oregon and Washington along I-5, MHCC Student Section coordinating the Walter Morey Middle School Safety Fair, and an article in the Safety Emphasis with a picture of the campaign poster.

OSHA Announces Comprehensive Plan to Reduce Ergonomics Injuries

WASHINGTON - The Occupational Safety and Health Administration today unveiled a comprehensive plan designed to dramatically reduce ergonomic injuries through a combination of industry-targeted guidelines, tough enforcement measures, workplace outreach, advanced research, and dedicated efforts to protect Hispanic and other immigrant workers.

"Our goal is to help workers by reducing ergonomic injuries in the shortest possible time frame," said Labor Secretary Elaine L. Chao. "This plan is a major improvement over the rejected

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old rule because it will prevent ergonomics injuries before they occur and reach a much larger number of at-risk workers.”

If you would like more information on this topic please visit www.osha.gov.

Recognition

At the May dinner meeting we will be recognizing a variety of individuals.

Seven of our members are receiving plaques for 25 years with ASSE. The members are: Mark McPike, Dennis McMahon, Wiliam Camirillo, Gary Hahn, James Kaiser; Floyd Pickering, Kenneth Wicks. Louann Richards is being recognized for her ongoing help and patience with our Safety Emphasis newsletter.

Lastly, the officers who have served the Chapter this year will receive acknowledgement for their time they have given to the Chapter.

April Brown Bag Summary

Did you know that Portland, OR was one of the leading manufacturer and distribution of methamphetamines? For those members who missed out on our Brown Bag training you missed a lot of excellent information.

The topic this last month was on Meth Labs. Our presenter, Bill Henle is the Haz Mat Coordinator for the City of Portland, OR. Bill spoke about old and new ways people (cookers) are manufacture ring methamphetamines in the Portland area. He also spoke about the hazards they deal with everyday when they are called to a meth lab. Thank you Bill for an excellent presentation.

April Dinner Meeting Highlights

April's dinner meeting was Dam Safety. Jim Hinds. Dan put on an excellent presentation with the assistance from Carolyn Flaherty. His presentation answered many questions our members had in regards to the dams in our area. Not only did Jim cover concrete dams, he also covered many different types of dams including earth dams. Our thanks to Jim for his excellent presentation.



Dave Parsons presents a token of appreciation to April Dinner Meeting Presenter, Jim Hinds

WISHA Proposes Changes to Safety and Health Core Rules and and General Occupational Health Standards

In November 2001 WISHA made certain housekeeping changes to Chapter 296-800 WAC, the Safety and Health Core Rules. WISHA now needs to incorporate all the editing and other suggested changes into the rules. Changes proposed here are strictly clarification, editing and housekeeping changes. In general they are proposing to:

- Move the emergency washing requirements from Chapter 296-62 WAC, General Occupational Health Standards to the first aid section (WAC 296-800-150) in Chapter 296-800 WAC, the Safety and Health Core Rules.
- Rewrite the safety committees and safety meetings section (WAC 296-800-130) for clarity.

Details of specific proposed amendments will be published in Washington State Register 02-09 on May 1, 2002. A formal small business economic impact statement is not required because these proposed rule changes are exempt from chapter 19.85 RCW referencing RCW 34.05.310 (4)(c). The proposed rule changes to chapter 296-800 WAC and chapter 296-62 WAC only seek to make clarifying corrections such as formatting and language. The tentative adoption date for these rules is July 1, 2002 and the tentative effective date is October 1, 2002.

Targeted Inspection Program Launched; 'DART' Rate Will Be Considered

The Occupational Safety and Health Administration launches the next round of its Site Specific Targeting program, and plans to visit a new batch of 3,000 work sites culled from survey data. The 2002 SST program continues to rely largely on high injury and illness rates to determine whether a site gets inspected, but the agency will also examine the “Days Away, Restricted, or Transferred” rate when a worksite changes hands. DART eventually will replace the lost workday rate for targeting purposes

Source: ASSE

OSHA Offers International Travel Guidance

WASHINGTON - OSHA today provided safety and health information for international business travelers and listed sources for additional guidelines on helpful strategies to reduce health risks.

The OSHA bulletin suggests that international business travelers follow recommendations for immunizations published by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention that are available at <http://www.cdc.gov/travel/>.

Some travel tips applicable for all travelers include washing hands frequently, walking and driving defensively and wearing seatbelts, avoiding dairy products that may not be pasteurized and eating only food that has been properly cooked. For example, OSHA recommends that travelers visiting developing areas drink only bottled water or carbonated drinks, avoid going barefoot, refrain from eating food purchased from street vendors and avoid handling animals that may carry infectious diseases-especially monkeys, dogs and cats.

Key Dates to Remember

May

1	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E Board Meeting Red Lion at Kelso @ Noon
7	Tues	Santiam Section Meeting Change of Seasons at 7:15 AM
13	Mon	Chapter Dinner Meeting Governor's Hotel @ 6 PM
16	Thur	Mt St Helens Section Board Meeting Red Lion Kelso 7 AM
16	Thur	Santiam Section E Board Meeting 4 PM
21	Tues	CSS 11:30 AM/E-Com10 AM @ JJ North's
28	Tues	Chapter Executive Committee Meeting Elmers 7:30AM

June

4	Tues	Santiam Section Meeting Change of Seasons 7 AM
5	Wed	Mt. St. Helens E Board Meeting Red Lion Kelso Noon
20	Thurs	Mt St. Helens E Board Meeting Red Lion Kelso 7 AM
20	Thurs	Santiam Section E Board
21	Fri	Installation Banquet on Sternwheeler
25	Tues	Chapter Executive Committee Elmer's 7:30AM
25	Tues	CSS 11:30 AM/E-Com10 AM @ JJ North's

A Word from Our President...

This issue of the Safety Emphasis will be the last one with a note from me as your Chapter President. I will hand off the gavel to Dan Sabatino on July 1, 2002.

In parting, I wanted to share some thoughts on Enthusiasm. Consider how this applies to you, your life, ASSE, our communities, the world.

"Enthusiasm: Expressing joy in each task as I give it my best effort."

In the Character First program Enthusiasm is depicted by the humpback whale, powerfully breaking the surface of the ocean into the air.

Whales are massive. They make huge waves, big splashes, loud songs and big bubbles. Their waves ripple out and affect others. Their splash goes in every direction. Their song is far-reaching. Their bubbles are used to catch fish for sustenance.

ASSE is celebrating the 90th Anniversary as an organization. We have over 30,000 members nationwide. Members are involved in legislation, research, education, promotion of prevention, and many other disciplines that affect the quality of life for everyone. We are making waves and singing songs.

My Great Auntie Irene completed her thesis for her Master's degree in 1934. Thesis topic - Safety. To read about the variety of concerns from that time period is entertaining (Remember to unplug your electric iron and place it on the asbestos cooling plate.) By the same token, it is powerful to see how far we have moved safety along since then. And keeps me present to the splash we can make today to improve the lives of generations to come.

Finally, I want to thank you one last time for allowing me the honor of being President of the Columbia-Willamette Chapter - Chapter of the Year!

Sincerely,

Barbara Aguon

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President



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Construction Safety Summit Meeting Notice

The next meeting of the ASSE Columbia Willamette Chapter Construction Safety Summit has been scheduled for:

May 21, 2002 (note date change)

Meeting Agenda:

11:30 am lunch

11:50 am – 12:15 Introductions, Announcements & General Discussion

12:15 – 3:15 Speaker Topic

Speaker(s)/Topic:

Asbestos Management for the Non-Abatement Firms

Tulla Stocker & Brad Kelsay of Apex Environmental will be presenting an overview of asbestos awareness with a focus on contractor and owner responsibilities. This is the second part in a two part series on asbestos and supplements The DEQ's presentation on the new DEQ regulations for asbestos abatement projects. This session will be of particular interest to contractor's who do remodel work and hire asbestos abatement contractors and to building owners.

JJ North's Grand Buffet

10520 NE Halsey, Portland, Oregon

(NE 105th & Halsey)

*All ASSE Construction Safety Summit Meetings are open to anyone interested in construction safety.
ASSE membership is not required to attend.*

Contact Kimberly Gamble at Andersen Construction, (503) 240-3998 extension 127 for more information. To add someone to the mailing list please fax the information to 503 283-1884 or email to king@andersen-const.com.

Upcoming Meetings:

Date	Topic	Anticipated Speaker(s)
June 25, 2002	Hearing Conservation	Brenda Pittman, ODOT
July 23, 2002	The Washington Ergonomics Standard	Jim Simms, L & I

The ASSE Columbia-Willamette Chapter Construction Safety Summit Steering Committee meets prior to each meeting. The steering committee meets prior to each summit meeting at 10:00 am at the Quizmo's in the Gateway Fred Meyer Parking lot on the corner of NE Halsey & NE 102nd. These meetings are open to any ASSE or Summit Member. The steering committee invites open participation



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Columbia-Willamette Chapter

Friday, June 21, 2002

**8:00—10:30 p.m.
aboard the**

Sternwheeler Rose

Boarding begins at 7:45 p.m. at OMSI



Enjoy an entertaining evening of hors'doeuvres, no host bar, and casino games
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\$20.00 per couple**



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