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## **2002-2003 Elected Officers**

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### Santiam Section

Charlie Crawford  
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### Mt. St. Helens

Richard "Dick" Fabbro, CSP  
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## **Columbia Willamette Chapter and Sections Announce Officers for the 2003/2004 Year**

The Columbia Willamette Chapter and Sections recently held elections for Chapter and Section officers for the 2003/2004 chapter year.

Newly elected officers for the Chapter are:

President, **Dave Parsons**

President-Elect, **Laird Blanchard**

Vice President, **Wes Lashbrook**

Treasurer, **Jill Ross**

Secretary, **Jamal AbuSneineh**

Delegates at Large, **Michelle Potter and Char Dolan**

House Delegates, **Tony Howard and John Remmers**

Newly elected officers for the Santiam Section are:

Chair, **Alan Samarin**

Chair Elect, **Tim McDonald**

Vice Chair, **Kimberly Hendricks**

Treasurer, **Bill White**

Secretary, **Charlie Crawford**

Newly elected officers of the Mt. St. Helens Section are:

Chair, **Chris Carlson**

Chair Elect, **James Bobst**

Vice Chair, **Marty Rouse**

Secretary, **Fred Caron**

Treasurer, **Steve Earnest**

Delegate at Large, **John Remmers**

**Congratulations to the new officers! Thanks for stepping up to volunteer to serve the Chapter and/or Section during the coming year!**

Volunteers are the Key to our  
Success

## **Plan to Attend the Chapter Installation Festivities**

*Submitted by Dave Parsons*

Mark your calendars for Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>. This is the date of the installation banquet for the 2003-2004 officers. The banquet and special evening festivities will begin at 5:30pm with a no host social at Mt. View Golf Course in Boring, OR. Dinner is scheduled for 6:00 pm. A 9-hole golf tournament has been set up before the installation banquet for all those avid and not so avid golfers. T-Times begin at 2:30pm. We will have trophies for the winners including a duffer trophy. Following the installation we will have an auction. Proceeds will be earmarked for our scholarship endowment at National. Come join the fun and celebrate with us our new officers.

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### **Mt. St. Helens Section Installation**

The installation of the 2003-2004 officers of the Mt. St. Helens Section will take place June 7 at the the Portland Brewery beginning at 6:00pm. Dinner is free for members and \$10.00 for non members. Please contact Chris Carlson, (360) 397.2446 or Chris.Carlson@clark.wa.gov to RSVP.

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### **Santiam Section Installation**

The Santiam Section will be installing new officers Tuesday evening, June 20, 6:00 pm, at Morton Resturaunt in West Salem. The cost is \$25.00. Please contact Charlie Crawford at charlie.crawford@kp.org to RSVP.

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### **Mt. St. Helens Section News**

Mt. St. Helens April's General Meeting was a 4-hour Rigging

workshop hosted by Industrial Training International (ITI) in Woodland Washington. Mike Parnell and his staff put on an excellent rigging workshop and the section will make a donation to Central Washington's Safety Program in recognition of Industrial Training International.

During this workshop, students got both classroom and hands on rigging experience. ITI's staff covered rigging gear capacities, sling leg load factors, and stability and load control during the classroom time. After that, each student got to go to 3 out of the 4 work stations and use their experience in a practical situation. Below are areas where students got to apply their practical experience:

- Rigging Inspection
- Jack and Rolling with Nesting Loads
- Working with cranes and loads

The Mt. St. Helens Section would like to thank Mike Parnell and his staff for stepping up and hosting this workshop. Members like this help our section be successful in providing other members valuable training at reduced costs.

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### **Job Placement Report Submitted by Mike Benjimen**

I had a conversation recently with a national recruiter. According to this person, requests for applicants are up by almost 90% over two years ago. Perhaps we are seeing light at the end of the safety professional un-employment tunnel.

Many of our Chapter members have passed along job notifications and leads, and resumes. Many of these resumes have been forwarded to hiring authorities at inquiring Northwest companies, agencies or institutions. A number of these authorities are looking more closely at the special talents we have to offer. And, they are hiring, slowly but surely.

Once hiring authorities meet our members, however, it remains a tough pick from among so many fine candidates. I still provide occasional mentoring and just plain listening if you should desire. As bad as the job market has been, I have been, and am grateful for the opportunity to help.

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### **Construction Safety Summit Submitted by Michelle Potter**

Due to the current economy, many professionals find themselves struggling to find work. Our panel members for our May 27, 2003 Lunch Workshop included Mike Benjamin, ASSE Job Placement Coordinator, Jean Hillebrad from Mt. Hood Community College, Tood Pendexter and Tyler Paldi from Onsite Agency and Phyllis Steve of the Oregon Employment Agency. These professionals presented on a variety of aspects, including developing winning resumes, effective interviewing skills and good use of available local resources. This 3-hour, CEUs-provided meeting was packed with information, questions, ideas from personal experience and other helpful input. Make your plans now to attend our next Construction Safety Summit lunch meeting, Tuesday, July 22, 2003 at JJ North's Grand Buffet on 105 & Halsey.

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*Dave Parsons Presenting Phyllis Straight Millan a speakers gift following her presentation at the Post Office on responding to threats of mail terrorism.*



**Laird Blanchard presenting Scott Moss with a certificate at the May membership meeting.**

### **Chapter Offers Opportunities By Laird Blanchard**

The Columbia Willamette Chapter offered many diverse and exciting professional development opportunities through out the year. The topics from the monthly membership meetings covered: Trucking operations in light of terrorist activities, OR-OSHA objectives, Self Improvement, An overview of the workers compensation laws & processes, Components of an successful bilingual safety programs, Shift work Health & Safety, Analyzing indirect costs, Chemical demilitarization projects at Umatilla & Risk Management 101. Our topics from our monthly Brown bag lunch series covered: Fall Protection, Arson investigation, Gunderson Rail Car assembly, Firearm safety and accident prevention on the job & at home, Accident Investigation and Root Causes, Pedestrian safety & design, How to defend an OSHA citation, Skidcar driving class at Prodrive & How the Post Office handles safety issues, such as terrorist alerts or threats. As the new operating year approaches we would like to encourage all members who

would like to be involved in planning for the 2003-2004 professional development calendar to let one of the executive board members know. We look forward to your ideas. Many thanks to all of you who recruited speakers and made these training opportunities happen.

### **GOVERNMENTAL AFFAIRS Submitted by Bruce R. Poinsette**

The Iron Worker's union has sponsored a bill (House Bill 3010) to eliminate the current Oregon OSHA rules that provide for preplanning of structural steel building erection and a uniform fall protection height ten feet for all erection activities. Oregon House Bill 3010 would overturn the Oregon standards and adopt the Federal OSHA standard that has a trigger height of thirty feet for connectors. Oregon OSHA followed its procedure for rulemaking in response to issues presented by safety professionals and others concerned about the circumstances surrounding iron worker falls. Oregon has the Employer Liability Act that mandates that employers do everything reasonable to protect workers(including subcontractors). The need for a "ten" foot trigger height was a reasonable solution for a long standing problem.

Many members of our chapter participated in the political process of opposing this bill. The ironworker's won the House of Representatives with a 50 vote yes, 5 voting no and 5 not voting. The bill is currently in the Senate Rules Committee.

### **RVP Brian Clarke Says Goodbye**

It's a different world today than it was four years ago when I was elected Regional Vice President. Since that time our region and the ASSE membership as a whole have witnessed severe pain, disaster

and change but we have addressed those changes with positive results, and, I am very proud to have been a part of these efforts.

Region I members have addressed the issues of today in their personal and work lives and as part of ASSE and continue to contribute proactively to our overall mission of protecting people, property and the environment. Perhaps this has had a greater impact on employers and our profession as well illustrated by the fact that ASSE is growing while other membership organizations are being reduced and/ or merging. And our retention rate of existing members is strong.

We have strengthened existing relationships and developed new ones with regulators, legislators, stakeholders, the media and business leaders. Your efforts have not gone unrecognized. Just last year a panel of non-members voted the Columbia- Willamette chapter the best ASSE large chapter for the year. That is a great accomplishment.

I could go over a laundry list of positive results that you, Region I, have accomplished, but I'm not. Just know, that without you, ASSE would not be the success it is and I urge you to continue to meet the needs of tomorrow today. Thank you so very much for your unwavering support, your ability to come up with new ideas and to implement them effectively. Much of your success is difficult to measure, but it's there in the lives you save every day, the accidents you prevent and the joy from seeing your co-workers, your neighbors going home to their families every day injury free and being able to enjoy life. We do make a difference. Thank you again.

## Key Dates to Remember June

7	Sat	Mt. St. Helens Section Installation Dinner
14	Sat	CWC Golf Tournament 2:30 Installation Dinner 6:00
20	Fri	Santiam Section Installation Dinner
24	Tue	CWC Board Meeting Elmer's 7:30 a.m.

### Mark Your Calendar!

June 14th  
Golf and Installation Banquet

Don't forget to check the chapter website

**[www.assecwc.org](http://www.assecwc.org)**

to find meeting minutes, job information  
and other valuable information...

### Congratulations!

to Swinerton Builders, for working  
over a million hours in the past four  
years without a time loss injury!

### Unsung Heroes

As my term as President comes to an end, I urge all members to pursue this wonderful and challenging experience. I have truly enjoyed serving the Chapter as President and working with the Executive Committee and Membership this past year.

There are those that have supported my efforts and I feel they have gone above and beyond my expectations with their support and understanding of the time required to serve this organization. They are my loving wife Maria, who has been a tremendous support in keeping me on track. The other is the management and staff of the Oregon-Columbia Chapter of the Associated General Contractors (AGC). They have shown their support for the ASSE by encouraging my active involvement in the Chapter activities. Their understanding and encouragement often provided the ability to take the Chapter to new levels of service and support for our membership.

Without the support of our families and our employers we as an organization would not be nearly as successful and I for one extend a hearty thank you to all of them for their support in making the ASSE the world-class organization that it is today.

Thanks to you all for a wonderful term and I look forward to supporting and working with the incoming officers.

Quote for the safety Professional: *"Every solution breeds new problems. " Murphy's Law*

Sincerely,



Daniel Sabatino



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