Dear Fellow San Diego Safety Professionals,

A “Safety Net” Season’s Greetings to All!

We are finally experiencing a bit of “winter-like” temperatures and conditions (for Southern California that is). Time to bundle up and turn on the heat!

A “Shout Out” (or more appropriately, a “Thank You” at a conversational noise level of under 85dB) to Dr. Colleen Moore for her presentation at last month’s breakfast meeting on hearing conservation. Not only was it a great review of some of the elements of why and how an effective hearing conservation program works, the demonstration and simulation of what hearing impairment can sound like hit home on how critical it is to evaluate all factors that may affect a person’s hearing. Besides physical factors such as excessive noise and age, there are also chemical exposures and substances that can contribute to hearing loss as well. In case you missed her presentation or would like a review, it is now available on the Chapter website.

November was also the month for the North County Section luncheon meeting. Tim Reed of Emerson Network Power reviewed some of the significant changes to NFPA 70E that intend to clarify and simplify some of the language and definitions used in the previous edition of the standard. These changes will really help with alleviating some of the “zone”/“boundary” confusion and the delineation of protection requirements as well as the classification or labeling of electrical exposures.

This month and just around the corner is the long-anticipated holiday luncheon extravaganza! Besides the wonderful nosh and the opportunity to just relax and mingle with your fellow ASSE colleagues and guests, there are some other fun surprises (See President’s Catch, Page 2...)

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(President’s Catch, continued from page 1...) that await and will not disappoint. This is also our Chapter’s drive for gift cards and household items for the San Diego Youth Services Transitional Program. Your donations will assist young adults aging out of the foster care system in establishing their own home in their first apartment. Please see the event announcement in this issue for donation suggestions. RSVP now – don’t be late, it’s December 8th!

Don’t forget to mark your calendars for 2016’s upcoming events:


February 9th Breakfast Meeting – “Situational Awareness” – Cathi Marx.

March 8th – Professional Development Conference (1/2 Day) – “Back to the Future: Solving Tomorrow’s Workplace Challenges with Today’s Workforce” – Cuyamaca College

Hope to see you at the Holiday Luncheon!

Have a Safe and Happy Holiday Season!

Regards,

Amy

Government Affairs Committee:
By Tom Bernitt, CSP, CHMM, CMQ/OE, CQA with contributions by Cathi Marx, ACLM, COSS, CHS-V & Gary Couture, MS, COSS

Lawsuit Targets Nuclear Waste Permit at Beach
San Diego Union Tribune (11/03/15) Lee, Morgan

Citizens Oversight has challenged a permit passed by the California Coastal Commission to bury radioactive waste from the defunct San Onofre reactors on low-lying land next to the Pacific Ocean. The San Diego consumer advocacy group is charging the commission with neglecting its responsibility to protect the coastline and marine life from hazardous waste, and for failing to mandate that nuclear plant operator Southern California Edison demonstrate it had run out of other storage options. The suit claims the commission failed to hold a fair hearing on Edison’s waste-storage permit by engaging in private communications with the utility. Edison hired a consultant that briefed several commissioners individually about its permit application in the days prior to the final public vote.

The lawsuit also asserts the agency was influenced by Edison’s promise to indemnify the agency and its voting members against any future legal liabilities. The permit is viable for only 20 years, after which Edison must report back and seek approval to either keep the waste at the site, store it elsewhere at San Onofre, or arrange a schedule for transferring the waste off-site. Opponents are concerned that removal of the waste casks might be complicated as time goes on and radiation and coastal climate affect them.

California to require two-person train crews
September 15, 2015
Sacramento, CA – A new law in California will require at least two operators on every freight train traveling through the state.

California Gov. Jerry Brown (D) made the rule official Sept. 8 when he signed S.B. 730. The bill, which was introduced by state Sen. Lois Wolk (D), is scheduled to go into effect Feb. 1, 2016.

Violators will be subject to a fine of up to $1,000 for a first violation, up to $5,000 for a second violation within a three-year period, and up to $10,000 for the third violation and every subsequent violation within a three-year period.

(See Government Affairs, Page 3...)
Across the country, rail safety advocates have pushed for laws requiring multiple-person train crews. Rep. Don Young (R-AK) introduced the Safe Freight Act (H.R. 1763) in Congress in April, but the bill stalled in the Subcommittee on Railroads, Pipelines, and Hazardous Materials.

Wolk said one operator is not enough for trains carrying hazardous materials.

“With over 6,000 miles of railroad track that criss-crosses the state through wilderness and urban areas, the potential for derailment or other accidents containing these materials is an ever-present danger,” Wolk said in a press release after she introduced the bill.

OSHA seeks input as it updates Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines

November 17, 2015

OSHA is seeking public comment on an updated version of its voluntary Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines. The agency made the updates to reflect modern technology and practices.

The new guidelines build on the previous version, originally published in 1989, as well as lessons learned from successful approaches and best practices under two OSHA programs - Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) and Safety and Health Achievement Recognition Program (SHARP), and similar industry and international initiatives such as ANSI/AIHA Z10 and OHSAS 18001.

New items in the guidelines reported by OSHA are:

- Better communication and coordination on multi-employer worksites.
- A proactive approach to finding and fixing hazards before they cause injury, illness, or death.
- More effective approach to safety and health in all types of workplaces.
- Help for small and medium-sized businesses to effectively protect their workers
- Increase worker involvement, so all workers have a voice in workplace safety and health.

The guidelines are advisory only and do not create any new legal obligations or alter existing obligations created by OSHA standards or regulations.

For more information and to review the draft guidelines and provide comment, visit OSHA's Safety and Health Program Management webpage. Comments will be accepted until February 15, 2016. Comments can also be posted directly to www.regulations.gov using Docket #OSHA-2015-0018.

Drowning of lake maintenance worker spurs new safety resources

Sacramento, CA – New materials from the California Department of Public Health describe best practices for preventing drownings among maintenance workers.

A video details how a 45-year-old tree trimmer drowned after falling from a boat while he was removing weeds and algae from a golf course lake. He was working alone and not wearing a flotation device when the boat became unstable, causing him to fall overboard. The victim was unable to swim and had not been trained in water safety or hazard recognition. The video, which also is available in Spanish, explains how to prevent a similar incident.

In addition, the California Fatality Assessment and Control Evaluation program has released discussion questions, a fact sheet and an investigation report to supplement the video.

Tips for preventing drownings include:

- Train workers in water safety and hazard recognition. Give them a personal flotation device when working in or near water.
- Have two workers on a boat to make it more stable. For emergency rescue, life rings should be provided.
- Use appropriate equipment, such as paddles or oars, to control the boat.
- Consider an integrated pest management program to avoid having workers remove weeds while working in boats.

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(Government Affairs, continued from page 3...)

Inspector General to OSHA: More work needed to improve effectiveness

Washington – OSHA continues to lack means to measure the effectiveness of its programs and struggles with how best to use its limited resources, according to a report from the Department of Labor Office of Inspector General.

Released Nov. 16, the report outlines the top challenges facing various DOL agencies and steps taken to improve operations. It cites previous OIG audits that found OSHA lacked outcome-based data necessary to determine the effectiveness of its various programs, claiming the agency's current measures are more focused on activities rather than outcomes.

OSHA is conducting a study on its Site-Specific Targeting Program, and OIG urged the agency to analyze the results to improve targeting as a way to better use its resources. The agency also should evaluate new performance measures for their effectiveness on worker safety and health, and develop measures to assess the Whistleblower Protection Program.

In addition, the report details deficiencies in the Mine Safety and Health Administration and DOL's Job Corps. OIG states that MSHA needs to gain better knowledge of incident underreporting to improve its strategy of addressing mine operator programs, and DOL must take steps to control violence and ensure a safe learning environment at its Job Corps centers.

House Democrats introduce bill on immigrant worker safety

Washington – Immigrant workers who report unsafe or unfair work practices would become eligible for a type of visa reserved for victims of criminal activity, under legislation recently reintroduced by House Democrats.

Rep. Judy Chu (D-CA) and Bobby Scott (D-VA) on Nov. 16 introduced the Protecting Our Workers from Exploitation and Retaliation Act (H.R. 4008). The bill would provide immigrant workers who report labor law violations with a path to obtain a U non-immigrant visa. This visa protects individuals from deportation if they have suffered mental or physical abuse due to a particular crime, and are willing to provide information to law enforcement officials about that crime.

"Threat of deportation or other retaliation should not be an available tool to employers for the purpose of intimidating or coercing workers exercising their rights," Scott said in a press release. "This bill represents an important step forward in making sure that workers can fully realize their rights on the job and not have to live in fear while trying to make a living."

The POWER Act has been introduced in previous Congresses, but has not made it to the president's desk.

EPA extends comment period for proposed rule on 'restricted use' pesticides

Washington – The Environmental Protection Agency recently extended a comment period on a proposed rule that would create stronger standards for "restricted use" pesticides.

Stakeholders now have until Dec. 23 to comment on the proposal.

The rule pertains to pesticides not available to the general public and that require special handling. The proposed requirements include a minimum age of 18 for certified applicators, certification renewals every three years and special certifications for workers using high-risk application methods.

OSHA video focuses on temporary worker safety

Washington – Both host employers and staffing firms are responsible for protecting temporary workers, OSHA administrator David Michaels stresses in a recently released video.

Temporary employees frequently change worksites numerous times a year, putting them at greater risk for injury. These workers often are inadequately trained to identify hazards and unaware of safety measures, Michaels said in the video.

Host employers should treat temporary workers the same as their own workers, Michaels added. While staffing firms are obligated to offer general safety training, host employers must provide site-specific training.

"In recent years, OSHA has investigated numerous cases of temporary workers being injured or even killed on the job, some on their first day of work," Michaels said. "To address this very serious problem, OSHA has launched a concerted initiative, using enforcement, outreach and training to ensure that temporary workers are protected from workplace hazards."

Stephen Dwyer, general counsel of the American Staffing Association, joined Michaels in the video. Dwyer emphasized that staffing firms should clearly communicate with host employers to ensure all parties understand their safety obligations.

(See Government Affairs, Page 5...)
OSHA issues fact sheets on agricultural, maritime safety

Washington – OSHA has released new fact sheets for workers in the agriculture and maritime industries.

The agricultural fact sheet, which focuses on tractor hazards, states that the majority of farmworker injuries and deaths are the result of tractor incidents such as overturns and unintended contact with tractor attachments or implements. General tips from the fact sheet include:

- Make sure workers are acquainted with farm machinery.
- Review proper operating procedures. Safety stickers should be in good condition.
- Make sure operators know about ditches, uneven ground and nearby bystanders.
- Do not allow children to be around tractors.
- Use adequate ventilation when operating a tractor indoors.
- Avoid operating a tractor on highways during busy times or poor visibility.

The resource also covers the benefits of rollover protective structures, safety belt requirements, power take-off shafts, training and emergency planning.

The maritime fact sheet addresses hazards stemming from the repair and maintenance of refrigeration systems on vessels. Workers can be exposed to ammonia and halocarbons when performing maintenance or repair or during leaks. The fact sheet explains the hazards, requirements for employers, "common exposure thresholds," safety requirements and recommended best practices.

BLS: Despite decrease in lost-worktime rate, injury severity may be on the rise

Washington – Although the overall rate of occupational injuries and illnesses requiring days away from work fell in 2014, the number of median days needed to recuperate increased, according to a Nov. 19 report from the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

In 2014, 107.1 injury and illness cases per 10,000 full-time workers resulted in days away from work; the rate was 109.4 in 2013. For private industry alone, the rate remained relatively unchanged at 97.8.

Despite the decline in the total rate, the number of median days away from work increased to 9 in 2014 from 8 in 2013 for the overall workforce. BLS considers this a "key measure" of injury and illness severity.

The days-away-from-work incident rate for falls on the same level in the private industry also increased – to 16.6 in 2014 from 15.4 the previous year.

Other key figures from the report:

- 1.16 million injuries resulting in days away from work occurred in 2014.
- The rate of musculoskeletal disorders declined to 33.8 in 2014 from 35.8 the previous year.
- Women accounted for 39 percent of the total cases involving days away from work in 2014 but had a greater share of incidence rates related to falls, violence and repetitive motion.

OSHA updates guidance on safety and health program management

Washington – Employers should have a program designed to find and fix safety hazards, according to a new OSHA draft guidance document.

Published Nov. 16, the voluntary Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines detail core elements of an effective safety and health program:

- Management leadership
- Worker participation
- Hazard identification and assessment
- Hazard prevention and control
- Education and training
- Program evaluation and improvement
- Coordination and communication on multi-employer worksites

OSHA lists several steps within each core element to help establish, implement, maintain and improve programs. The agency says employers should define program goals and expectations, give workers access to safety and health information, and identify and select hazard controls.

"The guidelines will provide much needed direction and support to any business striving to achieve safe operations, but especially small and mid-sized businesses and those with multiemployer worksites," the National Safety Council said in a statement applauding the new document.

The draft is an update and replacement for voluntary guidelines issued in 1989, and incorporates lessons learned from OSHA recognition programs and industry consensus standards. Stakeholders can comment on the draft guidance until Feb. 15.
San Francisco—Cal/OSHA’s criminal investigation into the December 2012 falling death of a 51-year-old carpenter in San Francisco resulted in manslaughter charges by the San Francisco District Attorney against the worker’s employer and foreman. Salvador William Versaggi, owner of Versaggi Construction, along with foreman John Fitt pleaded not guilty on Tuesday to the manslaughter charges and two counts of violation of the labor code.

“When our investigations uncover potentially criminal behavior by employers, we exercise our full jurisdiction not only to protect workers but to also make referrals to the District Attorney for prosecution where appropriate,” said Christine Baker, Director of the Department of Relations’ (DIR). Cal/OSHA is a division in DIR.

On December 26, 2012, Jose Plancarte was assigned to lower a window frame opening in the main stairwell of a residential construction site at 40 Edgehill Way in San Francisco. Plancarte built a nailed-bracket scaffold and used two scaffold planks to access the window located more than 18 feet above ground. Plancarte was not wearing fall protection and the scaffold did not have guardrails. He was found unresponsive at the base of the stairwell, having fallen 18.5 feet to the concrete basement floor. Plancarte was transported to San Francisco General Hospital, where he later died from his injuries.

“When preventable deaths occur, employers must be held accountable,” said Cal/OSHA Chief Juliann Sum. “The indictments today are a testament to the close working relationship between Cal/OSHA and the San Francisco District Attorney and our commitment to ensure that criminal behavior in the workplace is addressed.”

Cal/OSHA’s investigation determined that Versaggi Construction had failed to provide fall protection training to its workers at the site, and that foreman Jim Fitt was aware that Plancarte had cobbled together a prohibited type of scaffolding in direct violation to the employer’s own safety program.

“Employers in California are required to provide the necessary protections for their workers in order to prevent a tragedy such as this”, said San Francisco District Attorney George Gascón. “With the significant amount of construction going on in San Francisco right now, it is more important than ever for everyone to follow all the rules and regulations around a job site.”

Cal/OSHA’s civil investigation resulted in the issuance of four citations with penalties totaling $25,870 on March 29, 2013, including two citations for serious violations.
Cal/OSHA Cites Two Employers More Than $300,000 for Exposing Workers to Cave-In Hazards after Stop-Work Order Issued

**Oakland**—Cal/OSHA today cited two Northern California construction businesses more than $300,000 for exposing workers to cave-in hazards at a residential construction site in Piedmont. The companies violated Cal/OSHA’s order to stop work until the imminent hazard was abated.

“Excavation collapses and cave-ins cause serious workplace injuries and fatalities. These citations remind employers to abide by Cal/OSHA stop work orders that are issued to protect workers from unsafe conditions,” said Christine Baker, Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Cal/OSHA, officially known as the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, is a division of DIR.

Cal/OSHA cited San Mateo-based general contractor EMI Design & Construction Inc. for 10 workplace safety violations, including two willful and three serious in nature with total proposed penalties of $164,465. Salt Light Investments Inc., a construction project management company in Berkeley, was cited for three workplace safety violations including two willful in nature, with proposed penalties of $140,375.

The violations were discovered during an April 20 investigation at the residential construction site. Cal/OSHA investigators found 11-foot unshored walls and issued a stop-work order that same day to address the unsafe excavation. Three weeks later, Cal/OSHA learned that the employers ordered workers back to the site, despite failing to correct the imminent hazards.

“Cal/OSHA issues stop work orders when there’s evidence of an imminent hazard to workers,” said Cal/OSHA Chief Juliann Sum. “The employers’ blatant refusal to protect their workers from a cave-in hazard put their employees’ lives at risk.”

Both EMI Design & Construction Inc. and Salt Light Investments Inc. were issued willful violations for failing to shore up an excavation up to 11 feet and for a lack of a design for proper shoring as required. EMI Design & Construction Inc. was also cited three serious violations for an unguarded floor opening, an unguarded wall opening and unguarded exposed rebar ends.

A similar hazard caused a fatal accident at a Milpitas construction site in January 2012. In that case, a construction employer ordered a worker back to an excavation site with unshored 12-foot walls three days after a stop-work order had been issued because of the hazard. The walls caved in, killing the worker. Cal/OSHA launched a criminal investigation, leading to two years’ jail time for both the construction company owner and the project manager.

A serious violation is cited when there is a realistic possibility that death or serious harm could result from the actual hazardous condition. A willful violation is cited when the employer is aware of the law and violates it, or when the employer is aware of the hazardous condition and does not take reasonable steps to address it.
Sacramento—The California Occupational Safety and Health Appeals Board (Appeals Board) has ruled in favor of Cal/OSHA’s 2012 citations against two employers because their Injury and Illness Prevention Programs (IIPP) failed to effectively address the hazard of indoor heat.

“This is the first case of indoor heat considered by the Appeals Board. In this case, the ruling affirms that California’s IIPP standard can be used to address hazards that the standard does not specifically identify, including indoor heat,” said Christine Baker, Director of the Department of Industrial Relations (DIR). Cal/OSHA, officially known as the Division of Occupational Safety and Health, is a division of DIR.

The IIPP is a basic written program that every employer must develop to comply with occupational safety and health standards and effectively train employees in recognizing hazards.

“California is the only state with an outdoor Heat Illness Prevention standard,” said Juliann Sum, Chief of Cal/OSHA. “Now all workers, including those who work indoors like warehouse workers, are protected from the hazard of heat.”

The case stemmed from the January 2012 serious citations Cal/OSHA issued to Tri-State Staffing (TSI), a temporary staffing agency, and warehouse operator National Distribution Center (NDC) for the heat illness suffered by an employee in August 2011. A serious violation is cited when there is a realistic possibility that death or serious harm could result from the actual hazardous condition.

On August 30, 2011, Domingo Blancas, a TSI employee hired to work in an NDC-operated warehouse, suffered heat illness while working inside a metal freight container with a temperature over 100 degrees. He reported his illness to his temp agency supervisor, who arranged for him to be transported to a local clinic by another employee who had also reported heat illness that day. The doctor at the clinic questioned if Blancas might be suffering from dehydration and referred him to the Emergency Room, but Blancas did not go to the ER and the next day he was hospitalized for three days due to heat stroke.

Both TSI and NDC were penalized $18,000 for failing to implement an effective IIPP. Both companies appealed the citations to an administrative law judge (ALJ). In March 2015, the ALJ issued its decision in favor of TSI and NDC, dismissing their citations. Cal/OSHA appealed that decision to the Appeals Board, stating the ALJ should have affirmed the citations because the employers had failed to effectively correct the hazard of indoor heat exposure, and had not trained employees on the hazard of indoor heat exposure and heat illness. The three-panel board agreed with Cal/OSHA and overturned the ALJ’s decision.

The decision also reinforces the fact that all employers have a responsibility for ensuring compliance with all Cal/OSHA standards, not just the employer in charge of the worksite.

Cal/OSHA helps protect workers from health and safety hazards on the job in almost every workplace in California. Cal/OSHA’s Consultation Services Branch provides free and voluntary assistance to employers and employee organizations to improve their health and safety programs. Employers should call (800) 963-9424 for assistance from Cal/OSHA Consultation Services.

Employees with work-related questions or complaints may contact DIR’s Call Center in English or Spanish at 844-LABOR-DIR (844-522-6734). The California Workers’ Information line at 866-924-9757 provides recorded information in English and Spanish on a variety of work-related topics. Complaints can also be filed confidentially with Cal/OSHA district offices.
Membership Chair:
By Brian Vernetti, CSP
Welcome to our new members!

New Members San Diego Chapter:
- Marisa Fortin, Balfour Beatty Construction
- Shelly Harrison
- Yanet Hernandez, Zenith Insurance Co.

New Members North County Section:
- Gregory Dildine, Level10 Construction

Job-Line
By David Ferguson

Looking for a new job? Visit our job-line at http://sandiegoasse.org/jobs/ to see current opportunities such as: EH&S Safety Program Specialist III; Safety Engineer, Elevators; Risk Consultant; EHS Consultant; Loss Control Consultant; Industrial Hygiene Manager; Workers Compensation Loss Control Consultant; Safety Administrator; Health & Safety Specialist; EH&S Program Specialist III; Risk Manager; Health and Safety Professional; Check out these and other great jobs today!

Calendar of Special Events:
December 2015

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Did You Resolve to Get Your ASP/CSP This Year?

Thinking about working on your ASP/CSP? If so, that’s outstanding and we are pulling for you! If you’d like to participate in an ASP/CSP study group, call Enrique Medina, CSP to start the ball rolling.

As a member of our Chapter, Enrique has volunteered his time (thank you Enrique!) to assist those interested in pursuing their ASP/CSP professional certification. Once Enrique hears from those that are interested, timeframes and locations can be identified.

Enrique can be reached: (619) 297-1469. Or emedina@pulse-point.com

This is a great opportunity our Chapter appreciates. Call today!

Enrique will be presenting at our January breakfast meeting about how to prepare for and complete your ASP/CSP certification.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR LATEST ASP/CSP RECIPIENTS:

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The Executive Board met on Tuesday, November 3 via teleconference. Attending: Chris Malicki, Allison Long, Isaac Szmuilowicz, David Ferguson, Cindy Reyes, Cathi Marx, Brian Vernetti, Enrique Medina, Valerie Stakes.

TREASURER’S REPORT

Allison reported numbers for October. Motion was made to approve treasurers report for October, motion was seconded and vote passed and carried. Members may view a copy of the report upon request to our President, Amy Leung.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Review / Approve Minutes from October 6, 2015: Minutes were reviewed, and a motion was made to accept the minutes. Motion seconded. Motion to vote, passed and carried.

2. Feedback on October breakfast meeting: The consensus was that the speaker did a great job, provided useful information on their fit testing technology, without being overly commercial. There were 52 attendees.

3. PDC update, Chris Malicki: Chris reported that the speakers have been selected and all four have confirmed. A draft agenda was prepared and will be finalized soon. Several theme ideas have been proposed and were discussed at the meeting, with follow-up emails to Chris who will compile them and send them out for a final vote at next week’s PDC meeting to be held at ABC following the monthly breakfast meeting.

4. SPY Award, Chris Malicki: The selectee is working with Chris to complete the nominee package.

5. ROC Meeting / Leadership Conference Attendance – Allison reported on the Oct 8-10 conference, which she characterized as “awesome”. The agenda was packed and the attendees worked in breakout sessions by topic or regions, including international members, and also attended plenary meetings. There were several hundred people in attendance. Allison attended the Treasurers’ session and found the discussion on tax issues very informative. She learned that some chapters use accountants to prepare their returns. Chris was not able to attend due to an illness.

6. December Luncheon, Cathi Marx:
Cathi reported that the Admiral Baker Club will charge $19.95 per person, all included. The cost for members was discussed, and a motion was made and approved to set the price at $15 for members, $10 for students, and to give Allison discretion to approve a reduced fee of $10 for up to 10 members who may need a discount, upon request. Any additional discount requests will need to be approved by the board. Cathi will take care of the decorations.

7. Combined Association Volunteer Organization (CAVO), Amy Leung: Allison reported on the SD CyS Garden event. It was very well organized and well attended. There were many people from the insurance industry. The volunteers were offered a continental breakfast, and then signed up for chain gangs to do various tasks, including building sand boxes, weeding, mulching, etc. It was lot of fun. Allison proposed that we put this event in the chapter calendar and promote it better to increase the chapter’s representation.

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8. Evening Social Event: Cathi has sent in a deposit to the Marriott Courtyard. The event will be similar to last year’s. Don Brown will speak.

9. Use of virtual meeting software for educational programming and meetings: Enrique reported that he got information from JT Parnell, ASSE’s IT guru on the GoToMeeting and GoToWebinar. He is waiting to hear back on a few issues to see if we can use it for the ASP/CSP study group, and then find out how to sign up to use it. The goal is to have it set up before the January ASSE breakfast. He is preparing a brief description of the presentation for Valerie to put in the December newsletter and calendar.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Announcements of events from other community organizations – Announcements of events from other community organizations – CPCU, RIMS, ARC, etc. Chris reported that he will try to attend the RIMS event, and as many other group meetings as possible. Some do not have events scheduled for the remainder of the year. Cathi stated that PWI has a breakfast coming up.

CHAIR REPORTS

North County: Cindy – The lunch meeting on 11/19 will feature a presentation on NFPA 70E. Attendance is between 15-25 people. The section officers will meet the week before the lunch meeting.

Programs: Valerie – The monthly presentations are set through February. The April and June dates will be set soon.

Membership: Brian – Nothing to report on membership other than two new members. He has developed some ideas for submittals by prospective PDC scholarship applicants, and will turn them over to Amy. Brian also offered to share an analysis of the respirator fit testing requirements with the group.

Public Affairs: Isaac Szmuelowicz – He is now contacting the American Red Cross to inquire about Barbara Fiorina’s replacement. established contact with David Ivester, Department Coordinator at Cuyamaca College to help promote the PDC. Chris thanked Isaac for making the connection with the college.

Governmental Affairs: Tom – Absent. No report.

Newsletter: Gary – Absent. Chris reported that Gary sent out the newsletter for internal review.

Website: Cathi – She is looking for information on previous chapter SPYs before Aleks Meyer. She is putting information on the website to educate the members on the qualifications of SPY nominees. Chris asked if the automatic confirmation reply emails sent to members can be made more personal.

Job line: David Ferguson – 19 current opening on the Jobline.

Next Board Meeting: December 1, 2015 – In person meeting at the Zenith office.

Next Breakfast Meeting: December 8, 2015 – Holiday Luncheon at Admiral Baker Club – 11:00am

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MAJOR MILESTONES

Congratulations to the following members of our Chapter for their long-term dedication and commitment to the Society and the profession:

25 Years:
Michael Rabong
Sal Monastra-sebasco
Paul Moore
Cathi Marx

40 Years:
Teresa Withers Bonilla
ASSE San Diego Chapter
Holiday Lunch and SPY Award Celebration

12/8/2015

Admiral Baker Club
2400 Admiral Baker Rd
San Diego, CA 92124

11:15 a.m. - Registration
11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. - Lunch and Chapter SPY award

Register online at http://sandiegoasse.org/events/?regevent_action=register&event_id=84

In keeping with our tradition to give back to our community; please consider bringing a gift card or item(s) that may help a homeless youth set up their first apartment.

We are once again partnering with San Diego Youth Services and specifically we are asking for donations to assist young people ages 18-25 who are aging out of the foster care system and getting their first apartments.

Many of these young people have been on the streets, or are asked to leave their foster home simply due to their age and they no longer are supported by the foster system.

Some have small children of their own. Please consider a donation of:

- cleaning supplies
- kitchen items
- bedding
- linen
- towels
- diapers
- personal grooming supplies
- Target or Walmart gift cards

Anything to make a house a home.

Maybe you will consider a small fire extinguisher, first aid kit, or child safety locks.

On behalf of your Chapter Board we thank you and look forward to seeing you at our lunch-eon to celebrate another great year, our 2015 SPY award recipient and helping youth in our community.
ASSE Statement on OSHA’s Updated Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines

PARK RIDGE, Illinois - (Nov. 17, 2015) – This statement is attributable to ASSE President Michael Belcher:

“ASSE appreciates OSHA’s commitment to encouraging better employer management of workplace safety and health risks in the draft update of its Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines. Likewise, ASSE appreciates OSHA’s effort to engage stakeholders in the development of final guidelines and looks forward to sharing the views of its members who are the leaders in addressing workplace risks through safety and health management plans. While recognizing that updated guidelines are a step in the right direction, ASSE is disappointed that this Administration has not pursued an OSHA standard that would require all employers to develop and implement such plans. A well-written OSHA standard could help every U.S. employer move towards the safety and health management approaches that the best employers already use to protect workers and their profit margins. It could also bring the U.S. closer to more effective workplace safety and health regulatory approaches increasingly being used by our international competitors. We encourage OSHA not to let these guidelines be the agency’s last and best effort in moving the nation towards a more effective approach to protecting workers.”

SISTER ORGANIZATIONS UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

Professional Women in Insurance (PWI)
Meeting December 11, 730AM to 900AM
http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07ebns8n1w1c93a2cd&llr=6i66osbab

Risk Management Society (RIMS)
Meeting December 10, 1115AM to 200PM
http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?oeidk=a07eaedrbzvc6761258&llr=qky8rsmab

Public Agency Risk Managers Association (PARMA)
Meeting December 16, 1130AM to 130PM
http://parma.com/events/san-diegoimperial-valley-chapter-meeting-6
Read the November 2015 edition issue of NFPA News

NFPA News is a free newsletter that provides detailed information on NFPA codes and standards activities, including Public Input and Public Comment closing dates, the issuance of Formal Interpretations (FIs), Tentative Interim Amendments (TIAs), and Errata, agendas and minutes of Standards Council meetings, and other ways to get involved with NFPA's document development process. Download Now

'Tis the Season for a Free Webinar: Preparing for the Holidays and Winter Safety

How prepared are you for the holidays? For what Mother Nature will most likely throw at us this winter? Not so sure? Then you won't want to miss FEMA's upcoming free webinar, "'Tis the Season: Preparing for a Winter Storm and the Holidays" on Thursday, December 10 from 2:00 - 3:00 PM (EST).

During the webinar, you'll meet Matthew Lyttle from the FEMA Individual and Community Preparedness Division, who will discuss America's PrepareAthon! and ways to prepare for a winter storm. You'll also get a chance to hear from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Weather Service, who will present on the winter seasonal outlook, El Niño, the Winter Weather Safety Campaign and driving safety. NFPA's own Judy Comolli will also provide some great information on holiday safety and the risk of Christmas tree and cooking fires, and Sandy Facinoli from the FEMA U.S. Fire Administration, will present on holiday safety, the risk of electrical and candle fires, the danger of New Year's fireworks, and heating safety.

The hour-long webinar promises to be a fun and informative one. Won't you join us? To register and connect, follow the instructions below:

* Please register for the event. Be sure to test your Adobe Connect connection before the meeting.

* Adobe Connect: https://icpd.adobeconnect.com/holidaysprep1/event/registration.html

* This webinar will offer closed captioning.

If you need help, feel free to reach out to FEMA's Zola Shaw at ishaw@teracore.com. She'll be happy to help!
OSHA invites interested parties to a facilitated discussion about the agency’s updated draft Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines on Wednesday, December 9, from 1-3 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Labor’s Frances Perkins Building in Washington, D.C. First published in 1989 to help employers establish their own safety and health programs, the voluntary guidelines are being updated to reflect best thinking and experiences from employers that have successfully used them. New material should be particularly helpful to small- and medium-sized businesses. Updates also address ways in which multiple employers at the same worksite can coordinate efforts to protect all workers. The discussion will be led by Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels. To register and learn how to submit questions in advance, visit the discussion webpage.

Overview, discussion of updated Safety and Health Program Management Guidelines set for Dec. 9

Strong public approval for government efforts to improve workplace safety

A recent poll conducted by the Pew Research Center found that more than three-quarters of the public thinks the federal government is doing a good job of setting fair and safe workplace standards. In contrast, the poll also found that overall trust in the government and political leaders are near historic lows. Despite the public’s professed cynicism for government programs in general, many voiced strong support in specific areas, with setting safe standards for workplaces the 2nd highest rated. And the support was bipartisan: According to the Pew report, “Large majorities of both Democrats and Republicans say [the government] does a good job of responding to natural disasters (82% and 78%, respectively) and setting fair and safe standards for workplaces (79% and 77%, respectively).” The poll results were based on more than 6,000 interviews conducted between August 27 and October 4, 2015.
Stretching, resistance training programs could limit MSDs: study

Toronto – Workplace training programs that emphasize stretching and resistance can help prevent and manage upper-extremity musculoskeletal disorders, according to a recent report.

Researchers from the Institute for Work & Health found “strong evidence” that resistance training aids neck, shoulder, arm, elbow, wrist and hand health. They also found “moderate evidence” that stretching programs, workstation forearm supports and computer mouse vibration feedback prevents and manages upper-extremity MSDs.

Resistance training includes exercises in which muscles contract against an external force to build muscle strength, tone, mass or endurance. Examples include the use of dumbbells, rubber exercise tubing or one’s body weight. Stretching programs could include yoga. Researchers said other programs such as job stress management, electromagnetic biofeedback and workstation adjustments without effective worker involvement do not appear to prevent or manage MSDs.

"Employers should consider implementing these prevention measures if they're suitable to the workplace," Dwayne Van Eerd, an associate scientist at IWH and the co-leader of the review, said in a press release.

The IWH review was published Nov. 12 in the Journal of Occupational and Environmental Medicine.

Infection-control association offers ‘do's and don'ts’ on masks, respirators

Washington – The Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology has released two fliers for health care workers on proper use of procedure masks and N95 respirators.

The resources provide do's and don'ts for wearing both protective equipment in non-surgical situations.

Procedure masks – also known as isolation masks – shield users from potentially infectious droplets. The flier includes the following guidance:

- Wear the mask to protect against infectious droplets from patients who sneeze, cough, laugh or talk.
- Take off the mask after leaving the clinical area and after care is complete.

N95 respirators are tight masks intended to offer a higher level of protection than procedure masks by shielding users from tiny particles in the air, such as chickenpox and measles. The guidance includes:

- Ensuring the mask completely covers the mouth and nose
- Touching only the respirator's straps when removing and disposing of it

APIC’s Communications and Practice Guidance committees created the fliers with assistance from the American Nurses Association, the Association of Occupational Health Professionals in Healthcare, and the Association of periOperative Registered Nurses.

AIHA fact sheet addresses PPE for engineered nanoparticles

Washington – The American Industrial Hygiene Association has published a fact sheet that aims to improve safety for workers in the nanotechnology industry.

The fact sheet, Personal Protective Equipment for Engineered Nanoparticles, was sponsored by AIHA’s Nanotechnology Working Group and approved Oct. 24 by its board of directors.

Topics covered include a general overview; Hierarchy of Controls; PPE effectiveness; PPE type; and other considerations such as PPE removal, reuse and disposal. According to AIHA, supervisors and workers involved in engineered nanoparticles should be trained to:

AIHA notes that PPE “is the last line of defense” and should be used when other controls are not feasible or effective, or as supplemental protection to other control measures.

- Understand the need for properly fitting PPE and which tasks require which PPE.
- Know the correct way to don, adjust, wear and remove PPE to avoid contamination.
- Realize the limitations of PPE and when to use new PPE.

Grasp how to inspect, store, maintain, decontaminate and dispose PPE.
PRODUCT SAFETY RECALLS:

15. Family Dollar Recalls Wax Warmers Due to Fire and Burn Hazards [http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2016/Family-Dollar-Recalls-Wax-Warmers/]
17. PNY Recalls Portable Lithium Polymer Battery Packs Due to Fire Hazard [http://www.cpsc.gov/en/Recalls/2016/PNY-Recalls-Portable-Lithium-Polymer-Battery-Packs/]
U.S. DOT National Highway Traffic Safety Administration Vehicle Recalls

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 13V544  
Manufacturer : General Motors LLC  
Make / Model Years : CHEVROLET / 2013-2014  
GMC / 2013-2014  
Subject : Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) Label/FMVSS 303

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V668  
Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)  
Make / Model Years : HONDA / 2016  
Subject : Improper Software to Module FMVSS 126,135,138

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V677  
Manufacturer : Mazda North American Operations  
Make / Model Years : INFINITI / 2013-2015  
NISSAN / 2013-2015  
Subject : Rebuilt Transmission Shift Lever May Disengage

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V681  
Manufacturer : Nissan North America, Inc.  
Make / Model Years : HONDA / 2015-2016  
Subject : Air Bag may not Detect Passenger in Seat

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V697  
Manufacturer : Honda (American Honda Motor Co.)  
Make / Model Years : HONDA / 2001-2010,2012-2015  
Subject : Rear Brakes may Drag

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V700  
Manufacturer : Volkswagen Group of America, Inc.  
Make / Model Years : VOLKSWAGEN / 2015-2016  
Subject : Loss of Power Brakes due to Camshaft Lobe Fracture

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V701  
Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.  
Make / Model Years : MERCEDES BENZ / 2008-2010  
Subject : Air Bag Control Unit may Corrode and Malfunction

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V712  
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company  
Make / Model Years : FORD / 2009-2010  
LINCOLN / 2009-2010  
Subject : Fuel Tank may Leak Due to Corrosion

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V721  
Manufacturer : Indian Motorcycle Company  
Make / Model Years : INDIAN / 2015-2016  
Subject : Loss of Rear Brakes

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V704  
Manufacturer : Isuzu Manufacturing Services of America  
Make / Model Years : CHEVROLET / 2006-2008  
GMC / 2006-2008  
ISUZU / 2006-2008  
Subject : Fuel Tank may Corrode and Leak

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V707  
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company  
Make / Model Years : FORD / 2016  
Subject : Rear Drive Shaft may Loosen and Separate

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V709  
Manufacturer : Mercedes-Benz USA, LLC.  
Make / Model Years : MERCEDES-BENZ / 2016  
Subject : Rear Drive Shaft may Loosen and Separate

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V717  
Manufacturer : Porsche Cars North America, Inc.  
Make / Model Years : PORSCHE / 2015-2016  
Subject : Leak from Low Pressure Fuel Line

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V736  
Manufacturer : Kia Motors America  
Make / Model Years : KIA / 2014-2016  
Subject : Steering Gear may Separate

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V710  
Manufacturer : Ford Motor Company  
Make / Model Years : FORD / 2016  
Subject : Brake Controller may not Activate Trailer Brakes

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V718  
Manufacturer : BMW of North America, LLC  
Make / Model Years : BMW / 2016  
Subject : Bent Left Rear Seat Inboard Anchor/FMVSS 225

NHTSA Campaign ID Number : 15V728  
Manufacturer : Toyota Motor Engineering & Manufacturing  
Make / Model Years : LEXUS / 2013-2015  
TOYOTA / 2013-2015  
Subject : Unexpected Braking due to Pre-Collision System
HELPFUL LINKS AND OTHER INFORMATION

American Industrial Hygiene Association: http://www.aiha.org/
American Red Cross: http://www.redcross.org/
American Society of Safety Engineers Main Website: http://www.asse.org/
ASSE Body of Knowledge: http://www.safetybok.org/
ASSE Risk Assessment Institute http://www.oshrisk.org/
ASSE Center for Safety and Health Sustainability http://www.centershs.org/
California Division of Occupational Safety and Health (DOSH), (Cal/OSHA): http://www.dir.ca.gov/dosh/
Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC): http://www.cdc.gov/
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA): http://www.epa.gov/
FEMA “Be Ready” Website: http://www.ready.gov/
Mine Safety and Health Administration (MSHA): http://www.msha.gov/
National Institute of Health Sciences (NIH): http://www.niehs.nih.gov/
National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH): http://www.cdc.gov/niosh/
Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) Main Website: https://www.osha.gov/
San Diego ASSE Website: http://sandiegoasse.org/

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Happy New Year!