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MESSAGE FROM THE BOARD

Dan Fegel, Chapter President,

I hope everyone is doing well and has had a fabulous and safe summer. The first of July, Chapter Board members Dave Holland, Pat Salandi and I had the opportunity to sit in the Utah Occupational Safety and Health Divisions Quarterly Advisory Council Meeting. Pat has provided an update with what is happening at UOSH, there are a lot of exciting and good things. Unfortunately I am here today to discuss the not-so-positive.

At the time of the meeting Utah has experienced 14 fatal workplace injuries for the 2019 Fiscal Year. This is too many. We have had fatalities in the Construction and General Industries as well as a fatality in the Public Sector.

We have seen fatal accidents from Struck By, Caught In Between, Electrical Shock, Falls and Burns. Not only this, but we are having a lot of accidents reported to UOSH as well.

Normally we have to wait for a year and a half to get this data from the BLS. UOSH is working hard to provide this data to us as soon as possible, I am very appreciative of their efforts. Discussing this with UOSH Director Cameron Ruppe, the Division understands the value in providing what information they can to provide us safety practitioners with data so we can share it with our organizations to better inform, coach and mentor those we work to keep safe. I have asked Andrew Merryweather, our website administrator to share a link to this data on our home page at <https://utah.assp.org>. Please review this data with your employer, safety team and workers. This is a reflection of what is happening in our community. I look forward to any feedback you may have.

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CHAPTER AND REGIONAL NEWS

New Board Members

Two people are joining the Utah Chapter Board in the House of Delegates. They are replacing outgoing members.

- Joseph Knickerbocker is replacing Andrew Crossland. Joseph works for Okland Construction at the Salt Lake Airport construction site. He is featured in our Member Spotlight for this month. Andrew is moving on

to another opportunity. Thank you Andrew for your service to the Chapter.

- Suyanka Neupaney is replacing Nathan Montour. Suyanka works for Swire Coca Cola. She will be involved in our Chapter's Women In Safety Excellence (WISE) ASSP Common Interest Group. Thank you Nathan for your service to the Chapter.

Welcome new Board Members!

Safety 2019 PDC -Report by Dave Holland

This summer I was fortunate enough to be able to attend the ASSP's professional development conference, "Safety 2019", in New Orleans. It was a great opportunity to see how people from other areas of the country and even other areas of the world practice occupational safety. While in the Big Easy, I had a chance to connect with colleagues I haven't seen in years, build better relationships with colleagues I see every week, and attend training sessions that I felt would add tools to my safety toolbox.

Some of the sessions I attended were roundtable discussions, accident investigation process, how to present to younger professionals, and being a better leader. A few after hours events may have led to some Karaoke singing, but that's a discussion for another day (what happens in NOLA stays in NOLA). It was a chance to learn some new tips, tricks and techniques and "recharge" my safety batteries. I'm glad I was able to go and I plan to attend next year in Orlando, Florida.

While attending Safety 2019, I thought about our local conference and chapter PDC, the Annual Utah Conference on Safety and Industrial Hygiene.

This October will be the 36th year we've held the event. A number of years ago I was asked to be part of the planning committee for the conference. I thought it would be fun to get to add my two cents and make a few suggestions for classes and presenters, but I wouldn't have any real responsibility. I didn't know what I was in for.

After being part of this committee for several years, I've developed a real appreciation for the people who help plan, organize, and make our conference a huge success. They donate time and energy to make sure we have presenters who can deliver training on topics that are timely, pertinent,

entertaining and -best of all- high quality! This is one thing that struck me in New Orleans. The quality of the presentations in New Orleans was good, but in my opinion the quality of our presenters at the Utah Conference is as good or better than those at the national conference. It is good to know that we have such a high caliber conference right in our backyard.

At the Utah Conference, we make every attempt to choose topics and presenters that fill a need or have an impact on our local and regional membership. We spend countless hours trying to find out what the hot topics are, what is needed and how we can address the needs of our attendees, businesses and most importantly, the workers we are trying to protect.

We have a great conference planned for this fall. The dates are October 9th for the short courses. October 10th and 11th for the rest of the conference including keynote addresses, the concurrent sessions, vendor booths and some product demonstrations. The conference is held at the University of Utah. It's a great way to reconnect with your colleagues, learn new tips and techniques, and earn CEU's.

I invite everyone to come to the conference and recharge your safety batteries. You can register with Shalese Ramirez – Registration Coordinator at the Rocky Mountain Center for Occupational and Environmental Health. Her number is 801-581-4055. Her email is shalese.ramirez@hsc.utah.edu

With an event of this quality right here in Salt Lake City it would be a shame if you miss it. Come visit me at the conference and as long as what happens in SLC stays in SLC, maybe we can find some local Karaoke!

Dave Holland
Utah Chapter President-Elect

UOSH Advisory Council 3rd Quarter Meeting -Report By Patrick Solandi

Several members of ASSP recently attended the 2019 3rd quarter UOSH Advisory Council meeting. Cameron Ruppe, UOSH Director, reviewed Utah fatality data, accident reporting numbers and UOSH inspection data through the 3rd quarter of the 2019 fiscal year.

In addition, Mr. Ruppe talked about the recently completed industry specific work group meetings. Mr. Ruppe went over several good ideas which were spawned in the work groups which members of the groups will continue to work on in the coming year to improve accident prevention efforts in the state.

Finally, the UOSH Director discussed upcoming work projects and news. This includes the upcoming adoption in the state of Utah of the new federal Beryllium standard for general industry and the update of Rule R614 in the Utah code. R614 are the safety rules in Utah and UOSH is trying to update this rule to remove redundancies. Mr. Ruppe also discussed the progress on updating the UOSH website and work on a new quarterly newsletter/video. The quarterly newsletter/video should debut at the end of July and will be available through the UOSHA website to help share accident data and upcoming news that affects worker safety in the state.

Patrick Solandi

Utah Chapter Member at Large -Governmental Affairs & JUC Outreach Chair

Financial Report -April - June 2019

Beginning Balance	\$21,043.27
Cash Receipts	
Chapter Dues	\$1,635.00
Member Scholarship Donations	\$33.83
Savings Account Interest	\$0.06
Joint Conference	\$3,424
Cash Disbursements	
Chapter Meetings (Food)	\$1,338.78

Ritchey Science Fair Award Recipients	\$350
Chapter Officer Travel (ROC)	\$1,114.97
Chapter Picnic	\$167.64
Student Leadership Conference Donation	\$800.00
Ending Balance	\$22,364.77

Trevor Hinckley, Treasurer

Member Spotlight

Name: Joseph Knickerbocker

Where do you work? Okland Construction Company

Years in Safety & Health? 8.5 years

Education: Bachelors of Science in Construction Management

Certification(s) : CSP, CHST

Why did you become a safety professional?

I love people and I love to create. I was pursuing a Degree in Construction Management and one day while still a sophomore at Salt Lake Community College I started following a story about a cruise ship that was full of people and had lost power out at sea. As the story unfolded there was fear the ship would capsize if it did not regain power. Also, the ship was so far from shore there might not be enough food and medical supplies to sustain the passenger while the tug boats towed it to shore. Then I saw a report on an earth quake in South America. And it occurred to me that every thing I work to build or create becomes rubbish in an earthquake, fire, or storm and all any one cares about is how many people are still in danger. All the buildings,

ships or even art we create are ultimately created for people. After this realization, I shifted my focus in my studies and my career to becoming the most informed safety conscious builder I could be. Its all about being good to people.

What do you like most about your profession?

What I love most about my profession is, getting to work with great people, building big projects that we are all proud of and helping them to preserve and even enhance their ability to do so. I love problem solving and helping people achieve more than they thought possible.

What are you most proud of in your career?

I was the safety lead at the IM Flash building 60 Expansion Project. The project had over 600 personnel on site and was valued at \$113 million. I coordinated and supervised 5 full-time safety managers, 2 project assistants and 2 Safety Carpenters. The Building 60 Cleanroom tenant improvement was a complete remodel of an empty shell space into a 36,000sf cleanroom and 36,000sf sub-fab/utility highway and mechanical space. The build included a 15,716sf each level, two-story mechanical room, scrubber (specialty exhaust) mechanical room, a new equipment receiving dock. The project was a success.

If you could be anything other than a safety professional what would you be?

An artist and inventor. Leonardo Da Vinci is an idol of mine. I am an award winning chalk street artist and have done commissioned art on the side for about 17 years. You may have seen my work at the Gateway Chalk Art Festival

What do you like to do when you're not working?

In no particular order, when I am not at work, I build homes, draw, sculpt, carve with my chain saw, fish, serve God, ride my motor cycle, water ski, play with my kids, and just do my best to enjoy life as a dad and foster dad and care for my beautiful wife Vanessa.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August Chapter Meeting -Tour of new Salt Lake Airport construction site

Thursday, August 15 from 11:30 AM – 1:00 PM

(Hard hat, reflective vest, safety glasses and work boots are required for this tour)

September Chapter Meeting -Tour at Yunique, Lehi, UT

Thursday, September 19 from 11:30 AM - 1PM

October 9 - 11 36th Annual Utah Chapter Conference on Safety and Industrial Hygiene, University of Utah, A. Ray Olpin Building

Short Courses October 9

Conference Sessions Oct 10 - 11

Thank you to everyone who contributed to this month's Chapter Newsletter.

Hope to see you at a meeting soon.

Regards,

Ed Henkels, Newsletter Editor

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES

We will post the jobs in an Environment, Health and Safety to our website.

This is done currently at no charge, but the chapter is always accepting donations to our scholarship fund. Your contribution is appreciated.

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