



Safe Plains Newsletter Winter 2015/16

Recent Events:

The end of winter 2015/16 is rapidly approaching and spring is getting very close! I hope everyone has been enjoying some warmer weather!

The Great Plains Chapter continues to deliver great member meeting topics and presenters. In January, Hugh Murphy from Crane Sales and Service presented, "Rigging, Slings, and more." Everyone learned a great deal of important information regarding overhead lifting, rigging gear, application, training requirements, and regulatory challenges, just to name a few.

Details about our most recent event, as well as the upcoming event, can be found in the next section.

I'd like to take a moment, on behalf of the Great Plains Board, to thank all of our speakers and presenters. We appreciate the quality presentations you consistently bring to our meetings, as well as the time spent to prepare and attend our meetings.

Our board members held a meeting immediately following the February meeting. The board discussed the 2015/16 SPY Award. The board voted to have a standalone awards banquet for the SPY Award, as well as other recognition presentations on May 6, 2016. The location is will be Pasta Amore'. Stay tuned for more details!

The board also made a motion to accept our newly revised by-laws. The new by-laws were unanimously accepted.

As always, you can stay up to date and get more detailed information at our website, <http://greatplains.asse.org>.

Once again, thank you, and we look forward to meeting you at one of our upcoming events! If you have a topic idea for a future meeting, please let us know!

Kimball Kinnersley, Treasurer/Newsletter

Meetings & Events Highlights:

Our February 12, 2016 member meeting featured Sean Minahan (pictured), Attorney from Lamson, Dugan & Murry. Sean presented on "Contractor Liability." Sean helped clarify the lines of liability with subcontractors,



and explained OSHA's multi-employer work site policy.

On March 11, 2016 we had Scott Jacobsen, Compliance Safety and Health Officer from OSHA - Omaha to discuss the investigation results of the International Nutrition incident which resulted in 2 fatalities and 9 injuries. OSHA cited the company for 13 safety and health violations.

Remember, to register for an upcoming meeting event, register at our website under the "Events" tab. You have the option of registering so we know you're coming, and paying at the door when you arrive. Or register and then utilize the option of paying via PayPal at the website. **Please remember, cash or check only at the door. We cannot accept credit cards.**

Upcoming events are as follows:

- Electrical Safety Seminar NFPA 70E – 4/8/16. Remember to watch the website for more details and the event flyer.
- Great Plains Chapter Awards Banquet – 5/6/16. More details coming soon!

<http://greatplains.asse.org/events/> for more details.

Please join us soon as one of our upcoming events!

Great Plains ASSE Website:

I mention the website frequently because there is an abundance of information that can be found. <http://greatplains.asse.org>.

The website has information regarding recent ES&H Job Postings and Legislative Updates, as well as Upcoming Events on the home page, just to name a few highlights.

Speaking of upcoming events, you can register for our member program events. Click on the "Events" tab towards the top of the page, or on a particular event in the middle of the page, and you can view details about the event and register/pay if you wish.

Your Treasurer and Communications Chairperson frequently check non-paid registrations (via the website), and paid registrations (via PayPal) to ensure an accurate count for each meeting.

Recently we streamlined the process so that there are only two ways to register:

- (1) Register on the website and pay at the event, or;
- (2) Register on the website and pay via PayPal.

As a reminder, we only accept cash or check at the door. We do not accept credit cards.

Not a member? – On the home page of the website you can click on "Join ASSE" at the top right of the page and begin the process of joining. The national ASSE website is <http://www.asse.org>. There you can get to know a fantastic organization!

Did you know...

...the Great Plains Chapter has a scholarship fund? Through the ASSE Foundation, the Great Plains Chapter offers an annual \$1500 scholarship to an area student who is pursuing education in the area of environmental safety & health. The application process runs from September to December. If you were unaware

of the scholarship program and missed this year's deadline, please watch for it next year. We will do our best to remind you.

Speaking of the ASSE Foundation...

The Foundation is the charitable arm of the American Society of Safety Engineers, focusing on educational programs that advance the profession we serve, developing tomorrow's safety leaders, and supporting research to expand the knowledge of the safety community. The ASSE Foundation uses 71% of its money for education, 21% for leadership development, and 8% for research.

You can learn more about the foundation at <http://foundation.asse.org/>.

Awards & Honors - Mentioned earlier, we will be having an Awards Banquet on May 6, 2016. Congratulations to Eric L. Allen, CSP, Division Chief, Safety, Health and Wellness, National Park Service Midwest Regional Office, as our 2015-2016 Safety Professional of the Year! Eric, along with our scholarship recipient and safety professionals who have been a member of ASSE for 40 or 25 years will be recognized. The banquet will be held at Pasta Amore', 11027 Prairie Brook Road (Rockbrook Village Shopping Center), Omaha, NE 68144. We are researching entertainment for the event, as well as working out a host of other details, so stay tuned! More information will be coming. We are expecting it to be a very fun evening!

Final thoughts

Interested in serving? Please feel free to contact any board member with questions regarding where and how you may be able to help out.

We're always looking for ideas and input for upcoming meetings for our members. If you have an idea, or if there's a topic you think would be well received and attended, please let us know. We are here to serve you!