Meeting Events and Highlights:
The September meeting was entitled “Post-Injury Drug Testing and Late Report Discipline”. On May 12, 2016, the Occupational Safety and Health Administration published its final rule on electronic reporting of workplace injuries and illnesses. The new rule requires employers to establish “a reasonable procedure” for employees to report work-related injuries and illnesses promptly and accurately. The rule prohibits this procedure from deterring or discouraging a reasonable employee from accurately reporting a workplace injury or illness. The rule also prohibits any retaliation for reporting an injury or illness – even late reporting of an injury. Under this new reporting standard, employer policies that request or require post-accident drug or alcohol testing will now face scrutiny by OSHA because, the agency claims, post-incident testing deters injury reporting. On September 16th, members brought their questions, and there were many!

We would like to thank Presenter Randy Stevenson, Partner, Baird Holmes Attorneys At Law. Mr. Stevenson represents private and public employers in all aspects of labor relations and employment law. He provides counsel and litigation for issues involving workplace safety.

Upcoming in October:
Risk Transfer / Contractual Arrangements
Date: October 21, 2016
Venue: National Safety Council
11620 M Circle
Omaha, NE 68137
Map and Directions
Available Spaces: 100
Register

Future Meetings:
Stay tuned for our upcoming meeting and events schedule! As always, we welcome you to visit any of our membership and/or board meetings. Future meetings are listed in future meeting minutes, newsletters, and at the website once they are confirmed. If you would like more information about the Great Plains Chapter, visit our website at http://greatplains.asse.org. There you will find a variety of information regarding our chapter, including the most important item, how to join ASSE.

Accepting Scholarship Applications NOW!
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 1st to December 1st. ASSE Great Plains Chapter members have 1st priority, but non-chapter members who are attending school in the Great Plains geographic region are also eligible to apply. Applications are available online at: http://foundation.asse.org/

AIHA Nebraska-Western Iowa Local Chapter News
We want to thank Randy Milbrath for keeping the AIHA local chapter alive for many years, even after it went into sunset. The board asked Brenda Finter to survey the National members in our area if the chapter should become active once more. The answer from the members was a resounding YES! We have petitioned AIHA. CM points

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are awarded for service on the board. If you are interested in joining the local AIHA chapter, contact Brenda at brendafinter@b2environmental.com.

ASSE Seminar Fest
ASSE’s annual Seminar Fest is being held February 9 – 16, 2017. Registration is now open. Attendees can choose from more than 90 in-depth seminars delivered by leading experts in the OSH field. For more information and to register, go to http://seminarfest.asse.org/.

Legislative Update Summary
Go the Great Plains ASSE website for more details.

Safety
LB306 - Change the Conveyance Safety Act
LB373 - Provisions regarding school bus safety
LB517 – Interactive wireless devices while driving
LB540 - Adopt updated Intl. Building Code standards
LB597 - Adopt the Contract Carrier Safety Act
Workers’ Compensation
LB133 - Change interest rate provisions on court awards
LB134 - Changes to first injury reports
LB158 - Deny compensation for false representation
LB276 - Exempt certified independent contractors
LB363 - Time limits & penalties for late medical pymts
LB388 - Annual adj. for total disability income benefits
LB480 - Provisions relating to computing compensation
LB556 – Waiver where employer is willfully negligent
LB1005 – Provide evidence-based drug formulary

Environmental
LB174 - Redefine nonpoint source control systems
LB28 – Radon Resistant New Construction Act
LB31 – Eliminate motorcycle/ moped helmet req.
LB34 - Carbon Monoxide Safety Act
LB328 - POWTS Contractors Certification & System Reg.
LB1101 - Require DEQ to examine the status of solid waste management programs
LB887 - Petroleum Release Remedial Action Cash Fund

Employment
LB611 – Requirement private employers’ use of the E-Verify Program

Be sure to check out our Jobs Board

ASSE Foundation
The foundation is the charitable arm of ASSE, 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% if the money for education, 21% for leadership development, and 8% for research. You can learn more about the foundation at http://foundation.asse.org/.

ASSE Service
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! Board members’ contact information is located at the Great Plains ASSE website at http://greatplains.asse.org

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!