2017 Safety Professional of the Year Awards & Banquet, May 5, 2017

Steve Polich, CSP, CHMM, was this year’s SPY award recipient. Steve has more than 25 years of experience working with regulatory compliance issues concerning occupational safety and health, the environment and highway transportation. He is the President and Co-Founder of Safety-Reports.com. Steve has served on our board for many years, and he is currently our chapter Communications Chair, handling the administration of our chapter website.

2017 Scholarship Winner, Adenike Silairman.

Adenike earned her Bachelor’s degree in Medicine and Surgery (MBBS) from the Lagos State University College of Medicine in Nigeria. She worked as a medical doctor in her country for about 2 years before coming to UNMC. Her interest in an MPH degree (EOH) is much more than just academic. She has watched firsthand how poor health and safety standards have impacted her family. Adenike enjoys volunteering her time in faith-based non-profit organizations and she hopes to return to her home country to contribute to the improvement of health and safety standards in medium to high risk professions.

June is National Safety Month
2017 SPY Banquet Activities

The banquet was held at Pasta Amore in Omaha. The Big Canvas provided the entertainment, performing a hilarious improv show, which required the audience to get involved in the show.

ASSE Local Chapter members listen to President-Elect Eric Schermerhorn, CPE, CSP, introduces himself.

The chapter honored three members who have been faithful members for 25 years. The members are:

John Grogan, CIH, CSP – Union Pacific Railroad
Kevin McGrath, P.E. - Veolia North America
Kathy Spanjer, CSP – Schneider Electric

John Grogan, CIH, CSP, accepts his 25 year membership certificate from Beth Fye, CSP, SPHR.

Big Canvas cast member present a “Who’s Line is it Anyway” styled Improv Show

Local Member Tony Host, CSP, CPEA, CFPS, seems to be enjoying the show.

Member Wes Dicken and wife Linda drove two hours to get to the banquet, but they had a great time.
Regulatory Update
OSHA Unified Agenda Status as of May 8th, 2017. Go to OSHA for more information:

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ASSE Foundation News
Winners of the ASSE National scholarships were announced on April 1st. The winners list, which includes a list of local chapter awardees, is located at http://foundation.asse.org/scholarship-and-grants-recipients/2017/

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS

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Eric Schermerhorn CPE, CSP, EHS Professional
3M Company

VICE PRESIDENT
Kimball Kinnersley, Safety & Training Coordinator
City of Omaha Human Resource Dept.

TREASURER
Eric Allen, CSP, Division Chief; Safety, Health and Wellness
National Park Service Midwest Regional Office

SECRETARY
Brenda Finter, CIH, CSP, Certified Industrial Hygienist/
Corporate Safety Officer, B2 Environmental, Inc.

DELEGATE
Steve Danon, Director Risk Control and Safety Services
Marcotte Insurance

ALTERNATE DELEGATE
G. Wesley Dicken Jr., Safety Manager
Valmont Newmark

According to the BLS, excavation fatalities are 112% higher than general construction. You are invited to help raise awareness of these hazards. For more information, go to: http://www.nuca.com/tssd

Students in ABET Accredited GS P-QAP Programs Now Qualified for ASSE Scholarships
In recognition of high-quality SH&E academic programs, BCSP has added students from ABET-accredited Graduate Safety Professional (GSP) Qualified Academic Programs (QAPs) to those it offers scholarships. Scholarships funded by BCSP provided a total $120,000 to safety students. It also included $38,000 in support of the ASSE Future Safety Leaders Conference and support of the annual renewal fees to the ABET-accredited QAPs. For information, go to: http://www.bcsp.org/About/Scholarship-Fund

Court Upholds Fine in Midnight Rider Death
The 11th Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld an OSHA fine issued to a film company that employed a camera assistant who was struck and killed by a train on Feb. 20, 2014, during a movie shoot. The court’s opinion preserves a ruling by the OSH Review Commission that refused to throw out the $70,000 fine against Film Allman LLC. The death occurred on the first day of shooting for the film, Midnight Rider, a biopic about The Allman Brothers Band. Read more by clicking this link.