

Safe Plains Newsletter Summer 2017



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.



Steve Danon (left), Great Plains Chapter President, presents the SPY Award to Steve Polich.

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.



Beth Fye, CSP, SPHR, Chapter Foundation and Scholarship Chair, presented the Scholarship to Adenike Sulairman.

June is National Safety Month



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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.

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Regulatory Update

OSHA Unified Agenda Status as of May 8th, 2017. Go to [OSHA](http://www.osha-slc.gov) for more information:

Prerule Stage	Bloodborne Pathogens (Section 610 Review)
Prerule Stage	Combustible Dust
Prerule Stage	Preventing Backover Injuries and Fatalities
Proposed Rule Stage	Infectious Diseases
Final Rule Stage	Occupational Exposure to Beryllium
Long-Term Actions	Injury and Illness Prevention Program

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

PRESIDENT

Eric Schermerhorn CPE, CSP, EHS Professional
3M Company

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

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

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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

Contractors Association to Hold National Trench Safety Stand-Down June 19-24.

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.](#)

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