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NEWSLETTER

OSHA HAWAII WORKSHOP 2007

This one day workshop is for the Safety Professional, people who are tasked to prevent injuries, and the CEO's and Owners of your organizations. Safety, Health, and the Environmental issues not only can hurt employees but they hurt businesses as well. You will learn what it takes to be a responsible corporate citizen by protecting your people, property, and environment. We will feature a panel of business owners who have experienced the ups and downs and understand what it takes to come out on top and be leaders in your industry. For the Safety Professional, this workshop will give you a better understanding of your role and how to facilitate working with others. With the many new construction projects on our islands, it will help you keep abreast with the new ANSI Z10 Demolition Construction Safety standard presented by Mr. Richard King, ANSI committee chair and opportunities to learn much more.

The OSHA Hawaii Workshop is our biggest event of the year, with a full day of workshops and exhibits. Feature sessions will address Demolition in the Construction Industry, Safety Culture, CEO Panel Discussion, Multi-Employer Workplace, STS Training for the Frontline, Return to Work, Safety Integration, The Role of the Safety Professional, Drugs in the Workplace and more.

OSHA HAWAII WORKSHOP STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS

The ASSE Executive Board has decided to award scholarship registrations for the upcoming OSHA Hawaii Workshop 2007 through the Honolulu Community College Occupational, Environmental, Safety Management Program. Up to ten OESM students will be able to attend the workshop at half of the registration fee (\$49.50 instead of \$99). First come first served. As resources allow, we would like to provide students opportunities to participate in ASSE's events whenever possible. Please contact Chulee Groves at chulee@hcc.hawaii.edu if you are interested.

2007-2008 ASSE HAWAII ELECTION

The Nominations and Elections committee is very pleased to announce the candidate slate for the 2007– 2008 Executive Board. They are as follows:

President:	Neil Yamamoto, CSP, CPCU (Direct ascension per our by-laws)
President-Elect:	Danielle Plimpton
Secretary:	Erin Hoffer, CHST
Treasurer:	Barbara Goto, CSP
Assembly Delegate:	Dale Brito Joanna Clark, CHST

Anyone wanting to run for an office has 30 days to provide the Nominations & Elections committee with the appropriate documents, which per our by-laws include a written petition for candidacy signed by 15 members of the chapter and a letter from the prospective candidate accepting the petition. The deadline for this is April 5, 2007. Please send all documents and correspondence to Mary L. Silva, CSP, Chair Nominations & Elections Committee. Her email address is Msilva@castlecooke.com.

**ASSE HAWAII CHAPTER
SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2007-2008**

NOMINEES:

PRESIDENT-ELECT

Danielle Plimpton

She currently holds a position in the Risk Control Dept with First Insurance Company. Prior to her current position, Danielle worked in Risk Management at the University of Alaska Anchorage and held the position of Claims Technician. She has 5 years of experience in the Health and Safety Industry and is originally from Anchorage, AK. Ms. Plimpton graduated from University of Alaska Anchorage with a degree in Occupational Safety & Health. She completed her internship with the State of Alaska Department of Labor, Occupational Safety & Health Administration. She is the current chapter secretary and served on the Program Committee for the 2006 Governor’s Pacific Rim Safety & Health Conference.

SECRETARY

Erin Hoffer, CHST

Erin holds a BS degree in Occupational Safety and Health from Regis University. She currently holds the designation of Construction Health & Safety Technician. She has worked in construction safety for the past 2 ½ years and currently is employed by Actus Lend Lease LLC.

TREASURER

Barbara Goto, CSP

Barbara is a Safety & Health Manager with the U.S. Department of Labor/OSHA where she has been for the past 13 years. Prior to that, she worked in the Safety Office at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard for about 15 years. She has been a member of the Chapter since 1988, and is the current Treasurer.

DELEGATE TO THE SOCIETY HOUSE OF DELEGATES [Vote for One (1)]

Dale Brito

Dale has been a previous Chapter Secretary and is now the current Delegate. She has been a member of ASSE for about 12 years, and is presently working as a Risk Control Consultant for First Insurance Company of Hawaii.

Joanna Clark, CHST

Joanna has served in the position of Vice- President and President for the chapter. Currently employed at Airgas Gaspro for the past 22 years as an Account Manager for safety, environmental and health products & services. She holds a BA in Business Management from the University of Phoenix.

FUTURE LUNCHEON SPEAKERS

Date	Speaker	Company	Subject
April 13**	OSHA HI Workshop	NA	TBD
May	TBD	TBD	TBD

***To be held at the HI State Convention Center*

If you have any suggestions for speakers, call our VP & Program Chair @ 540-4368.

FALL PREVENTION



Fall Prevention Safety Tips for Employers

Falls from elevations account for approximately one-third of all deaths in construction. The following tips highlight some of the key issues that employers should consider when planning, implementing, and maintaining their fall prevention programs.

1. Develop a written fall prevention plan.
2. Identify potential fall hazards prior to each project and during daily walk-arounds. Pay attention to hazards associated with routine and non-routine tasks.
3. Eliminate the need for fall protection where possible by rescheduling the task, isolating the task, or changing the task.
4. Ensure that fall protection equipment is appropriate for the task, in good condition, and used properly.
5. Conduct general fall prevention training on a regular basis.
6. Train workers on the specific fall hazards identified and on the required personal protective equipment.

7. Conduct regular inspections of fall protection equipment in accordance with manufacturer's recommendations and OSHA requirements.
8. Emphasize fall hazards unique to the site, such as open floor holes or shafts, riser penetrations, and skylights.
9. Team up with other construction employers and employees to identify best practices and share fall prevention solutions.
10. Get more information from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA): Visit OSHA's Website at www.osha.gov or call (800) 321-OSHA.

It only takes a second for a fall to occur. Falling only a few feet can result in serious injury or death.

1. Understand your company's written fall prevention plan.
2. Attend and participate in fall prevention training.
3. Use fall protection equipment if required for the job. Be sure that the equipment is right for the task, fits properly, and is in good condition.
4. Inspect fall protection equipment (for example, harness systems) and devices (for example, guardrails and tie-off points) before each use.
5. Make sure that floor holes, open shafts, and riser penetrations are protected by sturdy guardrails or covers.
6. Get specialized training before working on scaffolds, lifts, or ladders.
7. When using scaffolds, make sure there is proper access, full planking, stable footing, and guard-railings.
8. Keep your feet firmly on the platform of a boom lift and tie-off at all times.
9. Chose the correct ladder for the task, read the instructions, and be sure that the ladder is in good condition. Check for surrounding hazards, stable footing, and the proper angle.
10. Identify skylights and make sure they are properly protected.
11. Contact your supervisor if you see fall hazards or have any other questions about fall prevention. Do not work until unsafe conditions have been corrected.
12. Get more information from the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA): Visit OSHA's Website at www.osha.gov or call (800) 321-OSHA.

Safety Tips Sheet was developed through the Construction Roundtable of OSHA's Alliance Program for informational purposes only. It does not necessarily reflect the official views of OSHA or the U.S. Department of Labor.