A Message from the President

NOVA Family:

On behalf of the executive board I am absolutely thrilled to invite you to join us for breakfast on September 17th as we kick off our annual meeting calendar with a presentation on the new construction confined space standards. If you haven’t already, you should be expecting to receive your annual meeting postcard in the mail shortly. Your voice on the chapter membership survey was the framework of the 2015-2016 meeting calendar. We have an interesting lineup of new topics but made sure also to keep your chapter favorites.
In addition to the calendar, we would like to hear any topic suggestions for hosting a webinar/virtual meeting. We hear the frustrations of those who simply can’t make the commute in time for meetings – and we want you to know we’re working to find a way for you to be included via virtual engagement.

If you missed the elections, you will notice a change in board members this year! In fact, 50% of the executive board is composed of new members. Although new to the board, they are not new to the chapter and have each demonstrated their ambitions and work towards our goals at the local and societal level. Due to our growth in membership over 250 last year, we are permitted two delegates this term, both of which we are grateful to say are former presidents. Their wisdom and guidance is invaluable. Our goal is to maintain the strong chapter foundation set in place by the excellent board members who preceded us and to continue to build upon it. Each member has their chance to place their own bricks in the design. Would you like to help build? Come to a meeting. Email us a suggestion. Volunteer at a conference. Take on a committee position. Help out by taking photos for the newsletter or website. Participate in the food and toy drives. Be a greeter at the meetings. Invite a friend. Your individual niche customizes our chapter presence – no matter how small the gesture. Thank you for being a part of the NOVA family. You “make a house a home”.

Sincerely,

Sara Hoover,

NOVA Chapter President
June Annual Awards and Honors Social

The June chapter meeting was the scene of the Annual Awards and Honors Social held at the Logan Roadhouse. The first two categories of awards were those for Long Service and Corporate Safety.

**Long Service Awards**

- 25-Year: Otho Easterday
  - Juan Cruzado
  - Charles Bird
  - Gregory Linenfelser

**Corporate Safety Awards**

- HITT Contracting
  - Representative: Robert Poole

- Hoar Construction
  - Representative: Jorge Otalora

- Parsons Brinckerhoff
  - Representative: Troy Torbett

- Turner Construction Company
  - Representative: Abdon Friend

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2014 Awards and Honor (continued)

In addition to the Long Service and Corporate Awards there were awards to recognize other chapter members. Those awards included:

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### President’s Award

Troy Torbett

### 2014-2015 Chapter Safety Professional of the Year (SPY)

Fred Fanning
VOSH Update

Paul Schilinski, Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program Director-Safety was the guest speaker at the May chapter meeting of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the American Society of Safety Engineers. Paul provided the annual update for the state of Virginia Occupational Safety and Health Program. This is usually an important meeting and has the highest attendance of all chapter meetings.

Paul first spoke about the workplace fatalities in the state of Virginia. He noted that 31 workers died each year for the last two years. Seven of those workers died from falls while four workers died from contact with an energized electrical source or a fall. For example, when a person comes in contact with an energized electrical source while standing on a ladder may result in a fall from the ladder. In this type of incident, it is difficult to determine if the fatality was caused by the fall or electrocution. The ages of those that died ranged from 23 to 63. Paul noted that the youngest and oldest workers in that range died on the same day. Sixteen of those that died were in the construction industry. Paul noted that 12 workers have died in Virginia this year. He noted that this was slightly higher than the previous two years. Two of the deaths, this year, are in the construction industry, and both were from falls. Paul explained that both floors were from holes in floors. The first was a worker that fell through a hole he was cutting. The second fell through a hole after he removed the wood covering it. Paul discussed the new OSHA poster and highlighted that workers have a right to be trained in their language. He opined that this would greatly improve understanding and retention of that training. Raul highlighted Virginia’s participation in the annual Fall Protection Stand Down Campaign in 2014, which reached 1 million workers. He noted that Virginia had participated in the 2015 Stand Down Campaign, which is it hoped would have reached 3 million workers. Paul highlighted that one man died of a heart attack after his finger got stuck in a pinch point he died from the stress and fear of the of losing a finger. However, he did lose a finger. Paul spoke of the new OSHA reporting requirements. He noted that these new reporting requirements must go through the Virginia Legislature. If approved the requirements must go through The Safety and Health Code Board. Paul thought the new requirement might become effective in Virginia sometime in August.
WISE Update

WISE has established the Women in Safety Engineering Educational Grant/Scholarship fund within the ASSE Foundation. The fund is happening because of a longtime WISE supporter, Rixio Medina. We will be forever indebted to him for giving us the seed money to start us off. And to take the next step, the WISE Advisory Board has agreed to match those funds. We still have a lot of money to raise in order to endow the fund and eventually to grow it into also providing a scholarship award. As this continues to develop, we will share information on how YOU can donate to the WISE fund.

Nearly 70 people attended the WISE Up! Retreat in Dallas prior to Safety 2015. The post-event survey showed 100% of attendees found value in the sessions and a full 97% said that the personal networking was Good or Great. Feedback from attendees was very positive on the topics that included:

· Equity for Women – Where are We Now and Strategies to Improve
· Staying Financially Flexible – Multiple Income Streams for Women
· Relationship Building as a Personal Leadership Competency
· Your Competitive Profile – Help or Hinder?
· Managing Life Transitions

SPALW Update

SPALW is supporting a local group of safety professionals created in the DMV area. The group is called “Latino Safety Professionals”. This group has as objective to create a path for young Latino workers who have the passion to become safety professionals. By training, coaching, and mentoring those workers we will help the construction industry close the cultural/language gap in between our workforce and management teams. All Latino safety professional are welcome, if you are one or know someone who can be part of this group and receive all those benefits, please contact the Chapter SPALW liaison.
New Additions to the Chapter Photo Album

There were several photos taken at the awards and honors ceremony. Let’s begin with the appreciation award for the outgoing chapter officers.

Chapter President David Wenzel presenting Troy Torbett the Presidents Award for his continued efforts to support the chapter.
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Chapter President David Wenzel presenting Fred Fanning the Chapter Safety Professional of the Year Award.

2015 Awards and Honor Summary

Congratulations to all the award recipients. Those who were present and those that could not make it. Next time you see them shake their hand. These are the people in front of and behind the scenes everyday making our chapter, region, and society. Each one deserves this annual recognition for all they do.

If you would like to volunteer to serve the chapter please send and email to our President or Vice President. Their email addresses are on the last page of this month’s newsletter. There are always opportunities to volunteer in whatever you are passionate about.
Current Officers & Committee Members

Officers

PRESIDENT
Sara Hoover

VICE PRESIDENT
Kwasi Koranteng

TREASURER
Jorge Otalora

SECRETARY
Jamie Kohler

1ST DELEGATE
David Wenzel

2ND DELEGATE
Pete Courtemanche

Committees

AWARDS & HONORS
Troy Torbett

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Officer/Committee contact information can be found here.

Invite a Friend

Don’t keep what we have to offer as a chapter to yourself. Share this newsletter with a friend and invite them to join us at a meeting and if they like what they experience ask them to join.