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Foundation’s Influence on Profession Continues to Grow

Scholarship program designed to support educational goals continues to be in the hallmarks of the ASSE Foundation (ASSEF). The Foundation awarded more than $80,000 in scholarships, issued more than $22,000 to support safety research, and awarded $4,100 to support continuing education in FY04. According to ASSEF’s annual report, contributions for the fiscal year ended on June 30, 2004, increased from $155,138 to $170,000. The balance of the Foundation’s assets is $600,000. Contributions included the Bank of America, Ford Motor Corp.; Ford Motor Co. Fund; Liberty Mutual Group; UPS Foundation; and Washington Group International. Support from the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) increased to $22,000, representing 13 percent of total contributions.

Registration is now open for the 2005 scholarship program. For more information or to make a donation, visit the Scholarship section of the ASSE website, www.asse.org.

Technical Audioconference on Challenges of Multilingual Workplace

One of the biggest challenges faced by safety professionals today is the growing diversity of the workforce. Multilingual workers are not a new phenomenon, but the complexity of communicating safety to a non-English-speaking workforce in order to help reduce injuries and fatalities, and discuss best practices for dealing with multilingual workplaces. The audioconference will also address ways to overcome language barriers and prepare for and streamline communication in multilingual workplaces.

Registration includes the 60-minute presentation followed by a Q&A session, access to a website of technical materials, telephone support to submit questions via email to the speaker and moderator, and a CD recording following the audioconference.

2006 Safety Research Fellowship Available

The ASSE Foundation recently announced its 2006 Liberty Mutual Safety Research Fellowship Program, which provides funding for two individuals to conduct applied safety research at the Liberty Mutual Research Institute for Safety in Hopkinton, MA.

This year, the Foundation has increased the stipend-fellowships will receive $2,000 for the first week and $1,500 for each week thereafter to cover expenses. The filing deadline is March 1, 2006.

More News

ASSE Offers Safety Tips for Women in Construction

To help reduce injuries and illnesses, ASSE is providing workplace safety tips for women in the construction industry. Although all construction workers face serious hazards related to sanitation, muscle strains and lifting, these issues are not confined to women. For example, consider PPE. According to Carol Schmeidler, CSP, contributing author to the ASSE publication Construction Site Management and Engineering, “PPE and clothing are often designed for average-sized men, so equipment and clothing that does not properly fit could reduce its effectiveness in protecting sores. For women, make sure the PPE fits and protects correctly.”

According to OSHA, women construction workers may want to use alternative means such as dragging the load instead of lifting it or using a wheelbarrow or cart to move the load. Schmeidler suggests, “The average construction worker may report they have 140 pounds of items to carry, but the actual load capacity can vary from person to person, regardless of gender.”

Future Safety Leaders Conference

In November, ASSE held the 2005 National Future Safety Leaders Conference in Cleveland. More than 100 students from across the country were invited to attend the conference, which was sponsored by the ASSE Foundation with support from Liberty Mutual Insurance. The conference included breakout sessions and keynote speakers that focused on learning essential leadership and career development skills.

To register, visit the ASSE website.

Register Online for Safety 2006 Beginning December 15

Looking for more bang for your educational buck? Look no further than ASSE’s Safety 2006, slated to run June 11-14 in Salt Lake City. The event is the largest and most comprehensive professional development conference and exposition in the U.S. In addition to 200 concurrent education sessions, the Executive Summit, technical workshops, roundtable discussions, and a safety expo and -post-conference seminars, the event also features the 2006 International Fall Protection Symposium, sponsored by the International Society for Fall Protection. Look for your advance brochure in the mail this month.

ASSE Urges Employers to Address Safety of Aging Workforce

As the baby boomer generation (those born between 1946 and 1964) ages, so too does the U.S. workforce. Meanwhile, the labor pool is decreasing. “Businesses must act now to accommodate and provide a safer work environment for the aging worker; a valuable and productive workforce is at risk of being negatively impacted,” says ASSE President Jack H. Dobson, Jr., CSP.

Employers should consider age and physical limitations when determining if a worker should be assigned to a岗位. This will help to ensure that employees are not overworked or exposed to hazardous conditions.

Dept. of Labor (DOL) workplace statistics for 2004 show that those 65 and older had the lowest number of workplace injuries and illnesses at 4.9 per 100 full-time workers. For those 55-64 year-olds, the rate was 2.7 per 100 workers. In 2003, workers 65 and older accounted for 16 percent of the U.S. workforce.

As baby boomers begin to retire, DOL notes that the workforce will shrink as those born from 1965 to 1985, a time with a declining birthrate, enter the workforce. According to American Demographics magazine, currently there are 76.9 million baby boomers in the U.S.

Member News

Dennis R. Clouter Receives Distinguished Service to Safety Award

Southwestern Ohio Chapter professional member Dennis R. Clouter, CSP, has received the 2005 Distinguished Service to Safety Award from National Safety Council (NSC). Clouter is president of Consultant Consulting Services in Cincinnati.

Receiving the honor is a point of great pride for ASSE and NSC, as it recognizes the contributions made by members and professionals within the industry. The award recognizes individuals who have made significant contributions to the field of safety.

ASSE offers many ways to volunteer at the local, regional, and national levels. For more information, visit the ASSE website, www.asse.org.

Long-Time Member Bocci Retires

Richard J. Bocci, Jr. (retired) has served ASSE’s National Capital Chapter as President since 1979 and is retiring. During his 30-year membership, Bocci has been active with the Society on the national, regional and local levels.

Over the years, Bocci has served the National Capital Chapter as president, vice president, secretary, newsletter editor, delegate and chapter representative to the regional operating committee. On the national level, Bocci has served on the Membership and Engineering and Development committees and the Professional Recognition Committee. He also served on the Dairy and Food Industry Section's Executive Committee.

Bocci has been named Distinguished Service Award recipient for 2006, receiving this award for his many years of dedicated service to the Society and the profession. He is a member of ASSE's National Capital Chapter.

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