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CONCEPT PAPER #49 – BODY OF KNOWLEDGE

At the next CoPS Meeting (3/2008), staff would like to cordially request that we spend about fifteen minutes talking about the SH&E Body of Knowledge. This has become a significant agenda item for the ASSE Board of Directors, your thoughts are needed on this issue. As you know we continue to hear about this issue and this is Goal #5 from the Strategic Plan:

"Gather, encourage and participate in development of the body of knowledge relevant to the profession"

CoPS is assigned this goal as its champion. Please note that the term is "champion" and not "own", "control", or "silo". The point is that this whole BOK issue is literally huge if we really look at. To move this issue forward it is going to take some assistance besides that of CoPS.

Specifically - your thoughts on the issues below - as staff sees them through our narrow minded way of thinking:

1. What do you think of the current SH&E Body of Knowledge?
2. What should be in the SH&E Body of Knowledge?

3. What impact do you see this having on ASSE and SH&E Professionals?
4. What are the steps you think must be taken to move the SH&E Body of Knowledge forward?
5. What resources should we consider to move the SH&E Body of Knowledge forward?
6. What role do you see your respective practice specialties playing in the Body of Knowledge and how do you see CoPS being the champion of this goal?

****As you are aware we do have a Body of Knowledge paper and it is pretty extensive. The link to the paper is below and the file is attached...

Body of Knowledge Committee:

The CoPS Body of Knowledge (BoK) Committee is a dissemination and distribution source of professional BoK information regarding ASSE's efforts to enhance safety, health, and the environment. The BoK Committee coordinates the generation of documents and guidance materials through the Vice President, Council on Practice and Standards. The committee is also responsible for monitoring BoK-related issues to identify matters of Society interest, review appropriate BoK-related materials, and recommend BoK technical statements for review by the Council.

[Risk Management/Insurance Practice Specialty Body of Knowledge \(Word Doc\)](#)

[New Report Identifies Resources for Occupational Safety & Health Professionals](#)

[White Paper of the Body of Knowledge Task Force of the American Society of Safety Engineers Council on Practices and Standards \(pdf format\)](#)
