

**American Society of Safety Engineers  
Council on Practices and Standards  
Public Sector Practice Specialty  
Advisor Committee**

The Advisor Committee of the Public Sector Practice Specialty of the American Society of Safety Engineers met via teleconference at 4:00 pm EST on November 3, 2009. This document is an accurate representation of that meeting.

The following members were present Fred Fanning, Jim Higgins, Larry Holloway, Jim Mason, Amy Stewart, and Steve Wallace.

Fred Fanning chaired the meeting as the Assistant Administrator at called the meeting to order. Fanning called for any old business and began this topic by reminding everyone that the committee has one face-to-face meeting and three teleconferences each year and the last face-to-face was at the PDC in San Antonio. He also noted that this was the first teleconference. There being no further old business Fanning moved on to new business.

Fanning noted that he was the acting web developer for the practice specialty and he needed updated material so that he could keep the web site current. He solicited input from those attending.

Fanning then moved on to the next topic committee vacancies. Fanning noted that the Newsletter Editor position was vacant and he was acting until it was filled. He noted that it was not a very time consuming job, but did require more work than most committee positions. He also noted that the web developer, government affairs, and international liaison position were vacant. Fanning provided a short description of each duty and asks committee members to let him and Steve Dimond know of anyone who was interested in a volunteer.

James Higgins then went on to provide a short update on awards and honors noting that next years awards were not far into the future and he will need everyone's help in getting a slate of nominations built.

Fred Fanning acting Newsletter Editor explained the current need for articles and that practice specialty was no longer one newsletter ahead. He also explained that he did not have enough articles for the January edition. He made a passionate plea for more articles.

Fanning then opened the meeting to discussion. Steve Wallace asked how one could find out more about the H1N1? Fanning explained that the Healthcare Practice Specialty had information and that a new release was sent out from Public Affairs on the subject. Fanning further noted that the Government Affairs has information on its website at <http://www.asse.org/professionalaaffairs/govtaffairs/gaupdate/index.php?issue=2009-05-11&article=1236>.

Amy Stewart then asked about medical certification for snow plow drivers. A lively discussion ensued. Jim Mason the requirements for all drivers to meet DOT medical examination requirements. Jim Higgins noted his thoughts on this issue as well as Fred Fanning. Amy Stewart will pose a formal question that Fred Fanning or Steve Dimond will forward to CoPS, Tim Fisher or Rennie Heath with a request that the general society be asked for responses.

Amy Stewart then noted that employees of the Department of Energy made a presentation at a Nuclear Regulatory Commission Forum. She noted there names were Xavier Aponte and Ms. Bermudas may be good contacts for future information.

There being no further discussion Fred Fanning adjourned the meeting at 5:00 pm.