



**SPALW:  
Safety Professionals and the Latino Workforce  
(SPALW Common Interest Group)**

**Minutes from Conference Call**

Date: October 28, 2010, 8 AM PDT/11 AM EDT

**Participants:**

Zef Banda, SPALW Chair  
Diana Cortez, SPALW Vice-Chair  
Andrea Fortenberry  
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**Agenda**

**Welcome**

**Attendance**

**2010 PDC Review**

**Newsletter**

Our next newsletter is due mid November to ASSE. Please send any articles you have to our newsletter editor Wilmarie Villanueva at [wilmarie.villanueva@gmail.com](mailto:wilmarie.villanueva@gmail.com). Diana said that she would send some articles on OSHA 10 and 30 Hour training and texting while driving. Oscar said he would send an article on the new OSHA crane standards.

**SPALW Presentation**

A PowerPoint presentation is available on our website that our members can use to take to their local chapters to increase SPALW membership. We'll be working on updating the presentation and the web site in general. To visit the SPALW page, go to <http://www.asse.org/practicespecialties/spalw/index.php>

**Webpage**

If anyone has ideas or suggestions for our web page, please let us know. Additionally, we need someone to volunteer as our Website Coordinator. We've tried to fill this role in the past, but no one has ever stepped up. If you'd like to volunteer for this position or any of the others that are available, please e-mail Zef ([zef@bandagroupintl.com](mailto:zef@bandagroupintl.com)) or Diana ([cortez.diana@dol.gov](mailto:cortez.diana@dol.gov)).

### **Goals for 2010/2011**

- Improve webpage
- Increase membership
- Implement a mentoring program

### **ASSE/OSHA Alliance**

Is still on going, the main resource that we provide is the translation of OSHA materials. They have been very pleased with what we have provided thus far.

### **Subcommittees: Available Positions**

- Web Administration- Vacant (volunteer members needed)
- Membership – Oscar Paredes volunteered on the call to fill this position.
- Translation of training materials – Adolfo Reynaga, Subcommittee Chair (volunteer members needed)
- Review of Spanish translated materials- Mario Varela, Subcommittee Chair (volunteer members needed)
- Best Practices – Vacant (volunteer members needed to collect best practices and included on our website)
- Mentoring – Mark Hernandez, Subcommittee Chair

### **PDC 2010: Call for Papers –Spanish Sessions, Deadline October 31, 2010**

#### **PDC 2011 – 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

Rixio Medina has graciously pledged \$1,000 for our networking event for our 2011 PDC meeting. Zef said his company will provide a donation as well. We would like to have a really big event this year, with the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ASSE. Someone suggested having live music like mariachis, so we'll definitely need as many donations as possible. As in years past, the Executive Committee will send out donation letters that you can send to your employers and colleagues for a donation.