



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



**Minutes from Conference Call**

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**Participants**

David Cervantes  
Ilise Feitshans  
Krista Sonneson  
Jack Fearing, Intl. Practice Specialty  
Rixio Medina  
Zef Banda  
Andrea Fortenberry

**Welcome and Roll Call: Zef**

Last meeting before the PDC. Not sure if you've sent the announcement with the new Executive Committee:

**New Executive Committee for SPALW:**

Anibal Franco: SPALW Chair  
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This will be our new committee moving forward after the PDC.

**PDC:**

Meeting on Tuesday at 6 PM.  
The 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala will be Monday night.

Our meeting at the PDC will be held and then we'll have our networking session at the restaurant or bar in the hotel. With all of the activities going on, we figured it would be more difficult to hold a larger meeting. We do have a few sponsors to help out with that, so we are very appreciative of that.

PDC meeting: We will go over the high points of SPALW over the past few years and will set the tone for the new executive committee and the things that they're starting to undertake. We'll do a handover. We don't anticipate that our meeting will go longer than an hour and a half.

**Subcommittee Openings:**

We are looking for volunteers for our subcommittees. Wilmarie will be the newsletter editor again, but we're looking for an assistant for her.

Membership

Best Practices

SPALW Scribe: Andrea has been doing it for the past three years, she'll no longer be available to do that because she's going to be a full-time mother before the next conference call rolls around in July. If anyone on the call is willing to be a volunteer, please let us know. Andrea currently also helps with the PDC meeting and the newsletter. Even if you can only do part of what Andrea has been working on, that would be a big help.

Please let Zef, Diana or the new Executive Committee know. (Andrea to send the contact info.) Krista said the website will be updated in July to reflect the new leaders and their information.

**Website:**

A lot of the changes that have been made are positive, so kudos to ASSE for helping to improve the site. If you haven't been to the website in awhile, please be sure to visit.

We still are going to try and stock our PDC kiosk with information on SPALW and information on initiatives for Latino workers. If any of you have information, please send to us and we'll get the items printed. Zef asked when we can access the kiosk, Krista said Saturday the 11<sup>th</sup> from noon to 4, and Sunday from 8 AM to non.

David said that there's going to be another Latino Worker Summit in Dallas through the Hispanic Contractors Association on June 29<sup>th</sup>. Zef said that he'd mention it to Anibal because he may be located in that area. Krista said that she can send the information to the marketing team and see if it's worth ASSE attending and setting up a booth. Krista said we could also put flyers at our booth on the event.

**OSHA-ASSE Alliance:**

The alliance is under renewal, so we don't foresee any changes there into next year. So we'll continue to help with the translation of materials. Diana did a great job of putting the subcommittees together for translation and review.

Reminder for 2012 Call for Papers: deadline is in July. If you're submitting, please let Anibal and the Executive Committee so that SPALW can sponsor your presentation and we can get credit for that.

**Opens:**

Krista: If anyone is interested in attending, SPALW does have someone being honored at the Tuesday COPS Award luncheon from noon to 1 PM on Tuesday.

Jack Fearing: Admin of International Practice Specialties: Wanted to talk about opportunities to align. The international lounge is an opportunity for international EHS professionals to network: open Monday and Tuesday in Room 23ABC in the convention center, next to the WISE lounge. Jack invited SPALW members to stop by and leave a card.

The IPS annual meeting will be there on Tuesday morning from 9:30 to 10:45. They've also changed to a non-traditional format for their meeting, due to all of the activity at this year's PDC.

IPS website on ASSE homepage: It does contain several country profiles, 12-15, several of them are Spanish-speaking countries. We do have members from most of those places as members of IPS, about 550 members total.

ASSE and IPS have recently collaborated on the second edition of the International Resource Guides, contains interviews with international leaders in the industry, country profiles, legal information, regulatory information. Take a look and see where it might help you.

We are looking forward to continuing to develop the IPS relationship with SPALW.

**Next Call:**

The new Executive Committee will determine when our calls will occur. They've been the last Thursday of the month, but the new committee will let you know about the dates and times of next year's call.

Thanks for all of your help and participation with SPALW. We'll see you next month!