



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



**Minutes from Conference Call**

Date: May 5, 2011, 8 AM PDT/11 AM EDT

**Participants**

Oscar Paredes  
Zef Banda  
Diana Cortez  
Andrea Fortenberry  
Mery Sennett  
Ilise Feitshans  
Nancy Romano  
Krista Sonnenson  
Anibal Franco  
Shane Morrow  
Hector Escarcega

**Welcome and Roll Call: Zef**

**New Executive Committee for SPALW:**

Anibal Franco: SPALW Chair  
Shane Morrow: Vice Chair  
Oscar Paredes: Executive Secretary

Thanks to our new leadership and for their willingness to volunteer! The current and future executive committees will have a conference call and will do a formal handover at the PDC. (Anibal won't be there, but Oscar will.)

We'll set the agenda for the PDC and there will be items that the new committee will cover.

Krista asked if Wilmarie is going to continue as the Newsletter Editor, Andrea said she would find out. We'll find out about our other current subcommittee chairs and get a baseline of exactly what we need to fill.

**PDC Kiosk and PDC:**

We need to put information together about SPALW and provide resources on our group at the kiosk. The kiosk doesn't have to be staffed, an e-mail was sent to Zef with all of the details about the kiosk.

Diana asked if ASSE could print things for us, Krista said no, that our group is responsible for that.

If anybody has ideas or info that they'd like to leave out on the kiosk table, please forward to us and we'd be glad to share the information. Zef also thought that if we had a flyer with the new SPALW leadership as a way of introducing the new group to ASSE. Zef said he'd coordinate with the new committee and have Wilmarie or Andrea come up with a newsletter format/flyer.

**PDC:**

Meeting is Tuesday June 14<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 9:30. We usually do the networking event afterward in the same room, but this year we'll head over to a different location afterward.

We're not having a speaker at this point; it will be more of a working meeting.

**100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Update: Mery Sennett**

Greeters are still needed, we have about 65 greeters but need more, we'd like 100. Mery is also working right now with ASSE headquarters to have a table or greeters at the airport. They meet every week with the Chicago area chapters to get updates, talk about technical tours, etc. We're also trying to get high school volunteers to get stuff bags and do other volunteer work.

There will be a poster station.

PDC Events Include:

- Gala night on Monday night at 6:45 at the Navy Pier ballroom. There will be a lounge for WISE and International Practice Specialties.
- Award luncheon on Tuesday and academic forum on Wednesday.
- Donations to the ASSE foundation from ASSE chapters for the silent auction. Chicago chapters will have a booth/kiosk.

**Newsletter:**

Wilmarie contacted Andrea that she will continue as the Newsletter Editor.

**Goals:**

Improve Website

Increase Resources

Increase Membership

**ASSE-OSHA ALLIANCE**

Agreement is in the renewal process, but it will be renewed soon.

**Subcommittees:**

We do have some vacant positions:

Membership: Someone is considering, but for now the position is still open.

Best Practices: Open

**2012 Call for Papers**

Considering giving a presentation through SPALW for the 2012 PDC. The deadline is July right after the PDC.

**Opens:**

Ilise: Dewey Whitmire has asked Ilise to give a presentation on Tuesday at the PDC.

Krista: Please send her the new Executive Committee list for the name and rosters.

Diana asked Ilise to send her the Spanish language resources from ILO that we can link to our webpage.

Mery asked if we're going to put together a flyer about the PDC, we'll e-mail to the group and will have it at the kiosk to give out. Please feel free to share it with others.

**Next Call:**

Our next call is May 26<sup>th</sup> at 8 AM PDT/11 AM EDT, we'll have all of the info for the PDC and we'll go over final details.