The Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP) announced the 2014 recipients of the organization’s most prestigious awards June 11, 2014 during a luncheon at ASSE’s Safety 2014 at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Florida.

Two Region II members were recognized: David V. MacCollum (Southern Arizona Chapter) received the BCSP Lifetime Achievement Award; and Douglas R. Handy (Utah Chapter) received a CSP Award of Excellence.

Upon receiving his award, MacCollum stated, “I am overwhelmed with the great honor of receiving the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Board of Certified Safety Professionals. In its short 45 years of existence, BCSP, as it towers far above my 62 years in safety, has given safety an international professional identity. BCSP made a giant step forward by incorporating an ethic of diversity of knowledge into every discipline of science. BCSP’s acceptance of expertise from every field of learning has promoted safety as an essential for the well being of all humanity. As just one of over 25,000 CSPs, I offer my thanks to BCSP for making safety a meaningful profession.”

David V. MacCollum, CSP, P.E. is a past president of ASSE and was a member of the first U.S. Secretary of Labor’s Construction Safety Advisory Committee [1969-1972]. He has specialized in safety research and technical assistance on high-risk hazards to enterprise, insurance companies, universities, trade associations, attorneys, and government for over twenty years and was involved in the development of rollover protections and other safeguards and innovative construction methods and procedures. Mr. MacCollum holds a B.S. degree from Oregon State University and is a Registered Professional Engineer and Certified Safety Professional.

Douglas R. Handy, CSP is a Loss Prevention Consultant for Liberty Mutual Insurance Group’s National Market Loss Prevention Department, based out of Salt Lake City, Utah. He has over twenty years’ experience in SH&E management, is currently part of the United Parcel Service (UPS) Dedicated Team, and was integral in his team’s being awarded “Safety Company of the Year” in the State of Utah a total of three times. Handy holds a Bachelor’s Degree in Manufacturing Engineering Technology from Weber State College. He is Professional Member of ASSE and is a Certified Safety Professional.
Re-engineering your current safety management program and the addition of a safety management system can significantly energize your safety performance. To get you started, we have assembled leading authorities on OSH system re-engineering and implementation of safety management systems for this symposium. Join us in Denver and follow these steps to better safety performance.

To register, go to:

EDITORS CORNER -

Welcome again to the fall equinox edition of the Region II Newsletter. An equinox occurs twice a year, around 20 March and 22 September. The word equinox is derived from the Latin aequus (equal) and nox (night). The oldest meaning is the day when daytime and night are of approximately equal duration.

When related to safety, the idea of equality has always been foremost. Everyone has the right to a healthy and safe workplace. Founded in 1911, the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) is the oldest professional safety society and is committed to protecting people, property and the environment. I feel comfortable saying that we at ASSE promote safety equality.
Greetings Region II ASSE Members:

I have been honored to have been chosen to represent ASSE as your Area A Director. ASSE has had a significant impact on my career for over 3 decades. The help individuals as well as Society resources have given me has helped me be more effective as a safety professional. Over the next two years I want to offer my support in finding ways of bringing people, ideas and action together to improve our Chapters ability to connect with the most important group; our members.

How do I plan to be of service? First, I want to try and be available to be a resource to you as a member of a Chapter in Region A, so please call or email me. I do not claim to have a solution for all of the challenges that come from running a volunteer organization at the Chapter level. But I’m a pretty good listener and perhaps we can work together at finding mutual acceptable solutions. Second, my plan is to be able to visit each of the Chapters at least once within my area during my term. Being able to meet both Chapter leadership and individual members helps me understand both the issues and great practices that can help the entire region be successful. Third, my success during these two years will be based upon whether you are being properly served by my leadership. I want to hear from you both when you think I need some “coaching” but also when you think we have created the type of partnership that is working for you and your Chapter membership.

ASSE is a great organization of individuals who have chosen to use their time and talent to protect people, property and the environment, as our motto states. Finding specific ways during the next two years to connect people, ideas and action within our large and often unique western region will be my goal.

Safety yours,
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An ASSE member since 1981, he has held most of the Southern Arizona Chapter positions including treasurer, vice president and president. In 2013 he volunteered as an ASSE state-wide liaison for a text messaging bill in the Arizona State Legislature. In 2011 he Co-Chaired the first Region II Student Leadership Conference at Biosphere 2 as well as a professional development seminar to improve training skills for safety professionals. He has represented the Chapter at numerous ROC’s, been a speaker at both regional and the ASSE PDC.

He received the Chapter Safety Professional of the Year Award in 2002 and 2011. He has published numerous professional papers on such diverse subjects as healthcare safety process improvement, environmentally responsible recycling of chemical wastes, the use of game show formats for training and the key linkage between risk and project management. He has consulted on projects ranging up to the 1.2 billion dollar DOE Spallation Neutron Source at Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

This year, ASSE has grown to over 36,000 members, and we continue to evolve to meet the needs of our expanding membership. We recently enhanced our member benefits and created additional opportunities for members to connect with ASSE.

- The new ASSE Job Board connects job seekers and SH&E employers
- The new ASSE Mentor Board helps foster professional relationships between members
- The Body of Knowledge, an online reference that represents the collective knowledge of the profession, has grown to nearly 8,000 pieces of content
- The ASSE website in Spanish www.asse.org/es makes ASSE accessible to more members
- The first Professional Development Conference held in India strengthened the SH&E profession globally
- Two new sections and four new student sections were chartered to accommodate members in more geographic areas, colleges and universities

These and many other accomplishments could not have been achieved without you. Thank you.
Patricia M Ennis, CSP, ARM
ASSE President 2014-2015
Congratulations to the Colorado Plateau Chapter on their First Annual Putting in the Pines

The weather was cool and the greens were fast. Conditions could not have been better on this scenic golf course. We even received some surprise donations from San Miguel Power Association for the post tournament drawing.

1st Place – Team 2 Delta-Montrose Electric  
2nd Place – Team 1 Delta-Montrose Electric  
Last Place – well, you know who you are.

A special thanks to our donors and the Divide Ranch Golf Club and of course, the Bar & Grill.
OSHA, NIOSH announce recommended practices to protect temporary workers' safety and health

On August 25, 2014 the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health (NIOSH) released Recommended Practices for staffing agencies and host employers to better protect temporary workers from hazards on the job.

Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health Dr. David Michaels made the announcement at the Voluntary Protection Programs Participants’ Association annual conference in National Harbor, Md. The new Recommended Practices publication highlights the joint responsibility of the staffing agency and host employer to ensure temporary workers are provided a safe work environment.

"An employer’s commitment to the safety of temporary workers should not mirror these workers' temporary status," said Dr. Michaels. "Whether temporary or permanent, all workers always have a right to a safe and healthy workplace. Staffing agencies and the host employers are joint employers of temporary workers and both are responsible for providing and maintaining safe working conditions. Our new Recommended Practices publication highlights this joint responsibility."

Temporary workers are at increased risk of work-related injury and illness. OSHA’s Temporary Worker Initiative, launched last year, includes outreach, training and enforcement to assure that temporary workers are protected in their workplaces. In recent months, OSHA has received and investigated many reports of temporary workers suffering serious or fatal injuries, some in their first days on the job. The Recommended Practices publication focuses on ensuring that temporary workers receive the same training and protection that existing workers receive.

"Workers sent by a staffing agency to a worksite deserve the same level of protection from workplace hazards as the host employer’s workers do," said NIOSH Director Dr. John Howard. "Recognizing that temporary workers are often new to the workplace to which they are sent, we believe these recommended practices will provide a strong foundation for host employers and staffing agencies to work together to provide a comprehensive program that protects the safety and health of all workers."

The new guidance recommends that staff agency/host employer contracts clearly define the temporary worker’s tasks and the safety and health responsibilities of each employer. Staffing agencies should maintain contact with temporary workers to verify that the host has fulfilled its responsibilities for a safe workplace.

OSHA announces new requirements for reporting severe injuries and updates list of industries exempt from record-keeping requirements

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced a final rule requiring employers to notify OSHA when an employee is killed on the job or suffers a work-related hospitalization, amputation or loss of an eye. The rule, which also updates the list of employers partially exempt from OSHA record-keeping requirements, will go into effect on Jan. 1, 2015, for workplaces under federal OSHA jurisdiction.

Under the revised rule, employers will be required to notify OSHA of work-related fatalities within eight hours, and work-related in-patient hospitalizations, amputations or losses of an eye within 24 hours. Previously, OSHA’s regulations required an employer to report only work-related fatalities and in-patient hospitalizations of three or more employees. Reporting single hospitalizations, amputations or loss of an eye was not required under the previous rule.

All employers covered by the Occupational Safety and Health Act, even those who are exempt from maintaining injury and illness records, are required to comply with OSHA’s new severe injury and illness reporting requirements. To assist employers in fulfilling these requirements, OSHA is developing a Web portal for employers to report incidents electronically, in addition to the phone reporting options.

"Hospitalizations and amputations are sentinel events, indicating that serious hazards are likely to be present at a workplace and that an intervention is warranted to protect the other workers at the establishment," said Dr. David Michaels, assistant secretary of labor for occupational safety and health.

In addition to the new reporting requirements, OSHA has also updated the list of industries that, due to relatively low occupational injury and illness rates, are exempt from the requirement to routinely keep injury and illness records. The previous list of exempt industries was based on the old Standard Industrial Classification system and the new rule uses the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) to classify establishments by industry. The new list is based on updated injury and illness data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics. The new rule maintains the exemption for any employer with 10 or fewer employees, regardless of their industry classification, from the requirement to routinely keep records of worker injuries and illnesses. For more information about the new rule, visit OSHA’s website at http://www.osha.gov/recordkeeping2014.
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To all the Chapters and their representatives receiving the gold award at Safety 2014:

Arizona - Tim Page-Bottorff; Big Sky - Tina Smollack; Colorado - Jeffrey Citrone; Craters of the Moon - Eric Harmston; New Mexico - Gary Wright; Rocky Mountain - Kamran Azad; Snake River - Amanda Lundgren; Southern Arizona - Shari DiPeso; Southern Colorado - Garrett Wilkie; and Utah - Nathan Spencer.

Also congratulations to the other Region II Chapters who received awards:

Four Corners - Karen Ortega (Silver); Colorado Plateau - Lynn Pavelka (Bronze); Sierra Nevada - Russell Rocha (Bronze); and Southern Nevada - Adolf Duarte (Bronze).