



The Institute for Safety and Health Management

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MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR

by Jan Rosenberg



Most of us have benefited in our safety and health careers by having an individual act as our mentor. Let's face it, even those of us who have graduated from college with a safety and health degree greatly benefited by having a mentor show us how to apply the theories we studied. Mentoring is a tool that can be used to nurture and grow people in the safety and health profession.

As a mentor, you are an individual who possesses the experience to help guide another individual's development. This guidance is not done for personal gain but rather to advance the safety and health profession. Such mentoring can be anything from encouraging a peer or colleague to apply for the Certified Safety and Health Manager (CSHM) exam up to helping them prepare to pass the exam.

Achieving certification as a CSHM can be a difficult task. Acting as a mentor to help other safety and health professionals advance their careers through certification can be a great personal reward from the satisfaction one gains from helping someone else succeed. Encouraging or assisting fellow safety and health professionals to pursue certification as a means to advancing their careers contributes to the professionalism of the safety and health field.

A mentor has knowledge and experience that they can share with the person being mentored. I encourage and challenge each and every one of you to mentor someone to become a CSHM.

As always, I will be happy to field any of your questions or concerns by e-mail at rosenberg.jan@dol.gov.

FROM THE MANAGING DIRECTOR'S DESK



The Board recently held a teleconference. A summary of the meeting is included in another article within this newsletter. Betty Hintch, Editor of Compliance Magazine and a Board Member made a suggestion for an article in their publication. She plans to interview approximately three current CSHM certificate holders concerning the career benefits they have received as a result of having this certification. Volunteers are welcome! If you have a success story you would like to tell, contact us and we will put you in touch with Betty.

The Institute for Safety and Health Management will have an exhibit booth at the NSC Conference in San Diego, CA. The booth # is 1839. If you plan to be there, please drop by and visit us. If you would be willing to volunteer some time assisting at the booth please let me know. Any help would be greatly appreciated. The conference runs from November 6 - 8, 2006.

As mentioned in our spring newsletter, we will invoice members for their 2007 dues in late July. Most will receive email invoices. Currently we have email addresses for 88% of our CSHM members. Sending invoices via email is a major cost savings, please contact this office if you believe we may not have your current email address or if you have not provided one to us in the past. We are working with our webmaster, Steve Geigle to provide a "members only" section on our website. We anticipate having member email addresses available so you can check and verify your information. Even though we may have the correct email address many invoices are still returned as undeliverable. One of the reasons for these returns is that the mail from us has been filtered out as possible junk mail. To avoid this problem, please add ishm@izones.net to your address book.

Phil Mueller
Managing Director

BOARD MEETING HIGHLIGHTS

Summary of ISHM Board Meeting (Teleconference) held June 20, 2006.

- Update discussion of accreditation application with following target dates identified: by September 1; have a consultant ready to review applications; have application ready to submit to NCCA by December 1.
- Members notified that there will be an exam in Providence, R.I., August 19; Atlanta, GA, September 2 (tentative); Morgantown, WV (to be announced) and South Florida (sometime in December).
- Discussion held about an article concerning the CSHM for Compliance Magazine. Betty Hintch said she would interview a few CSHM members regarding success stories as a result of having the designation. If anyone is interested in sharing an experience they have had using their CSHM designation please let us know.
- Andy Sorine informed the Board that he is retiring from WVU, where the CSHM exam is maintained. Eric Van Fleet volunteered to maintain the exam at Grand Valley State University.
- It was announced that ISHM has a booth at the National Safety Congress Nov. 6-8. Several Board members will attend the conference and some will assist in working the booth, which is #1839. The Board will meet November 5, from 4:00-9:00 p.m.
- Steve Geigle suggested that CSHM members might receive COC points (not to exceed 1.2/per year) by answering questions taken from NSMS Digest articles. There were no objections.

NEWS BY AND ABOUT MEMBERS

In the winter 2005 edition of the *Update* we cited an email from Laurie Benic, a new CSHM. She took the exam in Grand Rapids, MI in early 2005 and reported that the CSHM had helped her obtain a safety position with Simplex Grinnell in Bentonville, Arkansas. Recently, we tried to contact her concerning an article for Compliance Magazine. We can not locate her. She no longer works for that company. Can anyone help in locating her?

Note: Members are encouraged to share their experiences with us. Please don't hesitate to let us know if you have received recognition for your efforts. Also, please remember to update your contact information on our website at www.ishm.org.

UPCOMING CSHM EXAMS

To achieve certification, applicants must successfully complete a three-hour 150 multiple-choice examination. The exam evaluates knowledge in four general topic areas. More information about the exam may be found in the [Electronic Certification Guide](#).

Saturday, August 19th, 2006. , Providence, RI. Application & Fees for testing must be submitted to [ISHM](#) no later than July 19th, 2006. Call Phil Mueller for more information 877.201.4053.

Saturday, September 2nd, 2006. , Atlanta, GA. Application & Fees for testing must be submitted to [ISHM](#) no later than August 2nd, 2006. Call Phil Mueller for more information 877.201.4053.

Sunday, Sunday November 5th, 2006. [NSC Conference](#), San Diego, CA. Application & Fees for testing must be submitted to [ISHM](#) no later than October 5th, 2006.

ASSOCIATE SAFETY AND HEALTH MANAGERS

Congratulations to our newest Associate Safety and Health Managers. They are:

1. Kristine Nietering, Coopersville, MI, Grand Valley St.U., #1852A
2. Phillip Hayes, Irving, TX, WVA, #1853A
3. Ryan Zupon, Altoona, PA., Slippery Rock U. of Pa, #1855A
4. Jeffery Piatt, Wyoming, MI, Grand Valley St. U., #1856A
5. Xiaobo Mu, Round Rock, TX, WVA, #1857A
6. Gregory Baker, Fort Mill, SC, Slippery Rock University, #1858A
7. Emily Matles, Allendale, MI, Grand Valley St. U., #1859A

Graduates from schools offering safety and health degree programs approved by ISHM are immediately eligible for the ASHM. Those individuals qualifying for the ASHM certification are eligible to take the CSHM exam with a minimum of 2 years safety and health management experience.

Our certificants include several from academia. Please help us to increase the number of accredited schools. The process is simple. Contact the Managing Director at 877.201.4053 or visit our website at www.ishm.org for details