

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, December 20, 2006, 11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., Royal Fork (Columbia Mall)

**2007 BOARD ELECTIONS ★★★ BUSINESS CARD EXCHANGE ★★★ TABLE TOPICS**

### OUR NOSHA BOARD MEMBER ELECTION CANDIDATES

We have four (3-year) Board positions to be filled. Here is a look at the individuals who have accepted our nominations:

**Steve Harken** is the Environmental Health and Safety Specialist at UND-EERC with responsibilities for the health and safety programs of the approximately 250 researchers and employees who work for the center. Steve has 25 years of industrial management experience from operations and technical services management to general management of a small company. Steve feels that NOSHA with its networking of safety professionals will help all area companies create a safer and healthier working environment for all employees.

**Robert Hewitt** has been a licensed electrician for fifteen years and gradually cross-trained into the safety field. Robert has a B.S. Degree in Occupational Safety and Environmental Health from the University of North Dakota. He is employed with Altru Health System as a Safety Associate. His job duties are varied and include working as a program coordinator.

**Mike Holmes** has a B.S. Degree in Safety Engineering along with five years experience in the Health and Safety field. His experience ranges from working as a Safety Coordinator at a gold mine to his current position as Safety Specialist for the University of North Dakota. He has done some consulting such as providing safety guidance for a bridge-moving project, which will be featured on the television show, *Mega Structures*.

**Greg Lian** has a Bachelor's degree in Communications from the University of MN-Duluth. He is the Quality Control Manager for Swingen Construction Company. As the Quality Control Manager in charge of \$11 million bridge projects over the last two years for the United States Army Core of Engineers, one of his responsibilities was to incorporate all of the USACE safety practices into Swingen Construction's work methods. This entailed equipment safety checklists, load tests, daily safety site inspections, weekly toolbox safety meetings, monthly supervisors safety meetings, activity hazard analysis reviews, and monitoring safety practices of subcontractors & more.

In September of 2006 Greg was promoted to the position of Safety Officer for Swingen Construction Company of Grand Forks. His duties will include all of the above along with implementing and maintaining Swingen Construction's safety policies over 7 bridge building crews, their trucking operation, crane and equipment safety, and shop safety among others. *Greg would like to thank you for your consideration.*

**Cedric Masa, MD** graduated from the University of Santo Tomas Faculty of Medicine and Surgery in 1989. A native of the Philippines, he is fluent in 3 languages. After one year of Internship at the New York Hospital Medical Center of Queens, he attended the Baylor Family Practice Residency Training Program in Houston, Texas. He was Medical Director of the MidMichigan Urgent Care/Occupational Medicine Clinic in Clare, Michigan for eight years before relocating to Grand Forks. He is Board Certified by the American Board of Family Practice and is also a Certified Medical Review Officer (MRO).

**Joe Strang** is the Manager of the Valley Dairy Car Wash in Grand Forks. He has been employed there since 1988 and oversees 60+ people. Joe has a mechanical background with a knack for customer service – as seen recently on the WDAZ segment of "Take This Job And Love It" with Tami Osborne. He has been a member of NOSHA since the beginning and has served on the Board since 2004. He has also held the position of Treasurer for the past two years.

### BOARD MEETING

BOARD MEMBERS MEET THE FIRST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH / 6:00 – 8:00 PM. / GRAND FORKS PARK DISTRICT / 1210 7<sup>TH</sup> AVE S

NEXT MEETING → January 4<sup>th</sup>

- **THANK YOU BOARD MEMBERS**  
- A special thank you to Steve Harken, Connie Mondry and Joe Strang for serving on the Board – *your time and expertise was and still is appreciated!*

### BOARD MEMBERS

*Steve Harken (President)  
Al Maloney (Vice President)  
Joe Strang (Treasurer)  
Connie Mondry (Secretary)  
Pat Balstad  
Davis Hoverson  
Bonnie Knutson  
Debbie Pierson  
Lyle Ross  
Annette Shane*

### COMMITTEES

#### Communication Committee

*(Linda Wiley, Carol Gierszewski, Bonnie Knutson, Annette Shane)*

MONTHLY MEETINGS ARE HELD THE LAST THURSDAY OF THE MONTH / 12:15 - 1:15 PM / GF CITY HALL / 255 N 4<sup>TH</sup> ST  
NEXT MEETING → December 28<sup>th</sup>

- **Welcome – Carol Gierszewski** our newest committee member!
- Invoices were sent out for our 2007 membership dues December 8<sup>th</sup>. Please contact us at [info@nosha.net](mailto:info@nosha.net) if you do not receive yours or if you need further assistance.

#### Education Committee

*(Lyle Ross, Steve Harken)*

(Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations)

- **January 17, 2007**  
- "Static Ignition Hazards" Craig Scheer, Tesoro
- **February 21, 2007**  
- TBA
- *Our new "Education Committee" starting January 2007 will be Bonnie Knutson and Pat Balstad – THANK YOU!*

#### Membership Committee

*(Davis Hoverson, Mike Lorenson)*

- OUR NEWEST MEMBER – Welcome!  
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