

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Wednesday, December 16, 2009 - The Ohepen Mind on "Celebrating the Journey", Missy Ohe  
**ALSO ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ ⇒ Election of Board Members for 2009**

### OUR NOSHA BOARD MEMBER ELECTION CANDIDATES

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

- ✓ **Davis Hoverson** - Davis Hoverson has been working in the safety profession for twenty years for WSI. Currently he works as a Safety Consultant Supervisor. Davis was a leader in the development of NOSHA back in 2001 and has served in the past as a NOSHA board member. He would appreciate your support to fill a board member position for NOSHA.
- ✓ **Rachel Kmecik** - Rachel Kmecik- Rachel has been employed at Grafton Equipment Co. since January 2009 as the Director of Human Resources, also under this title falls Safety Director. Rachel is responsible for all aspects of Human Resources as well as WSI claims management, policy development and implementation, safety training and various other safety related duties. In her first year of safety Rachel implemented many safety programs, incorporated the WSI safety management programs into the business and has invited OSHA consultants in to all locations for some safety audits to get the stores up to date. She is enjoying her two new challenging rolls and each day brings something new. Rachel has been an active member of NOSHA since 2009.
- ✓ **Tim Krile** - Tim has been employed at Safety Kleen Systems for over two years as an environmental services consultant. He works with businesses to advise them on compliance issues, waste management, and general facility management issues. He covers eastern ND and NW MN.
- ✓ **Christin McWaters** - Christin works for the University of North Dakota in the Campus Safety and Security Office as an Environmental Health and Safety Specialist. Her job duties include Indoor Air Quality, Laboratory Safety, Hazardous Material Management, and Fire Safety.
- ✓ **Lyle Ross** - It has been nearly eight years since Lyle began employment with Vigen Construction, Inc. as a Corporate Safety Director... His responsibilities include the safety program, training, recordkeeping and the handling of workers compensation all over the U.S. Hazardous waste management, manifests, permits and licensing are additional duties. Lyle has been involved with NOSHA almost since their beginning. He served on the Board twice and was President in 2004. Lyle also chaired the Education committee for a couple of years. He states that the entire experience has been an honor and would gladly serve another term.
- ✓ **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. He has been a member of NOSHA since the beginning and has served on the Board since 2004. He also held the position of Treasurer from 2005 - 2008.

### 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> AVENUE SOUTH

**NEXT MEETING → December 3<sup>rd</sup>**

- A *SPECIAL THANK YOU* to Steve Harken, Robert Hewitt, Dr. Cedric Masa and Joe Strang for serving on the Board. *Your dedication to SAFETY is very much appreciated!*

#### BOARD MEMBERS

*Carol Gierszewski (President)  
 Steve Harken (Vice President)  
 Tim Bailly (Treasurer)  
 Tracy Cameron (Secretary)  
 Todd Brady ♦ Robert Hewitt  
 Cedric Masa ♦ Eric Pearson  
 Annette Shane ♦ Joe Strang*

### COMMITTEES

#### Communication Committee

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

- Invoices were sent out for our 2010 membership dues November 20<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

(Bonnie Knutson, Pat Balstad)

(Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations)

- **January 20, 2010** - TBD
- **February 17, 2010** - Marvin Windows and Door's "Wellness Program", Todd Brady and Vicky Ham

#### Membership Committee

(Davis Hoverson, Rachel Kmecik)

★ **60+ MEMBERS STRONG...and GROWING!**

NOSHA is a non-profit organization formed to provide area safety professionals a direct way of sharing safety concerns, goals and ideas to promote workplace safety.

**THANK YOU JOE STRANG AND VALLEY DAIRY CAR WASH FOR SUPPLYING DOOR PRIZES FOR THE NOVEMBER GM MEETING!**

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- \* Yield to snowplows. They travel slower than posted speeds.
- \* Give snowplow drivers plenty of room to do their jobs.
- \* Never drive into a snow cloud.
- \* Slow down! Never use cruise control on wet or icy roads.
- \* Stay alert. A snowplow weighs 17 times more than a car. In a crash, occupants of a car are much more likely to be seriously injured.
- \* Be patient. Follow at a safe distance. Allow at least five car lengths between your vehicle and a snowplow.