

October 2013

## **GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

Wednesday, October 16th from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm @ the Speedway Restaurant

Our speaker Kelly Krapu, Compliance and Safety Services, will speak about the new DOT regulations effective July 1st, 2013.

# **Eyestrain a Growing Problem Worldwide**

As more people use computers at home and in the workplace, complaints of eye fatigue, difficulty focusing and discomfort have become commonplace. Computer video display terminals don't damage vision, but it can cause eyestrain. Fortunately, rearranging your computer workstation, taking more frequent rest breaks, or getting proper glasses can often relieve these symptoms, according to spokesperson Ruth Williams, M.D. president of the American Academy of Ophthalmology.

If you are experiencing vision problems, first get an eye exam by your ophthalmologist to rule out possible eye disease. You may find you need glasses when working at a computer, or your prescription needs updating. Next, take a look at your computer workstation:

- Screen distance: You should sit about 20 inches from the computer monitor, a little farther away than reading distance, with the top of the screen at or below eye level.
- Equipment: Choose a monitor that tilts or swivels. Adjust them appropriately for the lighting in the room. Use a glare reduction screen on the monitor if needed.
- Furniture: An adjustable chair is best. The top of the monitor should be at eye level. Place the monitor on a stand if needed.

Taking periodic rest breaks is also recommended. Try to blink often to keep your eyes from drying out. Every 20 minutes, take a 20 second break to give your eyes a rest. Move your eyes up, down and to both sides focusing on something at least 20 feet away.

## **2014 NOSHA Membership Drive**

Membership renewal notices will be mailed out November 25<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions about your membership status or have new contact information to pass on, please contact Linda at info@nosha.net

Thank you all for attending the NOSHA 2013 Safety Conference:

Influencing Safety
Presented by Garrison Wynn

Conference notes are posted on <a href="https://www.nosha.net">www.nosha.net</a>. Look for the link under Highlights of the 2013 Conference Or download to your phone at 90210.



#### **BOARD MEETING**

Board members meet the first Thursday of the month – 6:00-8:00 pm at the Valdak Corp. 1149 36<sup>th</sup> Ave. S (Valley Dairy)

**NEXT MEETING** November 7th

### **2013 BOARD MEMBERS**

**Dan Mankie** (President)

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Eric Pearson (Vice-President)
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#### COMMITTEES

<u>Communication Committee</u> (Linda Wiley)

Visit us at <u>www.nosha.net</u> for the latest updates and announcements!

#### **Education Committee**

(Rick Else)

<u>Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations</u>

November 20th – Teresa Lewis, Leadership

Success From the Inside Out/How can leadership

promote a safe workplace.

**December 18<sup>th</sup> Christmas Party** 

**Membership Committee** 

(Dave Opp, Eric Pearson)

NOSHA News Editor ( Joe Reynolds)

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