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NOSHA News

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Wednesday, August 19 at the VFW, 312 DeMers Ave, East Grand Forks MN 56721

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Reviewing the NOSHA Mission Statement

I was recently asked by a NOSHA member company to provide some basic safety training for a monthly in-service event. I've been serving on the board of NOSHA for about a year and a half, and this is the first time I've received such a request. It got me thinking that maybe it's time to review the mission statement of the Northern Occupational Safety and Health Association with our members and the community:

"The mission of the Northern Occupational Safety and Health Association (NOSHA) is to provide professional networking and training in safety, health and environmental practices."

Having been a member of NOSHA for several years, I can speak to the networking opportunities that NOSHA provides. The monthly general membership meeting is a great place to bounce questions and ideas off of other "safety people." The annual evening social and member appreciation picnic provide a relaxed environment where we can unwind and get to know each other as people.

NOSHA provides training at the monthly meetings, typically a 30-minute presentation by a local/regional safety professional on a different topic each month. We also reach beyond our general membership on a yearly basis by providing a free safety conference to anyone in the area who wishes to attend. This is a half-day event, usually featuring one speaker who can provide training to a broad audience.

Beyond these regularly scheduled events, NOSHA can also be a resource for our members and the community who are seeking onsite training. We have a number of people among the general membership who are experienced trainers and/or subject matter experts. If we cannot find someone within our group to provide your training, we can certainly refer you to someone outside the membership who can.

If you or your company are looking for a trainer to come onsite to provide safety training to your employees, feel free to reach out to us at info@nosha.net at anytime. We will do our best to find someone that meets your needs.

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Mark Your Calendars! Annual NOSHA Safety Conference October 6, 2015 Alerus Center

NOSHA will be holding its annual safety conference on Tuesday, October 6th, at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. Watch for future announcements regarding a registration opening date.

This year's program will feature two speakers:



Mark J. Lindquist is a former certified American Red Cross Disaster Action Team member who provided emergency services at Ground Zero, at the Pentagon and on multiple major natural disasters nationwide. Mark also has experience as a Department of Homeland Security consultant who has worked on major metropolitan inter-agency communication disaster exercises with participation from over 13 state, local and national agencies. He has also worked as a wild land firefighter with the National Park Service.



Adele Abrams is an attorney, Certified Mine Safety Professional and trained mediator who is president of the Law Office of Adele L. Abrams P.C. in Beltsville, MD, Denver, CO, and Charleston, WV. The firm represents employers in OSHA and MSHA litigation nationwide. Adele also provides consultation, safety audits and training services to regulated companies. She is an adjunct faculty member at the Catholic University of America. Adele is a member of the Maryland, D.C. and PA Bars; the U.S. District Courts of MD, D.C., and TN; the U.S. Court of Appeals, D.C. Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. She is a graduate of George Washington University's National Law Center, and earned her B.S. in Journalism from the University of Maryland, College Park. Adele is an active member of the American Society of Safety Engineers' construction, mining and consulting practice specialties. In 2000, 2008, 2011 and 2012, Adele received Safety Professional of the Year awards from ASSE. She is also chair of the National Safety Council's Committee on Regulatory, Standards and Legal Affairs and is on the board of the Chesapeake Region Safety Council. She is co-author of the textbooks *The Safety Professional's Handbook* and *Construction Safety Management and Engineering*.

BOARD MEETING

Board members meet monthly from 11:00-1:00

NEXT MEETING August 11

2015 BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Mankie (President)
Cirrus Aircraft

Eric Pearson (Vice President)
CHS (Cenex Transportation)

Tony Vigness (Vice President)
Black Gold Farms

Callie Wagner (Treasurer)
Minnkota Power Cooperative

Cindy Holweger (Secretary)
Development Homes

Joe Strang
Valley Dairy Car Wash

Lyle Ross
Vigen Construction

Dave Opp
Opp Construction

Sally Miskavige
Opp Construction

Dean Riley
Steffes Corporation

COMMITTEES

Communication Committee/Newsletter
 (Tony Vigness)

Visit nosha.net for the latest announcements!

Education Committee
 (Lyle Ross, Tony Vigness)

Upcoming GM Meeting Presentations
 August: Dean Riley, Steffes Corporation—
iAuditor, a Free Auditing Tool
 September: TBD

Membership Committee
 (Dave Opp, Eric Pearson)

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.