

# MINUTES

## American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Northeastern Illinois (NEIL) Chapter



**Meeting: October 17, 2014**

### **Board & ASSE NEIL Members Present**

Mike Saujani – President

Dow Carter – Secretary

Rick Lewis – Treasurer

Anthony Zoia – Website Coordinator

Bob Wasick – Member, Past President

Ken Orms – Chicagoland Safety Conference

Charlie Vasconez – Student Chapter Liaison

Sara Gibson – Membership Committee Chair

Rich Rapacki - Chicagoland Safety Conference

Mike Sarlitto – Chapter Member

### **1. Meeting Call to Order at 2:25 pm.**

### **2. Secretary Report**

- Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. One additional note was added regarding Mike Saujani's visit to NIU. On October 7<sup>th</sup> Mike presented information Ergonomic Task Evaluations to NIU students. Rick Lewis made a motion to approve and accept the minutes. The motion was seconded by Ken Orms. Minutes were approved and accepted by a unanimous vote.

### **3. Treasurer's Report**

- Chapter total funding is approximately \$63,000 with approximately \$2,700.00 in checking. All accounts balanced for the month of September.

### **4. Committee Reports**

- NIU Student Chapter – Charlie Vasconez
  - October 6 – Charlie, Don and Amy participated in the Student Resume Review event. Feedback was positive and students appreciated the opportunity.
  - October 27 – NEIL EHS Professional Panel Forum (Four – five participants).
  - The NIU Dept. of Engineering would like to attend a future ASSE Chapter meeting. Charlie will coordinate the invitation.
- Newsletter – Don Philips
  - No update, Committee Chair note present. Board is happy with current newsletter formatting and process.
- Membership – Sara Gibson
  - Membership was 287.
- Chicagoland Safety, Health & Env. Conf. – Ken Orms
  - Very successful. Attended by 326 individuals, which attended 1,100 sessions. Preliminary financial reports indicate approximate revenue for each chapter to be \$4,400.00
- Awards & Honors – Amy Timmerman
  - No update, Committee Chair not present.
- Website – Tony Zoia

- ASSE Corporate web-master has offered to update website to include streaming capabilities. Tony will conduct some additional research to determine additional costs and possible upgrade options.

## **5. Old / New Business**

- Illinois SB3287, Amends the Workers' Compensation Act. Provides that there is no right to recover damages for injury or death, other than the compensation provided under the Act, Mike Sarlitto is researching this bill and will provide additional information.
- Joint Food bank meeting with Three Rivers Chapter is set for December 12, and the chapter donation this year will be \$500.00, in addition to chapter member donations.
- Discussion of inviting the Money Management representative (currently handling chapter investments) for all board members to understand and possibly improve future investments.
- The lunch menu choices at Maggiano's was reviewed and decided to stay with the sandwich menu to reduce overhead costs of meetings.
- Additional actions to make new members and prospective members more welcome at monthly meeting were discussed. One option is to include their names on the screen to welcome them to the meeting.
- The practice of charging meeting "no-shows" was discussed to begin the process. Three attempts would be made to reclaim the cost of the lunch by direct mailing.
- A discussion regarding members not upholding their responsibilities as a chapter delegate was discussed. Current President, Mike Saujani indicated he would contact Past-President, Rich Petite regarding his plans to be active in the Board.
- Re-establish of two additional chapter positions: Governmental Affairs Chair and Public Affairs Chair was discussed. Sara will provide job descriptions for both.
- October Action Items:
  - Sara to explore future Holiday Joint Event with other area chapters.

## **6. Next Meetings**

- November 21, "ISO 45001 - Health and Safety Management Standard" presented by Tim Fisher.  
Maggiano's in Schaumburg, IL

## **7. Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm**

- Motion made by Tony Zoia and second by Rich Rapacki. Vote was unanimous in favor.

*Minutes take by Dow Carter*