From the President

Aloha! Time has flown by and it has been my humble honor serving as your President. As most of you know by now your new president is Mary Sullivan. I wish her great success during her tenure. ASSE has accomplished much over the last year and it is due to the success and dedication of the chapter members. While it has been overstated many times that Safety is a thankless profession it has truly been an honor being associated with such a fine group of professionals. THANK YOU for all that you do keeping the workforce safe and healthy.

Terri Watkins CSP

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Congratulations

Please congratulate all the new Hawaii Chapter and Student Section officers! We are looking forward to an exciting year.

Announcements

Our next chapter meeting will be 29 June at BIA. We look forward to seeing you there.

OHST Prep Course

Dates: 6–8 September held at MCBH Kaneohe Safety Office. For more information contact Rob McCarthy at 808–257–5719 for more information. Cost is $950.00 per person.

Student Section Officers

President: Jason Collins
Vice-President: J Alcantara
Secretary: Kimo Hamilton
Treasurer: Brittain Wabinga
Student Section

The two-year OESM program is designed to provide practical training in occupational and environmental safety and health. The curriculum offers a broad background on safety and health program administration, workplace hazard recognition/evaluation/control, emergency preparedness, workers’ compensation principles, hazardous chemical risk assessment, and environmental management.

OSHA Protection

State and Local Government Workers — Workers at state and local government agencies are not covered by Federal OSHA, but have OSH Act protections if they work in one of the 22 states and territories that have an OSHA-approved state program. Hawaii is one of the 22 approved state programs.

CSIP Program

BIA's Construction Safety & Injury Prevention (CSIP) Program is now available STATEWIDE to address construction safety and health hazards, targeting workers, safety staff, managers, and owners! For more information or to Register, Click Here <http://www.biahawaii.org/construction-safety-injury-prevention-program>

OSHA 1 DAY WorkShop

The OSHA 1 day workshop was held 10 May at Dole Cannery. The keynote speaker was Mr. Bill Sims who talked about “Beyond Zero Injuries”. The workshop had over 500 registered participants and was a great success. Thanks to Tristian Aldegue who coordinated the event. Well done!

Safe + Sound Week

The U.S. Department of Labor’s Occupational Safety and Health Administration announced it has designated June 12-18, 2017, as “Safe + Sound Week,” a new nationwide effort that calls on organizations of all sizes in a wide range of industries to raise awareness of the value and importance of workplace safety and health programs.
Joining OSHA to sponsor the effort are the National Safety Council, American Industrial Hygiene Association, American Society of Safety Engineers and the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health. In addition, 85 trade associations, industry and professional groups are partnering with the Safe + Sound Week initiative.

“Our nation has made great strides in raising awareness about the importance of workplace safety, yet more than four million workers suffer serious job-related injuries or illnesses annually. We can do better,” said U.S. Secretary of Labor Alexander Acosta.

Participating in Safe + Sound Week can help organizations get their safety and health program started or energize an existing one. While approaches vary, effective programs have three core elements:

- Management leadership that commits to establishing, maintaining and continually improving the program. Managers must also provide needed resources to support the program.
- Workers who help identify solutions for improvements. A workforce engaged in safety and health programs result in higher productivity, increased job satisfaction and strong worker retention, which combine to increase revenues and lower turnover and recruitment costs.
- A systematic “find and fix” approach that calls upon employers and workers alike to examine their workplaces – proactively and routinely – to identify and address hazards before an injury or illness occurs.