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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



There is an old Chinese curse: “May you live in interesting times.” The reasoning behind this was that if the times are “interesting”, they will be filled with chaos, endless restlessness and change. A life of constant changes would never allow you to have a moment’s peace, and rest on your laurels. With the start of my term as President of the VOS, I have already discovered that it will be an “interesting” journey, but it is also revealing itself to be a fascinating one.

“Safety Herb” Everett, who is the outgoing President, has now become the Dean of the Council of Ambassadors. His leadership as President during the past year has brought in several new members, and the widening of our membership requirements to include vendors who have worked in the Safety/Health/Environmental Services field has broadened the level of experience of our membership and increased our pool of knowledge available to anyone seeking answers about safety. I want to thank “Safety Herb” personally and for VOS as a whole for his tireless efforts and work during the last year.

During my tenure, I plan to give our members a clearer idea of what VOS is doing by stressing better communications between the Board of Directors (BOD) and the members out in the field through our quarterly Newsletter. This communication needs to go both directions as the members in the field need to submit articles on what they are doing in the field to our Executive Director, Dianna Bryant, for publication in the Newsletter, and perhaps on the website. As you have seen, we just started to put our Newsletter electronically to the membership. The electronic version will be in color, and the ones being mailed to those who requested it will be in black & white. In the future, when we are referring to someone in the Newsletter, we don’t just want to tell you who they are, we want to show you. For this reason, we request all members send in a snapshot from the chest up of themselves, so when you have an article in the newsletter, get an award, or have something notable, we can put your picture with the article about it.

This push to get information about members and what they are doing, and safety tips from out in the field passed around to all members, is generated by the By-Laws. Two items there serve to highlight what we as VOS members are committed to do: 1. To advance the sciences of Safety and Health through cooperation and association with those persons and/or organizations who have extensive knowledge and/or experience in their respective fields. 2. To promote the welfare of the general public by providing an organization of Safety and Health Professionals qualified to address public concerns relating to safety and/or health matters. Our members are truly reservoirs of knowledge about safety & health. We already have the knowledge we need; it is time for us to share it for the benefit of others. We need to spread that knowledge throughout our

members to increase the breadth of their safety knowledge and enable them to pass it on to others. Send us your safety tips and we will publish them for others. With all of these opportunities we have to communicate back & fourth about safety and to assist our fellow man, it looks like this will be an interesting year, but it looks like it will definitely be a fascinating one. Come and join all of us in bettering safety and VOS and we will all find out what a fascinating year it will be.

- Wendell W. Wahlstedt, President

JEANE' M. FURBER AWARD



In a recent release, the Greater Cleveland Safety Council, a Charter Member of the American Association of Safety Councils, has announced the Jeane' M. Furber Award. The release is as follows:

The Jeane' M. Furber Award was established in 2009 and the first award is expected to be presented at the 2010 Awards Banquet. It is named for the Executive Vice President and Director of the Greater Cleveland Safety Council who served from 1981 to 2004 and was instrumental in bringing the Council through difficult times into the 21st. century. Her tenacity and determination to keep this Council open and functioning in order to continue its mission of working to keep our community a safe place to live and work, is truly inspirational.

This award recognizes an individual who is an employee of an organization that is a member of the Greater Cleveland Safety Council and has demonstrated through words and deeds his/her strong commitment to make safety a paramount importance in the workplace. The award's recipient's distinguished performance has made a difference in their organization through outstanding achievements in their safety & health programs. Their actions have reduced accidents and the subsequent lost-time from injuries or have made significant strides in raising employee awareness in the areas of safety, occupational hygiene, and the environmental concerns through education and training. He/she is truly considered a key component in their workplace safety program and an important asset to the organization.

This award will be presented to a worthy recipient each year at the Annual Occupational Safety & Hygiene Awards Banquet. Nominations would be solicited through the year and the recipient would be selected by a Committee appointed by the President of the Safety Council.

The award recipient will receive a plaque and a \$500 U.S. Savings Bond.

End of the release.

Authorization to print this article in the VOS Newsletter given by the Greater Cleveland Safety Council

The Greater Cleveland Safety Council is an independent, non-profit, non-governmental, non-commercial organization that operates throughout northeast Ohio but focuses primarily in the Greater Cleveland Metropolitan Area. It began its formation around 1917 and was established as a Safety Council in 1919. It is the third oldest local Safety Council in the United States behind St. Louis and Pittsburgh.

The Executive Vice President of the Greater Cleveland Safety Council, Thomas J. Rabe, has also announced that he is proposing that the Council establish an education Scholarship Fund to be used each year to grant a scholarship to a worth recipient. Jeane' Furber is now working with their Scholarship Committee on this. Jeane' should be good at this as she has been in charge of the Veterans of Safety Scholarship fund since 2000.

Jeane' M. Furber has been a VOS member and has been on the Board of Directors for many years. She has served VOS in positions of: President, President Elect, Vice President, Treasurer, Member of the Council of Ambassadors, and Dean of the Council of Ambassadors.

Midyear Meeting of the Board of Directors

Monday, Feb 15, 2010, At 8 AM

Venue: Springhill Suites,

Near O'Hare Airport

Rosemont, Illinois

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Room Block for VOS \$89.00 rate,

Feb. 14-17, 2010

SAIL INTO SAFETY 2009

On Saturday, August 22, 2009, the Veterans of Safety Sail into Safety cruise for 2009 left the dock at Vancouver Place in Vancouver, B.C., Canada, for seven days of fun and companionship in Alaskan waters. As soon as we got underway, we all got to participate in the lifeboat drill.



Meme Williamson, the wife of the late Ben Williamson (a longtime, devoted member of the VOS Board of Directors).

Veterans of Safety members “Safety Herb” Everett, Wendell Wahlstedt, Jeane’ Furber, Chris Gates, Nigel Ellis, Warren Brown, and Marion Rupe were joined by family and friends. In addition to spouses and significant others, we were pleased to have Meme Williamson and four members of her family along with a number of members of Herb’s extended family. Twenty-Five of us filled three tables in the dining room.

Sunday, August 23rd, was a day at sea. The VOS members and several guests gathered in an unoccupied lounge for meetings and presentations. We had enough time for presentations by all the members.

Warren Brown, immediate past president of the American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE), made an interesting presentation on elements of occupational safety and health that were related to his industrial experience.

Monday, August 24th, we arrived in Juneau, Alaska. There were a number of shore excursions available; most of the members of our party went ashore and participated in an excursion or shopped for local souvenirs. One of the excursions was to visit a training camp for sled dogs that run in the Iditarod race and their mushers.

We left Juneau after dinner and sailed to Skagway. Skagway was the jumping off point for those who sought gold in the Yukon Territory gold fields. A number of the members of our group rode the narrow gauge railroad up to the top of the White Horse pass and returned to town by rail or bus. Some members of our group learned more about the history of Skagway by riding the “Street Car”. Most of the group gathered at the Westmark Hotel in Skagway to honor Jeane’ Furber who had been recognized by the Greater Cleveland Safety Council for her sustained contributions to safety and health in the community.

From Skagway, we sailed to Glacier Bay where we had National Park rangers as our guides to the glaciers and the wildlife of the area. We saw some fantastic glaciers along with bears, birds, seals, and whales. The crew served hot bean soup to warm those who ventured outside at the

how to get closer to the glaciers and the wildlife. There was an opportunity for training before we arrived in Glacier Bay.

From Glacier Bay, we sailed to Ketchikan, Alaska. Once again, there were a number of opportunities for shore excursions. There was everything from a bus tour of the town to a walk in a rain forest sanctuary to a cruise to see how lobsters are harvested. Many members of our group took advantage of the many shopping opportunities.



ALASKA SCENIC VIEW

From Ketchikan, we sailed for Vancouver, B.C. Since this involved a day at sea, we had more training opportunities. The members assembled learned new lessons from Warren Brown and other members of our group. Some members of our group participated in the walk on the promenade deck to raise money to support breast cancer research. We arrived in Vancouver early on the morning of Saturday, August 29th. Our members left the ship, cleared Canadian customs, and went their separate ways. Some stayed a day or two to sample the sights and sounds of Vancouver, but most went directly to the airport and departed for their homes.

Another Sail into Safety had come to an end. Stay tuned for information on the next Sail into Safety.

- C Gates

CRUISE TRAINING ITINERARY



We see (from left to right)

Wendell Wahlstedt, Nigel Ellis, Chris Gates, Herb Everett, Warren Brown, Jeane' Furber, and Marion Rupe in front

Posing and smiling for a big Snap!

Thanks for all of the help on classes taught during the Sail onto Safety 2009 ship cruise to Alaska:

Warren Brown, former President of ASSE, who taught classes on “Identifying Confined Spaces”, “Electrical Safety” and “Lock Out Procedures”.

Nigel Ellis, Vice President, who taught classes on “New Developments in Fall Protection Planning ANSI Z359-2007” and “Fall Protection Resources 2009—What’s New”.

Herb Everett, Dean of the Counselor of Ambassadors, who set up the cruise, opened the training, did the cruise wrap-up, and taught a class on “Emergency Preparedness”.

Jeane' Furber, Board Member, who did an “Overview of the Scholarship Program for VOS”.

Chris Gates, Ambassador, who presented “An overview of ASSE Proposed Program for Divisions Not Supported by the NSC”, and taught classes on “Is your Hazard Communications Program Ready for Global Harmonization” and “Effective Office Ergonomic Programs”.

Marion Rupe, Member, who taught a class on an “Overview of Defensive Driving”.

Wendell Wahlstedt, President, who taught classes on “Driver Distractions” and “Tips on Taking Pictures at an Accident Scene”.

VETERANS OF SAFETY
PROPOSED BY-LAWS CHANGES
OCTOBER 2009

1. Article IV, Membership, Section 6, Member Emeritus, currently reads:

The MEMBER EMERITUS classification may be awarded by the Board of Directors, upon any member in good standing with the Society for five (5) years or more, and has retired from the Safety or Health profession.

The Board of Directors recommends that this Section be changed to read:

The MEMBER EMERITUS classification may be awarded by the Board of Directors, upon any member in good standing with the Society for five (5) years or more, and has retired from the Safety or Health profession. After January 1, 2010, each new member emeritus will be charged Twenty-Five dollars (\$25.00) per year to cover administrative expenses..

RATIONALE: For several years, each member emeritus has been assessed \$5.00 per year to cover mailing the newsletter to them. With increased administrative costs, this amount is not adequate. This change will only apply to members who change to emeritus status after January 1, 2010. All existing emeritus members will continue to be assessed \$5.00 per annum.

2. Article IV, Membership, Section 8, Life Membership, currently reads:

Any member in good standing or any MEMBER EMERITUS may apply for the classification of LIFE MEMBER.

The classification of LIFE MEMBERSHIP is a one-time payment of dues. The dues are based upon four (4) age levels:

50 – 54	\$1,000.00
55 – 59	\$ 900.00
60 – 64	\$ 800.00
65 +	\$ 700.00

NOTE: Life membership rates were modified at the Board meeting on March 25, 2006 and are subject to change by the Board of Directors.

On September 19, 2009, the Board of Directors voted to change the Life Membership dues. Therefore, this section will read as follows:

Any member in good standing or any MEMBER EMERITUS may apply for the classification of LIFE MEMBER.

The classification of LIFE MEMBERSHIP is a one-time payment of dues. The dues are based upon four (4) age levels:

50 – 54	\$ 1,250.00
55 – 59	\$ 1,000.00
60 – 64	\$ 750.00
65 +	\$ 500.00

NOTE: Life membership rates were modified at the Board meeting on September 19, 2009 and are subject to change by the Board of Directors.

RATIONALE: After three years of experience with the revised life membership dues, the Board of Directors elected to change the dues structure to reflect the earning capacity of the members.

ABBREVIATED MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Veterans of Safety Board of Directors was held on September 19, 2009 at the Courtyard by Marriot, KCI Airport. The Board reviewed the financial status of the organization, which is strong despite low interest rates on investments, and approved a budget for 2010. The Program Committee report covered the Sail Onto Safety Cruise in Alaska and the excellent training that was provided during the cruise, and future plans for participation in the Pac Rim conference.

Two VOS Scholarships were awarded to Mathew Black and Christopher Zerrusen. Matthew Black is a graduate student at Murray State University pursuing a degree in Occupational Safety and Health with an Industrial Hygiene option. Christopher Zerrusen is a Safety Management undergraduate major at Indiana State University.

Proposed by-laws changes were drafted and will be submitted for approval of the membership. Other committee reports were submitted and discussed.

New board members were initiated and officers were elected. The 2010 officers and board members are listed on the last page of the newsletter. Dates for quarterly conference calls were set.

Collecting historical information about the Veteran of Safety is an ongoing project and any members with VOS materials are encouraged to share them. Items can be mailed to the office and will be returned unless you wish to donate them to our archives.

HISTORY OF THE VOS

The Veterans of Safety organization was founded in October 9, 1941 at the banquet of safety old timers, during the National Safety Congress in Chicago and has become a strong international organization. Their Oct. 1986 meeting in Chicago will observe their 45th year.

VOS members have constantly shown the highest desire to serve their fellow workers and association in the cause of human conservation and loss control.

The founder was the late Charles A. Miller of Houston, Texas. He had the enthusiastic support of Henry Boggess, Harry Guilbert and Art Rohweder. There was a desire but also a need for such an organization where men with long years of experience could meet, where ideas and experience could be exchanged in a climate of friendship in a common undertaking of human relations.

Temporary chairman and toastmaster at the founding banquet in Chicago was Henry W. Boggess. Arthur Rohweder and John Sandel arranged the program; J. B. Davies and Bob Donovan contacted eligible old-timers; Charlie Miller and Henry Boggess wrote the constitution and By-laws. Some wanted to call it "Old-Timers Safety Club"; others favored the name "Veterans of Safety"; 98 old-timers at the first banquet. A constitution and by-laws were unanimously approved. Robert Donovan submitted a nominating committee report; President, Arthur V. Rohweder; Vice-President, Walter G. King; Secretary-Treasurer, Harry Guilbert; Charles Miller, Hogler Jensen and Lew palmer, Trustees.

Among the first members, Past President and Honorary member, Gordon St. Clair of St. Petersburg, Fla., attended the 44th meeting in New Orleans, Oct 1985. He updates our history, explaining that most of the men concerned with safety were from the Southwest's oil field who attended the National Safety Congress. They gathered at the Medinah Club on North Michigan-now the Sheraton-joined by a few safety suppliers among them John H. Liautaud of the Chicago Eye Shield Co., now the Fendaall Co., the two Gilbert brothers, one Harry, was chief of the Chicago Park District police, and Paul F. Lindemann, Bartlesville, OK.

Sessions at the Medinah Club (costing \$18 million, later went into bankruptcy in the 30's depression) became known as the Old Timer's Club, recalls Past President St. Clair. Suites on the 18th floor rented for \$35 a month. Al Parmelee from Kansas City was a strong motivator from the supply sector. Sometimes they'd meet at the Blackstone, a luxury hotel known as the Hotel of Presidents. Later at the Stevens, now the Conrad Hilton. The Stevens management had a guest launch so safety visitors could tour the lakefront harbor. Rooms were \$3.

Annual meetings of the Board and of members have been held with the opening of the National safety Congress in Chicago. But in October 1984, the Congress closed out at the Hilton with

“Auld Lang Syne”.

Veterans of Safety and the ASSE honor the award winning “professional paper” authors. Prizes are \$500, \$400, and \$300, with plaques.

Veterans Of Safety have had a strong, diversified membership growth the past five years, with many new chapters. The membership exemplars persons with capabilities, specializing in safety-for everyone and every day to create a better and safety world, with their slogan.

“HAVE A SAFE DAY”

(Courtesy: This information was published in the Membership Directory published in 1986 and distributed to members.)



VOS CHAPTER FORMATION

The Board of Directors would like to encourage members to consider organizing local chapters. Currently there is only one active chapter, the Hawaii chapter.

Gathering of VOS members who want to form a chapter

- Desire to make a bigger impact than individuals can make
- Must number at least three members
- Support philosophy and aims of VOS
- Set up links and contact points at International and local level to facilitate the process

Draft Chapter By-Laws and Administrative Rules

- Conform to VOS International By-Laws
- Agree to follow VOS rules and procedures
- Fill the chapter officer positions
- Develop procedures for dues collection and payment (Chapter and International)
Establish chapter dues structure

Submit Draft Chapter By-Laws to VOS International Board for Approval

- Board reviews draft for conformance with International By-Laws
- Board notifies Chapter of approval

Receive Approved Chapter By-Laws

- Implement all requirements in by-laws
- Establish bank accounts
- Prepare first report to the VOS International Board

FORMING A CHAPTER

From the By-Laws (Article XIV, Local Chapters). Start with as few as one member and work up from there. You need at least ten members in good standing when you decide to apply to the Board of Directors for a Chapter charter. Upon approval by the Board, they issue you a certificate entitling you to hold meetings for one year. At the end of the year, with the Board's approval a Charter is issued to the Chapter. Your group would be identified as a "Chapter, Veterans of Safety". That Charter remains in effect as long as the Chapter continues to abide by the By-Laws. You need three Chapter officers (President, V.P., & Secretary-Treasurer). Your local Chapter Constitution & By-Laws must conform to the Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws of the VOS. Chapters may establish dues with a simple majority vote of the Chapter members. Each member of the Chapter will become a member of the International Organization, with the same membership classifications; however it is optional for a member of VOS, who resides within the geographical area of a Chapter, to become a member of the local Chapter.

Each Chapter is required to hold a minimum of one (1) membership meeting during each fiscal year. Minutes of all meetings are to be sent to the Executive Director, and as a minimum, they are required to include the following information: Meeting place, date, time, name presiding officer, names of members in attendance, business presented, and actions taken.

Chapters inactive for a period of two years, or for any other justifiable cause, will surrender their Charter upon request. Leftover funds are put into an escrow account by the Board of Directors for three years, if the Chapter is not reactivated in those three years the money is turned over to the VOS Scholarship Fund.

Chapters must clear all resolutions, which affect the organization of the VOS through the VOS Board of Directors.

(Please print this page and send to the following address)



OFFICIAL BALLOT

VETERANS OF SAFETY : ELECTION OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS

___ I approve of the change to the By-Laws

___ I disapprove of the change to the By-laws.

_____ Signature of Member

Please return the completed Ballot before December 15th, 2009 to:

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