



AMERICAN SOCIETY OF
SAFETY PROFESSIONALS
Maine Chapter

Date: August 23, 2023

Time: 3:00 PM – 3:50 PM

Location: Virtual

Agenda:

1. Introductions
2. Stand and Deliver
 - a. Sean – discussed how his company had responded to racist graffiti and how they administer their ‘Zero Tolerance’ for hate speech policy
 - b. Kurt – discussed how he’s conducting a noise study and discovered the employees creating their own loud noise levels while playing music during 3rd shift.
3. Review of Previous Meeting Minutes
4. Treasurers Update
 - a. Account balance: \$3,627.87
 - b. Statement date: 08/20
 - i. Checks/Debits
 1. \$77.69 DELUXE checkbook cover, S&H
 - ii. Deposits
 1. \$40.00 – Dues
 2. \$0.17 – Interest paid
5. Membership Review
6. Calendar of Meetings
 - a. Executive Committee Meetings
 - i. Six (6) are required annually.
 - b. Next Executive Committee Meeting:
 - i. Wednesday, September 13th @ 3pm
 - c. Technical Meetings
 - i. Four (4) are required annually.
 - ii. Sept 18th – coordinating w/CSAG, sponsoring lunch for NFPA 241 presentation.
 - iii. October – possibly during NSC Annual Safety & Health Conference?



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- iv. December
- v. February
- d. Ideas for Technical Meetings:
 - i. Ideas? – discussed how we can push these into Q1 of 2024 and still meet criteria.

7. ASSP Updates / New Business

- a. We have a request from David Henderson, Exec. Director NSCNNE
 - i. 96th Annual Maine Safety and Health Conference, October 17-19, 2023. Requesting \$500 for Breakout Session Sponsorship
 - ii. Last month we voted to fund this; KK will get address/contacts to send the check to.
 - 1. Tim forwarded the contacts to Kurt after the meeting.
 - iii. Next question: do we have any volunteers to man the table?
 - 1. Booth is only up during the expo portion – days 2-3
 - 2. Barbara and Tim will both be attending as presenters, Sean didn't know yet if he'd attend.
 - 3. Kurt committed to man the booth at least one day, possibly both as he's only an hour from Augusta.
 - 4. Kurt also mentioned that he has the booth banner & swag from last year – asked where to get more materials and Sean mentioned that he has a contact that can do that
 - iv. Discussed setting up an ASSP-sponsored social event to coordinate with the conference.
 - 1. Decided to try and do like we did in 2022.
 - a. Quarry Tap Room – Hallowell
 - b. Wed, Oct 18th – evening
 - c. Last year we got 10-15 people to go; mostly advertised by word-of-mouth during the conference.
- b. [New England Area Professional Development Conference \(PDC\)](#)
 - i. November 7-8, 2023 – Mystic, CT
 - ii. Discussed the merits of attending – Tim said it's good information and networking.
 - iii. Tim will be there to present; Kurt will look at his schedule and see if he can attend.
- c. OSHA Safe and Sound Week 2023 – Aug 7-13



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- i. This year's theme: Mental Health at Work
- ii. Sean mentioned he had attended a recent CSAG meeting where the focus was on mental health in construction; cited suicide as a leading cause of death for those in the trades.
- d. ADMIN BUSINESS:
 - i. President required to submit the chapter 'Annual Planning Template' to the Area Director & Regional VP by Aug 15th
 - ii. Kurt said he had submitted the materials on Aug 13th.
- e. President's Newsletter – no responses on ideas
- f. Recognition of a member (goal for '22-'23)
 - i. Discussed what we could use for criteria, for instance "Safety Professional of the Year."
 - ii. Suggestions to review the national ASSP website for ideas.
- g. Website/jobs update
 - i. Latest entry: July 24 – Goodwill: Dir of Risk
 - ii. Discussed and clarified that we usually only list Maine jobs.
 - iii. Sean asked that any leads be forwarded to him.
- h. Construction Safety Alliance Group has been formed in Maine.
 - i. www.csamaine.org
 - ii. ASSP could sponsor a meeting and provide lunch.
 - iii. Who can set this up? Do we have contacts?
 1. After the meeting Sean contacted Michaela Curley and set us up to coordinate sponsoring the lunch. Michaela will keep Kurt informed as the meeting gets closer.
- i. Round table
 - i. Kurt mentioned that he had been on the website for Maine DOL SafetyWorks! and had noticed that under "Resources" our group (ASSP) was not mentioned.
 1. Tim said he had contacts there and could set up a potential site visit which could open opportunities for collaboration.
 2. After the meeting Tim reached out to Steven Greeley with the suggestion that we meet and visit, perhaps in December/January. Mr. Greeley was open to the suggestion, and we will work on this – more to come.



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Attendance:

Name	Attended	Notes
President: Kurt A. Kirkland	X	
VP/President Elect: Barbara Brennan	X	Remote – travelling from Vermont
Secretary: Rose Wess		Declined, Out of Office
Past President: Sean Patrick Ryan	X	
Treasurer: Alexis Flink		Out of Office
Program Chair: Timothy L. McCarty	X	
Membership Chair: John L. Lowrie		Declined
Jobs Chair: Jared Rossignol		
Member-At-Large: Nathan D. Boutwell	X	
Member-At-Large: Rob Deelsnyder		
Curtis Pratt		
Wade Behnke		
ASSP Area Director (NE): Michael Fandell		