

ASSE Northern Plains Section Meeting Minutes

Speakers:	Peggy Hill, Sanford Health; Robin Halverson and Staff, WSI
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Other Information:	Officers in attendance, Ted Garling, Bill Wuolu, Frank Richard, John Thorndike

General Summary of Meeting

Ted Garling opened the meeting and gave an overview of the meeting. To accommodate our speakers we had the speakers go first and we would finish up the business meeting after our speakers.

Peggy Hill, RN, BSN from Sanford Occupational Medical Clinic presented; Working Together: Managing Work-Related Injuries. Topics included a review of the benefits to case management, the role of the OccMed clinic, medical provider and employer. An example of the official disability guidelines was reviewed. Ms. Hill provided suggestions to help the employer before an injury occurs such as pre-employment fit for duty testing, substance misuse prevention testing, designated medical providers, and training. She also included suggestions on implementation and workplace cultures to encourage return-to-work.

The staff at North Dakota’s Workforce Safety and Insurance focused their presentation on keeping the employee safe and when injuries happen how to work with the employee and the employer to return them to work after recovery. WSI mentioned how they work with Nurse Case Managers such as Ms. Hill and other medical providers when dealing with out of state claims. WSI also reviewed the Designated Medical Providers program in North Dakota. Other topics discussed was investigating claims and employer responsibilities.

The business meeting was resumed at 11:39 a.m. John Thorndike read the minutes of the last meeting and the minutes were approved by Bill Wuolu and seconded. Discussion on social media and the Section’s website ensued. Because the Northern Plains is a section of the Northwest Chapter, we have little say in the ASSE Northwest Chapter’s website. We are authorized to list the dates of our upcoming meetings, meeting minutes, newsletters, contacts etc. What can’t be listed on the section page are links to other safety related organizations. These links may be listed on the Chapter website. More discussions and planning to follow.

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Bill Wuolu discussed different venues for the Section meetings. The members agreed to any venue the Board determined was best and requested adequate communication of the time and place of the next Section meeting.

The first quarter meeting of 2017 will be in conjunction with the North Dakota Safety Conference. Members discussed the best time and date for the meeting. The Section will have a booth at the conference to provide more information about the Section and ASSE.

The NDSC is planning a project to bring awareness to the number of work related fatalities in North Dakota. A motion was made for members to assist in this project by providing labor, and possibly tools. The motion was approved by Bill Wuolu and seconded by Frank Richard.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 9th at 10:00 a.m. Location is the Peacock Alley. Topic is OSHA on-line recordkeeping, safety incentive programs, and post-accident drug/alcohol testing.

John Thorndike motioned to close the meeting and was seconded by Frank Richard.

ACTION ITEMS

Item	Responsible Person	Resolution
Clarify ways to add links to other safety organizations and a separate Section website	John Thorndike	
Secure booth, communication aids for booth from ASSE, and meeting room at the ND Safety Conference	Ted Garling	
Communicate the date of the NDSC workparty	Frank Richard	
Reserve room at Peacock Alley	Bill Wuolu	
Secure speaker for next meeting	Bill Wuolo	