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OSH Review

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Executive Council Report for the AGM - 30th June, 2010

I am much pleased to report to members what the Executive Council (EC) has done in the year of 2009-2010. Again, all EC members worked very hard in meeting with the ever-changing external environment and the challenges brought about by these changes. All the commendations in making the past year a success go to the EC as a group.

Another 7 CPD talks were organized last year with for a total of 16.5 CPD points, not including the 5.5 CPD points to be gained in the afternoon today, and another 1 CPD point this evening. The theme for the AGM Talks this year is "OSH Education and Training". In about half an hour's time, if you have applied to stay for the dinner, you will hear another CPD talk from our Guest of Honour, Prof. Ng Tat Lun, Chairman of the Employee Retraining Board. Apart from CPD talks, the Society organized an outing on 22 November 2009 to Kam Tin, Yuen Long, having lunch at the famous Tai Wing Wah Restaurant. The Society continues to co-organize, support and collaborate the organization of safety functions with many other organizations and associations, within and outside the field of health and safety. Most of our EC's also serve in the Industry's Safety Committees of the Occupational Safety and Health Council or as advisory representations in the public bodies like HKQAA, CITA and the Labour Department.

The annual event of the Safe Foreman Award was still jointly organized with the Lighthouse Club, under the diligent leadership of Jesse Hau, and with the kind assistance offered by our Immediate Past President Rheo Lam. The event is now taking place and the deadline for entry into

competition is 15 July 2010. Interested parties may still catch the last boat.

In the year 2009-2010, the Society published three OSH Review newsletters, and recruited 10 full members and 2 graduate members. Members are requested to bring in your friends and colleagues who are RSO's and help build a stronger Society.

The Society had initiated, with the collaborative support from three other sister safety organizations, a meeting with the Labour Department on 7 May 2010 to discuss on the RSO Revalidation issue. Results of the meeting were reported to members through email. It is anticipated that a closer tie with the Labour Department will be built to enhance better communication and mutual understanding.

The Society, together with HKOSHA and HKRSAA, will form the core member associations of the Federation of Hong Kong Occupational Safety and Health Associations. Learning from the experience of soliciting a meeting with the OSH enforcement agency, it is felt that unity is power. We are in the process of vetting the draft M&A of the Federation. I anticipate the Federation will provide a useful platform for establishing continuing dialogue with external parties, including the Labour Department, Fire Services Department and Development Bureau, on OSH issues.

Thank you for your unfailing support to the Society.

Michael Leung
President 2008-2010

Society of Registered Safety Officers Balance Sheet

As at 31 May 2010

	2010 HK\$	2009 HK\$
CURRENT ASSETS		
Bank Balances - Current Account	97,494.82	38,843.82
Bank Balances - Savings Account	65,707.98	65,704.71
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	163,202.80	104,548.53
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ACCUMULATED FUND		
Balance brought forward	104,548.53	135,384.17
Surplus (deficit) for the year	58,654.27	(30,835.64)
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	163,202.80	104,548.53
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Approved by the Executive Committee on 24 June 2010

Michael LEUNG
President

Agnes CHOW
Hon. Treasurer

Certified and Audited on 25 June 2010

Kwong Chee-Keung
Hon. Auditor



Society of Registered Safety Officers Income and Expenditure Account

For the Period from 1 June 2009 to 31 May 2010

	2010 HK\$	2009 HK\$
INCOME		
AGM 08	—	107,000.00
AGM 09	52,300.00	30,150.00
Admission & Membership Fee	72,200.00	47,500.00
Newsletter Sponsorship	30,000.00	10,000.00
CPD Course	4,400.00	150.00
Interest Received from Bank	3.27	98.36
Outing - Income	4,200.00	—
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Sub-total	163,103.27	194,898.36
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EXPENDITURE		
AGM 08	—	109,516.60
AGM 09	54,081.00	26,910.00
Membership Card	2,040.00	2,736.00
Newsletter Production	20,035.00	71,917.60
Seminar - Expenses	—	775.00
Souvenirs for Members	13,250.00	10,510.00
Postages & Printing	397.00	1,772.80
Cheque Return unpaid (membership)	—	300.00
Website Host & Maintenance	1,296.00	1,296.00
Stationeries	3,960.00	—
Members Outing Expenses	8,500.00	—
Misc. Expenses	890.00	—
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Total	104,449.00	225,734.00
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SUPPLUS (DEFICIT) FOR THE YEAR	58,654.27	-30,835.64
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Minuted of Annual General Meeting Held at Royal Plaza Hotel 3/F Royal Plaza Dining Room, on 9 June 2009 at 1830.

Present 30 members and 3 Proxy

1. Minutes of last AGM was confirmed without amendment.
2. The Annual Report of the Executive Council (2008-2009) was read and approved.
3. The Annual Statement of Account & Balance Sheet (2008-2009) was read and approved.
4. The report of the Hon. Auditor (2008-2009) was read and approved.
6. The result of the the election of 3 ECs for 2009 – 2010 is
Mr. AU Ho Fo, Mr. Freddy LEUNG and Mr. Stephen SIU.
7. The meeting was adjourned at 19:00.



Michael LEUNG
President



Jesse HAU
Hon. Secretary

PROGRAMME OF OCCPUATIONAL SAFETY AND HEALTH SYMPOSIUM 職業安全健康研討會程序表

Schedule of Events :

Time		Name of Speaker
13:00 –13:15	Registration	
13:15 –13:20	Welcome Speech	Mr. Michael LEUNG - President SRSO
13:20 – 14:05	Education and Training - What Safety Practitioners Need	Mr. LEE Hung Kwong - Founding President, SRSO Managing Director, HK Lee and Associates Ltd.
14:05 – 14:50	Confined Spaces Safety Training Course for Certified Workers / Competent Persons Engaged in DSD's Works	Mr. William C.W. YUEN - Lecturer (Safety) Construction Industry Council Training Authority
14:50 – 15:35	International Safe Workplace Programme	Mr. YU Pak Kuen - Senior Consultant Occupational Safety and Health Council
15:35 – 15:50	Tea-Break	
15:50 – 16:35	Quality Assurance and Safety Training	Mr. Alex C.K. TSE - Senior Programme Manager & Team Leader, Health & Social Sciences Team, Open University of Hong Kong
16:35 – 17:35	Training and Education Opportunities in Occupational and Environmental Health and Safety Management	Prof. Joseph KWAN - Director of Health, Safety & Environment Hong Kong University of Science & Technology
17:35 – 18:15	Safety is Not Common Sense, It Needs to be Inculcated through OSH Education and Training	Mr. Michael LEUNG - President SRSO
18:15 – 18:45	Q & A	

Guest Speakers



Mr Michael Leung, President, SRSO



Mr Alex C. K. Tse, Senior Programme Manager and Team Leader, Health & Social Sciences Team, Open University of Hong Kong



Prof. Joseph Kwan, Director of Health, Safety & Environmental, Hong Kong University of Science and Technology



Mr Yu Pak Kuen, Senior Consultant, Occupational Safety and Health Council



Mr William C. W. Yuen, Lecturer (Safety), Construction Industry Council Training Authority



Mr Lee Hung Kwong, Founding President SRSO, and Managing Director, HK Lee and Associates Ltd.

Guest of Honor



Prof. Ng Tat Lun, Chairman of Employee Retraining Board, HKSAR Government

AGM Sponsor List

Organizations	Organizations
3M Hong Kong Limited	Kin Wing Foundation Ltd.
Aggressive Construction Co. Ltd.	Leighton Contractors (Asia) Limited
China State Construction Engineering (Hong Kong) Ltd.	Occupational Safety & Health Council
Chun Wo Construction & Engineering Co. Ltd.	Safety Resources & Services Co. Ltd.
Gammon Construction Limited	Sanfield (Management) Ltd.
Hanison Construction Co. Ltd.	The Hong Kong And China Gas Company Limited
Hip Hing Construction Co. Ltd.	The Hong Kong Polytechnic University Industrial Centre Safety Course Alumni Association
Hong Kong College of Technology	Tysan Building Construction Company Limited

Welcome new members

The following applications were approved by the Executive Committee of the The Society of Registered Safety Officers:

365	CHAN Kei Chi	陳紀志	(Member)	370	LI Siu Keung, Kenny	李紹強	(Member)
366	WONG Ka ManN, Tom	黃家文	(Member)	371	SIN Kim Hung	冼劍雄	(Graduate Member)
367	TSE Ka Lok	謝家樂	(Member)	372	WONG Mei Sin	黃美善	(Member)
368	CHUNG Kam Wing	鍾錦榮	(Member)	373	LAU Hon Wah	劉漢華	(Member)
369	LEUNG Kwok Hung	梁國鴻	(Member)				

Lucky Draw



Symposium and Dinner



Meeting with Labour Department re Renewal / Revalidation of Registered Safety Officers

reported by Johnny Shing

The 4 safety associations HKOSHA, HKISA and IOSH(HK) and SRSO met with the officials of the Labour Department on 13 May 2010 morning to discuss on the RSO Revalidation in particular the granting and denial of CPD points.

The following ideas were exchanged during the meeting:

1. Labour Department opined that since all the 41 cases were unidentified, it would not be impossible to give a blanket reply. In general, some applicants were denied CPD points while others submitting the claim for the same item were successful because the failed applicants either had not given sufficient details of the programme in their applications, or that they had double claimed the same item twice while the successful applicants only claimed once. So each case had to be judged on its individual merits. These cases will be individually followed up by a representative of the safety associations with the Labour Department after the meeting. In this meeting, only broad principles would be addressed.
2. Items seeking CPD points, be they seminars, courses, talks, visits, must be OSH related. While understanding that development of knowledge and skills in other areas of work is beneficial to the individuals, such as management skills, report writing skills, putonghua, computer skills, knowledge of construction technology, they are considered not OSH related and hence it will be ultra vires (outside their power of jurisdiction) for LD to approve such items for CPD purposes. Some items may be rather borderline and fall into grey area, such as risk assessment. The Labour Department will try to be flexible in approving these items.
3. When further asked to clarify what was meant by double claiming, Labour Department gave an example that an applicant might claim CPD points for say a Confined Space CP course at the start of the 4-year cycle. So, 3 years later the Confined Space CP Revalidation course attended would still fall within this 4-year cycle. Such claim would not be considered as double claiming because the nature of the two courses were different. However, if an applicant claimed CPD points for a Confined Space CP Revalidation course at the start of this cycle, and another Confined Space CP Revalidation course 3 years later in the same 4-year cycle, that would be counted as double claiming because the nature of the two courses were the same.
4. For those courses that require examinations such as Safety Auditor Training Course, CPD points will only be granted to those having passed the examination and other course requirements. If the applicant failed, CPD points will not be counted. For those courses that were structured in module format, CPD points can be claimed upon the completion of each module subject to proof of completion of the module by the course provider, such as issuance of a module completion certificate or transcript.
5. A conference speaker should claim CPD points on preparation of the talk, not on the actual time of the talk itself. However, if the speaker stays behind to attend the entire conference and was issued with a CPD certificate, the speaker can claim the CPD hours of the conference, but not both.
6. Labour Department will issue a letter to Works Branch of the Development Bureau and the Housing Authority bringing them to the notice that as far as a RSO has submitted an applicant for revalidation, and has not yet been rejected by Labour Department, the registration of the RSO is still valid.
7. RSOs who are not happy with the judgment of the Labour Department officer on denial of CPD points can appeal to more senior officers or to the Administration Appeal Board.
8. The Guidance Notes on RSO Revalidation is being revised by the Labour Department. The Labour Department is considering to upload on the department website names of those courses whose CPD points were accepted by the Labour Department. Since seminars and forums are of a different nature, Labour Department will not

apply the same measure to CPD points for these functions.

9. The safety associations are planning to hold regular meetings with the Labour Department on CPD and other health and safety issues."
10. SRSO will try to work out & upload any accepted seminar, conference and talk etc. list on our website for easy reference after the regular meetings with Labour Department. (Still in the planning stage)
11. Basically the 4-year period is counted backwards from the date of submission of the application for RSO Revalidation, e.g. if a RSO submits the application on 1 January 2010, then the 4-year period will be from 1 January 2006 to 31 December 2009 inclusive.
12. However, if the last time the RSO submitted his / her application on 1 April 2006 and got revalidated, then the period from 1 January 2006 to 31 March 2006 has to be taken out from the current 4-year period to avoid double counting, meaning that the current period will be less than 4 years (from 1 April 2006 to 31 December 2009 only). RSOs have to take this into account when counting the adequacy of his / her CPD points.
13. If the RSO is asked to provide more documents later to substantiate his / her application, the former date of application is still valid up to the point that either the RSO is unable to provide such documents and hence the CPD points cannot be granted, resulting in a failure in the application to which Labour Department will issue a letter. Then the RSO cannot exercise his / her authority under the FIU (SOSS) Regulations. The RSO should complete more CPD programmes and when the CPD points are adequate (i.e. 100 or more), then he / she has should submit another application later. However, there is a time lag from the first application, and hence the period of counting will be correspondingly moved to a later date. As an example, the RSO after



completing some CPD programmes submitted another application on 1 March 2010. Then the 4-year period will be counted back from the date of the second application, i.e. 1 March 2006 to 28 February 2010, and not the first, and the CPD points previously gained between the period 1 January 2006 to 28 February 2006 will automatically be lost. This means that the RSO must complete more CPD programmes and gain more CPD points than the deficient points.

14. The date of revalidation of the "old" RSOs are mostly in June, and so the period of June 2002 to June 2006 can be considered as the first cycle, while the current period of June 2006 to June 2010 the second cycle. However, since more and more RSO's are registered within the last few years, and their dates of revalidation will most probably be other than June, these so-called "cycles" will one day be non-existent. Nonetheless, Labour Department still accepts that since most of the "old" RSOs will get revalidated, and the date of revalidation will remain in June, hence there will still peaks of RSO Revalidation Applications in June 2014, June 2018 ... etc.

