



# NewsLetter

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*Welcome to the World Safety Organization November NewsLetter. In this issue you will see many of the same topics we covered last month. I am calling your attention to these topics again because I want you to carefully consider them and hopefully decide what you can do to help. These topics and their actions are important to the future of our organization. Please take a minute, and see how you can help. We thank you in advance and hope you enjoy this publication. (CHB)*



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Theme Set for 2018 WSO Symposium:

**Fulfilling the Need for Qualified Safety and Health Professionals around the World**

*Join us September 17–20 in Charleston, West Virginia, USA, for the 31st WSO International Environmental and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Development Symposium!*

More information, and the Call for Speakers, will be distributed over the next few weeks, but plans are moving along for the 2018 annual Symposium to be held September 17-20 at the beautiful Marriott Charleston Town Center in Charleston, West Virginia. Mark your calendars for this important event ... we heartily encourage everyone to plan to attend! Also, we ask that you pass the word to other interested safety professionals. Let's work together to make this next Symposium another great success.

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## World Safety Organization Achieves International Accreditation!

The big news of the year is still that World Safety Organization has achieved international accreditation through the International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC). Earlier this year, the WSO Certification Program was evaluated, audited to, and deemed in compliance with the ISO/IEC 17024 Standard. Our membership has asked for this accreditation for a long time, and we are proud to announce that it is now here. This is a big, important step in making our certifications more meaningful and valuable in the workplace. Please spread the word of this important development. If you or your colleagues and associates have questions or would like a copy of the accreditation certificate, please let the staff at the World Management Center know. Again, congratulations to everyone on this important addition to our Membership and Certification Programs!

### About ICAC

The **International Certification Accreditation Council (ICAC)** is an alliance of organizations dedicated to assuring competency, professional management, and service to the public by encouraging and setting standards for licensing, certification, and credentialing programs.

In 1996, a group of association executives chartered the ICAC as a not-for-profit organization with the purpose of evaluating certification programs at a reasonable rate that smaller organizations can afford. Over the years the ICAC has developed a comprehensive process to evaluate certification pro-grams against international standards. In this way, accredited organizations can both improve existing certification programs as well as demonstrate to the public that their programs comply with industry best practices.

By accrediting certification programs, the public and the industries represented have an additional level of assurance, knowing that the program has been reviewed by a neutral third party and been found to meet or exceed reasonable levels of record keeping, security, objectivity, and professionalism.



The ICAC itself operates under the international guidelines established as a quality assurance regime for accreditation bodies (*ISO/IEC 73677 – Conformity Assessment: General Requirements for Accreditation Bodies Accrediting Conformity Assessment Bodies*), and has established assessment tools and processes that assure certification bodies are in compliance with *ISO/IEC 17024 (2012): Conformity Assessment – General Requirements for Bodies Operating Certification of Persons*.

Members of the ICAC Board of Directors and its various committees are volunteers who draw from many years of experience in managing not-for-profit organizations.

**WORLD SAFETY ORGANIZATION**  
**Safety Certification**  
**PROGRAM**  
**ACCREDITED**

**ISO 17024 Compliant**  
**25 August 2017**



### Temporary Amnesty Offered for Lapsed Memberships, Certifications

Some of you have let your memberships lapse. This may simply be due to an oversight, but a reinstatement fee will be assessed for you to rejoin the organization.

Now that WSO is accredited by ICAC, we believe our membership and certifications are more valuable and useful for our members, so we strongly encourage you to reinstate your membership and certification.

Through the end of the year, WSO will waive the reinstatement fee to make it easier for those wishing to reinstate their membership and certification. **This waiver expires December 31.**



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## Membership Drive Continues



With our newly-accredited status, we are pushing to significantly increase our membership. We are asking that each of you, as a valued World Safety Organization member, assist in the process.

Please suggest to your colleagues and associates that they join WSO as a professional member and pursue WSO certification. If each member were to add one new member over the next year it will help build our membership ranks and make the organization stronger. Please help us with this task.

## WSO Membership and Certification Fees to Increase Nominally on January 1

At the 2017 Board meeting in Las Vegas, the Board of Directors voted for a fee increase for WSO memberships and certifications, effective 1 January 2018. We have not had a fee increase in some time, and costs of processing memberships and certifications continue to rise. We continue to be one of the lowest priced certifications in the business. A brief overview for the new fee structure is shown below:

- **Each Membership increases \$10.00 USD**

*If your annual membership fee is currently \$75.00, it will increase to \$85.00; if \$80.00, it will increase to \$90.00; if an Institutional membership at \$185.00, it will increase to \$195.00; and so on.*

- **Each Certification increases \$5.00 USD**

*If you hold one WSO certification, your annual certification fee will increase \$5.00; if you hold two WSO certifications, your annual certification fee will increase \$10.00; and so on.*

The Board also voted, on strong recommendation from ICAC, to institute a \$20.00 Membership Application Fee, as well as a \$45.00 Certification Application Fee. These application fees also go into effect January 1.

Submit questions or comments via email to:  
charles\_baker@worldsafety.org.

## WSO Certification Exam Study Guides Now Available for Purchase

In response to requests from WSO members and inquiries made by potential WSO certification candidates, we have developed three study guides that will be of interest and benefit for those preparing to sit for a WSO certification examination.

To help familiarize a certification candidate with what they'll encounter during a WSO certification exam, these study guides are presented in the same format as the WSO exam content and come with an answer key at the back of the booklet. The study guides are currently available as PDF downloads.

If you are a current or potential WSO certification candidate and are interested in purchasing the appropriate study guide, please contact WSO-WMC at 1-660-747-3132, or send an email to certification@worldsafety.org.

## Subscribe to WSO's YouTube Channel!

WSO is committed to increasing our online presence through social media and website development. You may already follow WSO on Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn, and Instagram, and we are excited to announce that, with the help of **Dr. Michael L. Thomas** (WSO Board of Directors), we have also launched a channel on YouTube! Currently uploaded are 18 videos from the 2017 Symposium. Dr. Thomas was our videographer during the 2016 and 2017 Symposiums, and we greatly appreciate his assistance and service to the organization.

You can view all the videos by searching "World Safety Organization" on YouTube, or by typing in the following URL:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUGBOJlxRus>

**Happy viewing** ... and let us know what you think!

## Final Thoughts

We are always open to suggestions on how to make our organization better. Do not hesitate to contact us with suggestions or questions. Also, please take this opportunity to pass this newsletter on to your colleagues and associates and ask that they consider membership.

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# HOLIDAY Schedule

We always want the World Management Center open and available every weekday for our valued members. However, we do limit our hours on certain holidays to allow our staff members to spend time with friends and family.

Over the next couple of months, normal weekday office hours will remain 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. U.S. Central Standard Time, and upcoming holiday hours are as follows:

December 22 and December 29  
*Office is Open until Noon.*

December 25 and January 1  
*Office is Closed.*

Wherever you are, and whatever holidays and special occasions you may celebrate, it is our wish that you enjoy a peaceful, safe, happy, and blessed Holiday Season.

## Pocketed Options

**24 Colors:** Black, Burgundy, Cantaloupe, Crystal Blue, Dill, Forest, French Blue, Graphite, Grey Heather, Kelly Green, Light Yellow, Lime, Navy, Ocean Blue, Pink, Purple, Red, Rust, Silver, Slate Blue, Stone, Royal, White

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