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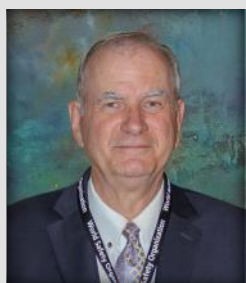
Being acknowledged as a Professional Member of a safety organization based upon one's education, years of knowledge, and experience in the Safety field is a goal for many to achieve. Not everyone has the college or university degree that is sometimes required to compete for an advanced level Occupational Safety Certification. Not everyone enjoys the Classroom environment of classroom training and potentially taking the computer-type exam, which doesn't always show one's true abilities in safety management and/or practice.

There are many Safety Directors, Safety Coordinators, and Safety Specialists in the safety arena who have many years of experience but lack the mathematical expertise to pass a specific safety certification exam. However, by a submission of one's work/career credentials, résumé, professional references, safety seminar certificates, safety education, and several testimonies from peers showing his/

her elite level, safety practitioners and professionals can become a WSO Professional Member upon verification and approval.

This membership level gives one a great opportunity to continue to gain knowledge as a member of the WSO, network with and learn from other members, and attend our annual Symposium featuring world-class safety professionals from around the world presenting various types of safety modules.

The minimum requirements can be found on Page 6 or in the WSO Membership and Certification Program booklet. To request a WSO Membership and Certification Program booklet or for more information to apply for or upgrade to the WSO Professional membership, please contact the WSO WMC by telephone or [email](#), or submit the [ONLINE REQUEST](#), and we will email the information to you.



Welcome to the World Safety Organization September Newsletter. You will find it filled with interesting articles filled with information of interest.

As we look around us, nothing has changed. The Covid-19 virus still dominates our lives affecting how we live and go about our daily activities. The virus has changed our lives, especially how we think and handle safety. I hope each of you has a set of workable safety practices that will get you through this trying time. Good luck to all of you.

In this issue of the newsletter, there is an article on the new Professional Membership. I hope each of you considers adding a Professional Membership to your resume. In future newsletter we will ask some of our members to relate their experiences in how the Professional Membership has increased their professional standing among their associates and peers. This is a good time to consider your own personal situation.

As an aside, I wanted the Membership to know that Leigh Tomich has decided to move on to new opportunities and has resigned from WSO effective October 2. Leigh has been an important part of the World Safety Organization for several years, and her contribution will be missed. We wish Leigh well in her new endeavors.

The WSO WMC is currently recruiting for Leigh's replacement, and that position will be moved back to Warrensburg. In the meantime, should you have question or need help, please call Stephanie at the WMC.

Thank you for being a valued member of the World Safety Organization. [CHB]

WE NEED YOU

Do you blog?

Do you write articles for your company's newsletter?

Do you have relevant information to share?

Did your company or agency sponsor a special safety-focused event?

Does your company or agency have an upcoming safety-focused event you wish to promote?

If so, we would love to feature your content in a future WSO NewsLetter or TechLetter!

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UPDATE: 2020 Call for Speakers Re-Opened with New Speaker Deadlines



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Due to the potential long-term risks, expected economic impacts, and continued travel restrictions associated with the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic, members of the WSO Executive Action Committee earlier this year made the decision to alter the format for the 2020 Symposium.

Rather than cancel the event, which was to be held October 5–7 in Las Vegas, WSO instead transitioned to an online format. Unfortunately, limited resources and staff prevent our ability to host a live-stream event. Instead, we decided to “host” a video event on our [YouTube Channel](#) for you to share your relevant topics.

If you are interested in participating as a speaker/presenter for our “YouTube Symposium,” please submit an **Online Abstract** of your topic. All abstracts submitted will be reviewed, and authors will be notified if the topic is accepted.

The new deadline for abstract submission is **September 30**. Upon notification of acceptance of the topic, the completed presentation materials [to include video, paper and/or PowerPoint presentation, brief speaker’s bio, and high-resolution photo] must be submitted no later than **October 15**. Approved video presentations will be uploaded to the WSO YouTube Channel at a date to be determined, and presentations accompanied by PowerPoint slide shows and/or papers or manuscripts will be published in the Symposium Proceedings.

Special Consideration for WSO-CSI(ML) Candidates: For individuals already holding the WSO-CSI at the Senior Level who wish to upgrade to the Master Level, the usual requirement of making an in-person presentation at a WSO Symposium will be waived with the submission of a video presentation.

The Master Level is not based on presentation alone; it also requires demonstrated proficiency in program development, presentation, media choice, points for documentation and paper publishing, and continuity. The WSO-CSI(ML) requires six (6) years verifiable instructor experience and an overall score of 80% from the WSO Review Board.

Symposium speakers who are interested in being evaluated for the WSO-CSI Basic credential must have an active certification application on file. Speakers who are interested in being evaluated for upgrade to the WSO-CSI Senior Level credential should prepare and submit a presentation packet according to the requirements in the WSO Program Booklet (available by request) and notify the WSO Certifications Coordinator by telephone or email:

(+1-660-747-3132, certification@worldsafety.org.)

WSO National Office for Nigeria Holds CPD for WSO Members Designated Compass D and E

Submitted by **Soji Olalokun**, WSO-CSI, FECMRI. Director, WSO National Office for Nigeria. Benin City, Edo State, Nigeria.

Program of Events



The Program of events for the three CPD webinars Compass D & E were anchored by **Soji Olalokun** WSO-CSI, FECMRI, Director of the WSO National Office for Nigeria (WSO Nigeria). As his custom is warm greetings, he welcomed all the members and asked after the welfare of members and how they are keeping safe during the Covid-19 pandemic period. He also gave a brief profile of the instructors and specially recognized dignitaries and stakeholders of WSO Nigeria who were participants at the various webinar sessions.

WSO CPD Compass D



Emmanuel Mariere, a multimedia specialist Visual Designer was the instructor for the Compass D CPD. The one-hour Zoom session took place on July 4. The topic was "Everyday Online Safety and Security."

During his session, Mr. Mariere stated that how you connect to the internet could undermine online security as Apps could run certain actions when we are not aware. He advised the following activities to avoid when online:

- Avoiding using open public Wi-Fi for online Bank transactions
- Avoiding online communication that involves sensitive information
- Accepting cookies or unknown sites online.
- Avoiding fake software and unsecured download from sites that could introduce spyware into your device as these can covertly collect information from you.
- Unfamiliar links are also easy ways of spying into your device, this too should be pruned with great caution.

He further advised on some daily, weekly and monthly routine that could help keep your device and online information safe from loss and theft. These include:

1. Passwords

According to Mariere, using a secure password is very crucial with your personal activities online. It's best to use an abstract, not familiar nickname or date of birth. Preferably your password should include an uppercase letter, number, and symbol. Memorize your password, and do not share it with others.

2. Location, Address, and Whereabouts to strangers

Except it is very necessary, it's not wise to disclose your whereabouts, where you live or work to strangers as this could open you to be trailed by people you are unaware of. Be cautious of the fact that while the internet may be a virtual space, it could also be used to track your physical location. Actions that give your location in real time should be avoided.

3. Verify

Never be quick to disclose sensitive information. If a call or conversation starts with quickly or in a rush while inquiring information, take time to process before you respond.

WSO CPD Compass E



The WSO CPD Compass E was on Transport Safety Management, with emphasis on Road Transport Safety. It was presented by **Victor Udoka** PG-CSS, a Health, Safety, Security, and Environment Expert and a WSO Affiliate member, on July 18.

In his introduction, Mr. Udoka narrated that the aim of this lecture was to assist transport players in developing, implementing and enhancing safety management systems (SMS) to meet the needs of both the individual citizens, transport professionals, and the government on transport safety management systems. He defined Transport management systems as a systematic, explicit, and comprehensive process for managing transport safety risks, much like an ISO approach to safety.

According to him, traffic injuries contribute a major public health and development problem that has a broad range of social and economic consequences which, if unaddressed, may affect the "sustainable development goals" of various countries. With the challenge of the Covid-19 Pandemic and the lockdown effect, however, there's likelihood of having "50% reduction in road traffic deaths and injuries in 2020" adopted by the United Nations General Assembly.

He highlighted the three main causes of road accidents as:

- Mechanical
- Psychological
- Circumstantial

He emphasized that the way forward is the process of continual improvement of Road Transport Safety Management Systems (RTSMS) is based on:

- Monitoring
- Review activities
- Routine systematic monitoring
- Compliance checks

All this should be carried out on a regular basis to test how well safety rules and standards are being implemented and observed by operators.

He also added that the key to the success of RTSMS are safety audits and evaluations of this system. He said these are vital mechanisms for ensuring that all of the organizational ele-

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Scott's Safety Shares

Submitted by **Scott Masters**, WSO-CSM. Contract Employee, Construction Lead Safety Specialist, Alliant Corporation.
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Take Safety with You

What does "Take Safety with You" mean?

It means driving defensively, using seat belts in our vehicles, using firearms safely when hunting and applying safety practices at home, including wearing safety shoes when mowing the lawn; wearing safety eyewear while hammering nails; using lighter fluid to start charcoal grills, not gasoline; turning off a circuit breaker before replacing a light fixture.

We want everyone to develop the habit of thinking about safety during a work shift, on the way home, at home or on vacation. Thus, think about safety before you start any job, when you go to do something that's potentially dangerous (i.e., lighting a gas burner, jump-starting a vehicle, etc.), when putting on safety equipment and by making sure machine guards are in place. Think about safety several times; particularly, if you have to change what you are doing.

Ask yourself the following questions at work and at home:

- Do I know the safety procedures for this job or task? Are they adequate? Do I really understand them?
- What personal protective equipment do I need? Is it in good condition? Is it adequate?
- What tools and other equipment do I need to do the job safely? Are they the correct ones? Are they in good condition? Do I know how to use them?
- Are there other risks to my safety or the safety of others? What if something happens quickly or unexpectedly? Do I know how to respond to avoid injury?

How often should we have thoughts about safety? Constantly! The human mind is one of the fastest processors of information, so to think about all of this only take a few seconds. ♦

Taking Action to Work Safely

There are many variables for success in anything you do. At work there are many qualities in those individuals who are viewed as people who get things done and are effective in their position. One key attribute that successful people share is that they take action. Taking action is the foundation in succeeding at whatever you are trying to get accomplished. This basic principle is very important for success in every aspect in your work including working safe.

Taking Action to Work Safely

Safety is one thing that does not happen by accident. Massive thought and action are necessary to ensure all workers at a jobsite go home healthy each day. This thought and action begins at the highest levels of management before work even

begins and makes its way down to each individual worker completing their tasks for the day. Management can provide all of the training, resources, tools, equipment, etc. needed to work safely but if each individual worker does not take action to utilize these things then it is wasted effort.

An example of this at the most basic level is hazard identification. A large amount of time each year is spent on training employees to recognize hazards. While recognizing hazards is extremely important, it is only the start of the process to ensure safety during a work task. After hazards are identified, action needs to be taken to mitigate or eliminate the hazard. Workers who only identify hazards but do not take action to mitigate them still leave exposure to risk for everyone in that work area. Without action nothing gets done. Taking action to work safely can manifest itself in various ways.

Examples of Taking Action to Work More Safely

- Involving the right personnel to get hazards corrected
- Stopping work to take the time to make a work task safe before proceeding
- Taking ownership of a problem and seeing it through that it gets corrected
- Communicating hazards or mitigation actions to co-workers
- Asking for help to understand how to do a task safer or more efficiently when you do not understand

Summary

Be a worker that takes action to ensure safety during work tasks. Do not rely on others to speak up or take the steps necessary to ensure your safety or the safety of others around you. When you identify a hazard take ownership of it and pursue whatever action is needed to correct the situation. ♦



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ments, functions, and procedures in the RTSMS are working properly. He enumerated key documents and information that auditors should use to gain a good understanding as follows:

- Acts and related legislation or regulations,
- Policies, procedures and standards manuals and directives,
- Results of previous audits or evaluations,
- Protocol of road checks and checks at the premise, performed by the road transport inspectors or other control officers,
- Process and system maps or flow charts,
- Operational and financial data and reports,
- Planning and performance reports,
- Management meeting reports or minutes,
- Management control frameworks, and risk-based audit frameworks.

A Q&A session allowed participants to ask questions on Road Transport Safety, especially as it relates to the Nigerian roads and more especially on how to carry out checks on the day-to-day truck activities on the Nigerian roads. This is to avoid recurrent truck accidents and oil spills on the road.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Olalokun thanked everyone for participating and acknowledged key stakeholders for their participation in the webinar sessions. Special recognition was also made of those who joined in while the presentation was going on and other WSO representatives.

He promised to make available the presentation slides from speakers and a certificate of attendance for everyone that participated via the emails with which they registered.

He also used the medium to invite WSO Members, SafERR Ambassadors and all WSO Nigeria stakeholders to the forthcoming annual WSO Nigeria National Conference 2020 slated for September 22. Participants were advised to visit the WSO Nigeria website to register and also peruse through other upcoming safety activities. ♦



Reports collated by
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Administrator for WSO Nigeria.

Requirements for WSO Professional Membership

WSO Professional Members are safety, hazard, risk, loss and accident prevention professionals performing full time activities in these fields.

Along with the Professional Membership Application, current résumé, and WSO Code of Conduct, the following documentation is to be submitted:

- 1) Two Letters of Recommendations as to one's safety abilities on the job
- 2) Two Candidate Evaluations from colleagues, associates, or peers who know of one's abilities and successes
- 3) Supporting documentation to include professional memberships, industry certifications and registrations, educational transcripts, etc.)

Additionally, a minimum of 15 years of verifiable fulltime experience must be met with annual documentation of status or with the following combination of education and experience:

- 1) An Associate Degree plus 13 years of fulltime experience in safety and/or environmental science field.
- 2) A Bachelor's Degree plus 11 years of fulltime experience in safety and/or environmental science field.
- 3) A Graduate Certificate/Diploma in Occupational Health and Safety (or similar/equivalent postgraduate university qualification) plus 10 years of fulltime experience in safety and/or environmental science field.
- 4) A Master's Degree plus 9 years of fulltime experience in safety and/or environmental science field.
- 5) A PhD plus 6 years of fulltime experience in the safety and/or environmental science field.

Degrees should be in safety, physical sciences, engineering, safety management, security, or other curricula acceptable to the WSO Approval Board. Degrees are to be from approved and accredited colleges or universities. ♦



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