My name is Tony Gilmore, and I had the privilege of being nominated and approved to the Board of Directors prior to the WSO Symposium 2016 in Houston, Texas. I sat next to Perry Ballard during the board meeting. We were guilty of many side bar conversations during the meeting prior to the nomination for location of the 2018 WSO Symposium, and Perry had been very vocal on many topics up to that point.

At our side bar during the nominations, I encouraged him to go with his gut and nominate Charleston, West Virginia. I assured him I would second his nomination, for what it was worth. During the Q&A as to why we thought Charleston was a good pick, I had many memories going through my mind. The Board was kind enough to listen, and we finally voted for and approved the 2018 venue.

There is always the attractiveness of major venues located in Las Vegas, Reno, Chicago, and California. There is an abundance of things for members and their families to do that are arguably more attractive than the Heartland of America. However, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, and Virginia all have their own stories to tell in Health and Safety. In many cases, their industry championed Health and Safety as we know it today.

I want to share some of my experiences and observations as a miner and consultant over the past 44 years. These experiences in Heavy and Heavy Underground influenced my decision to second Perry's nomination of Charleston for the 2018 venue.

By 1975 the South American copper market took a toll here in the United States in our mining industry. I had spent four years in San Manuel, Arizona, working at Magma Copper. At that time, it was the largest underground copper producer in the world. The mine had opened in the early 1950s; mining first on the 600 feet level. By the time I went to work there we were mining on the 2,075 feet level. When I left we were mining on the 2,600 feet level. We used a block cave system that I later found out was used in the Philippines as well.

In March of 1975 the mining contractor I was working for lost their contract. One of my friends landed a superintendent job in East Kentucky; this was for developing the Pontiki Mine for MAPCO. He offered me a job mining and mucking in our first shaft, and I was Kentucky bound. He gave me one sentence of sage raised on the Reservation Indian experience: bring your guns. Being bi-racial, it was one of the most illuminating yet gratifying experiences of my life. My first couple of weeks there I hadn't been exposed to more subliminal or overt prejudice in my life as an adult. I grew up hard so I didn't have any fear, but I questioned what I had signed up for. Within six months I was Fireboss, Mine Foreman, and Safety Director. Our scope increased by 70%, and I got to know the locals.

In 1975 coal was king; it was still the major source of energy in power plants, some steel, and other energy demands at home and abroad. MAPCO had a 30-year contract with Japan for the coal produced at Pontiki and its strip mine sister Dotiki, both located in Martin County, Kentucky. I was in a good place with our miners; they had grown to trust me, and they clearly understood that unlike other mine projects or mines, I acted clearly independent of upper management.
Welcome to the April Newsletter!

This month we have interesting features as we continue to plan and move forward to the 2018 WSO Symposium in Charleston, West Virginia.

I hope everyone is planning to attend! This is your opportunity to mingle with other WSO safety professionals. Additionally, many interesting topics are on the program, so please plan to attend.

There is still an opportunity for you to make a presentation at the symposium. Join with your fellow professionals in presenting new and cutting edge safety materials. A speaker form is included with this newsletter. Please help us to make this an interesting program.

As you have seen from previous newsletters and other mailings, we are pushing for new members. We hope everyone does their part in talking to colleagues and other business associates about World Safety Organization and its membership benefits. Of course, one of those is our recent ICAC accreditation. Please help us grow our membership.

We hope everyone is looking forward to a happy and safe summer ... we'll see you at the Symposium in September! [CHB]

WSO Awards Nominations Due by June 30

The purpose of the WSO Awards is to honor individuals, corporations, organizations, and other groups for their concerns in the protection of people, property, resources, and the environment. The Awards Banquet is held in conjunction with the Symposium each year and is scheduled for Monday evening, September 17.

The WSO Awards Nomination Brochure may be found on our website. If you wish to submit a nomination, please contact the WSO World Management Center for additional information or assistance.

Nominations will only be accepted through the June 30 deadline, so submit today!

Speaker Deadline Just around the Corner!

Schedule of Dates for the Receipt of the Speaker’s Documentation

15 May  
Completed “Paper Outline/Abstract” with indication of length of the presentation/workshop. All sessions will be 30 minutes. Please indicate if you need two consecutive sessions.

31 May  
• Résumé/bio: 100-150 words  
• Abstract: 150-200 words, double-spaced  
• Bio: 100-150 words, double-spaced

1 June  
INTERNATIONAL SPEAKERS MUST HAVE VALID TRAVEL VISA BY THIS DATE to participate. Request your invitation letter in ample time to schedule your visa interview!

1 July  
Paper for publication in the “Symposium Proceedings,” speaker’s photo, and an updated bio

15 August  
Conference Registration Form and payment of Fees must be received to confirm participation in the Symposium Program.

Abstracts are still being accepted! Submit online (www.worldsafety.org), email WSO World Management Center (symposium@worldsafety.org), or give us a call at 1-660-747-3132 to request a Call for Speakers. For your convenience, the Paper Outline/Abstract and Individual Registration forms are available on pages 5 and 6.

Jump in on WSO’s 2018 Membership Drive!

CONTACT WSO’s STAFF at the WORLD MANAGEMENT CENTER FOR DETAILS on HOW TO ENTER!

1-660-747-3132  
membership@worldsafety.org
Now for the real observations over the next 38 years.

Martin County (Kentucky) and Mingo County (West Virginia) were the number one locations on President Johnson’s War on Poverty. If you haven’t traveled and worked the Appalachian Mountains, then you have no idea what poverty looks like in a wide cross section of America. The gains that were made during the 1970s largely have now disappeared. When that happens because of economics; Health and Safety tend to follow suit. Look at the coal mine incidents throughout the United States during the last decade. In most cases, the mine operator was someone I knew back then as an agent for a large oil and gas producer.

Around this time, I went back to Mingo County to work at a strip mine owned by the Island Creek Coal Company. The mine was in Ragland, West Virginia. The mine employees all belonged to the United Mine Workers Union. It turned out to be the last fiasco of this magnitude I would lend myself to. All around there was severe poverty. By then the major coal players had shut down their mines except for a few long-term family-owned mines. Many of the families who had worked in Ragland had company homes they had purchased years before. You could not bathe or drink the water. Their entire home investment had depreciated accordingly. I had experienced a similar experience in Martin County, Kentucky, a few years before. This was commonplace where coal mines had polluted without environmental constraints. The Health and Safety at the Ragland mine reflected the economy: if it’s too expensive, we won’t do it. For the record the mine workers were a major contributor to the company’s decisions. Poverty by then was reaching pre-coal boom standards.

During the next several years I worked in Raystown, Pennsylvania, in the Pocono Mountains with the same observations. The local economy near the projects in small towns that had depended on mining had been decimated by the loss of industry. The projects my wife and I worked on paid us very well as the union crafts personnel, but the economy all along the Three Rivers once dependent on steel had been destroyed. When the economy goes, people will work in unsafe conditions to make ends meet. I have seen this from San Juan, Puerto Rico, to California. As Health and Safety professionals, many times we are dealt a hand that, at a glance, seems overwhelming.

Gaining the trust of the locals has always been my first goal; keeping my word once I’ve gained that trust is my number one priority thereafter.

Charleston, West Virginia, is a great barometer for a cross section of America that has, in many cases, been left behind. There are many small communities nearby that can attest to the need for coal mining and steel production to commence again. The Top Mining adopted and permitted during the past couple of decades also reflects the desperation for jobs in Appalachia. The destruction of the Mountains would never have been permitted decades before. Again, a decrease in Health and Safety is reflected during operations where the local community is desperate for jobs.

I believe holding the 2018 WSO Symposium in Charleston is a great idea. Providing speakers from local industry, including the front-line Department of Mines and Minerals from Kentucky and West Virginia, is one of my goals. The OSHA Mining Institute in Beckley is another valuable source for speakers and presenters. Perry is spear-heading this event; but I will step up to the plate and assist as much as possible. One of the opportunities that I hope will come to fruition for future events is that we will begin picking locations based upon Health and Safety Value by looking at existing conditions and what locals would like to see the WSO address.

Anthony A. “Tony” Gilmore, WSO Board of Directors (Brentwood, California), has been a WSO member since 1999. Tony is a Construction Manager, Certified Systems Safety Director, and HSSE Program Manager with 40+ years of experience in different aspects of construction and mining. This experience includes working on a range of projects from high profile transit to LEED-Platinum commercial construction. Tony is currently Owner/Manager of C 1/9 Safety LLC, with contracts throughout the United States. In addition to his WSO-CSS/CSSD/CST designations, he is a Certified Safety Representative, Certified Gas Tester, and Certified Blaster through the State of California Division of Occupational Safety and Health and is also certified in ISO 9001, ISO 14001, NFPA70E, OHSAS 18000, OSHA 500, OSHA 30 Construction and General Industry, and First Aid/CPR. Tony is a member of the following professional associations: International Society of Explosives Engineers, American Concrete Institute (ACI), American Society of Safety Engineers, and National Fire Protection Association. He is a retired U.S. Marine and Vietnam veteran.

Perry L. Ballard, WSO Board of Directors (Martinsburg, West Virginia), has been a WSO member since 2000. He is the founder of Ballard Safety LLC, and has over 20 years of experience working with government agencies, commercial/construction industries, and manufacturing companies. His goal is to reduce potential occupational injuries, OSHA, EPA citations, workers compensation claims, and general liability concerns by completing appropriate safety and environmental inspections with detailed resolutions. Perry was named WSO’s 2017 Safety Person of the Year. In addition to his WSO-CSE/CSM designations, Perry also holds the following degrees/certifications: Masters Degree in Safety Management from West Virginia University; the CSSM designation from the Institute for Safety and Health Management; OSHA 501 General Industry Outreach Trainer; Professional Member of the American Society of Safety Engineers; and a member of the National Safety Council. He has served as a Safety Expert Witness/Subject Matter Expert on more than 50 occupational injury cases. Ballard Safety, LLC, became a Certified Small Business Administration (SBA) 8(a) Minority-Owned Business in May 2012.
On January 24, 2018, Mr. Rocky Binuya, a Safety Supervisor (Chapter President) and Mr. Mohammed Sharahily (WSO Chapter Sponsor) of Arabian Food Supplies Company, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia submitted a Letter of Intent to WSO National Office for GCC for the establishment of WSO Saudi Arabia – Jeddah Chapter. Then the National Office reviewed, fine-tuned and submitted the letter to WSO World Management Center for the final review and approval of WSO Executive Action Committee.

On February 7, 2018, the WSO World Management Center announced the approval of WSO Saudi Arabia – Jeddah Chapter. Mr. Binuya and his officers organized an inauguration ceremony to formally announce the newly-established WSO Chapter in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The event was commenced on April 13 at La Parilla Restaurant in Jeddah and was attended by 44 participants from different companies. Five high-profile guest speakers, including the WSO Chapter Sponsor, shared inspirational messages to attendees and future members.

Overall, the inauguration ceremony was a success and all attendees are willing to become members.

PICTURED ABOVE, left to right: Elmer Quiben, 2nd Unit Coordinator; Christopher Fernandez, Chapter Secretary; Aldous Remoroza, 1st Unit Coordinator; Raza Syed Mohammad Taqi, QA/QC Manager; Primitivo Magsino, Chapter Chief Adviser, guest speaker; VJ Paradela, guest speaker; Rany Constantino, guest speaker; Rafi Attar, Sponsor Representative, Arabian Food Supplies Co.; Reynaldo Itugot, guest speaker; Rocky Binuya, Chapter President; Julio Gregorio, Chapter Operations; and Jason Cadillo, 3rd Unit Coordinator
Speaker Information

Please print or type.

NAME

TITLE

COMPANY/AFFILIATION

COMPLETE MAILING ADDRESS

ADDRESS LINE 2 (if needed)

BUSINESS PHONE

FAX

PERSONAL PHONE

[ ] Landline [ ] Cell/Mobile

EMAIL

Paper Information

Please print or type.

TITLE

AUTHOR(S)

BRIEF OUTLINE: 150-200 WORDS (or you may enclose an Abstract)

BIO: 200-300 WORDS

LENGTH OF PRESENTATION: All sessions are 30 minutes in length. Please indicate choice: [ ] One Session [ ] Two Consecutive Sessions

Based on the information received from you in the “Paper Outline/Abstract,” the Symposium program will be formatted. If the length of the presentation would be in conflict with the program scheduling, you will be contacted regarding any changes.

I plan to attend the full conference: [ ] YES [ ] NO, I will attend only (please circle): Monday  Tuesday  Wednesday

I will be accompanied by spouse or guest: [ ] YES [ ] NO  Name(s):

Audio-Visual Equipment*

Please indicate which audio-visual equipment listed below you will require for your presentation:

[ ] Laptop Computer  [ ] LCD Projector  [ ] None Required  [ ] Other:

*Please note: Any additional audio-visual equipment which may be required must be paid for by the speaker.

Please forward the completed form to:

WSO World Management Center | Attn: Symposium Coordinator | PO Box 518 | Warrensburg MO 64093 | USA
Phone: 1-660.747.3132 | Fax: 1-660.747.2647 | Email: symposium@worldsafety.org
Cancellation Policy

• Should you need to cancel your reservation after payment has been made, refund will be less of Administration Fee of $50 (USD) valid until July 1, 2018.
• 50% will be refunded for cancellation until August 1, 2018.
• There will be no cancellation or refund allowed after August 1, 2018. A substitute may be designated at any time.
Preparations for the 2018 WSO International Environmental and Occupational Safety and Health Professional Development Symposium continue, and we are looking forward to a great event in Charleston, West Virginia.

As we did in 2017, we want to again give you an opportunity to benefit the WSO and bring recognition to your company, organization/institution, or employer. The following opportunities are available (full sponsor or co-sponsor):

- Catering for Board of Directors Meeting
- Catering for President’s Reception
- Catering for Daily Breaks (morning and afternoon)
- Audio/Visual Services
- Recognition Certificates and Awards
- Door Prizes
- General Sponsorship Fund

In return for sponsorship, the sponsoring company will be recognized in the following ways:

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4) Advertised in the Awards Banquet Program
5) Tent Card with Company Name and Logo placed on Refreshment Table
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The Sponsor may choose a specific sponsorship area/activity, or they may choose to simply donate to the General Sponsorship Fund. Donated merchandise for Door Prizes is also welcome.

The following Sponsorship Levels are available:

1) **BRONZE** = $250-$499 (Bonus: $50 discount on registration for one delegate)
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3) **GOLD** = $1000+ (Bonus: $300 discount on registration for one delegate)

Please notify the WSO World Management Center of your Company’s/Organization’s interest in sponsorship by specifying the desired Sponsorship Level, designating desired area/fund, and sending the sponsorship form with payment (US Funds by check, money order, credit card) and advertising materials (logo and sponsor bio/advert) to WSO-WMC no later than July 15 to allow ample time for publishing in the Symposium Programs and Proceedings.

If you have questions or need a sponsorship form, please contact us by email at symposium@worldsafety.org or call the World Management Center at 1-660-747-3132. Thank you in advance for your support in this funding effort.