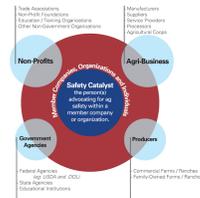




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PROFESSIONAL SAFETY & HEALTH COUNCIL OF AMERICA

Why Join?

THE
ASHCA
FRAMEWORK



CALENDAR OF EVENTS
Mark your calendars now:

ISASH 2019 Annual Conference
Des Moines, Iowa
June 24-27

American Society of
Agricultural & Biological
Engineers (ASABE)
Boston, MA
July 7-10

Child Age Injury Prevention
Workshop
Hershey, PA
September 16-18

Progressive Agriculture Safety
Days (Various Dates)
<http://www.progressiveagriculture.org/SafetyDays.asp>

**Jess McCluer elected
board chair of
ASHCA**



At the ASHCA board meeting in March, Jess McCluer of National Grain and Feed Association was elected as chairman of the board.

"I'm humbled and honored to lead ASHCA in its mission to protect the safety of agricultural workers," McCluer said. "Promoting safety and health in the workplace and encouraging nationwide commitment to employee protection has been a cornerstone of my professional career, including my service at NGFA. I hope to learn from the wide-ranging members of ASHCA about their strategies to promote worker safety, and will strive to continue the advancement of ASHCA's vital mission effectively throughout my term."

Building Your Safety Culture
by Joel H. Sherman
VP Safety & Regulatory Affairs
Grimmway Farms



Talk to any Safety Professional about how to develop a top-notch, effective safety program at a given company and, sooner rather than later, they will likely say something about the need to develop or enhance a "culture of safety" within the management and employees of that company. If pressed, many will insist that a strong safety culture is actually the linchpin of every successful safety program, so vital that its absence will doom a safety program to failure. After almost forty years in the safety field, I have personally come to believe that this not just an opinion, but a truism. Safety culture dictates the success or failure of a safety program in the same way that gravity keeps the

earth rotating around the sun. Gravitational force can't really be seen, but its effect is undeniable, as is the effect of a strongly positive safety culture.

There are several of good definitions of the concept of "Safety Culture." The one most generally accepted as the best came out of a study in the UK in 1993. It states: *"The safety culture of an organization is the product of individual and group values, attitudes, perceptions, competencies, and patterns of behavior that determine the commitment to, and the style and proficiency of, an organization's health and safety management. Organizations with a positive safety culture are characterized by communications founded on mutual trust, by shared perceptions of the importance of safety and by confidence in the efficacy of preventative measures."* In other words, a strong safety culture requires a company to not just talk the talk, but to walk the walk as well!

[Click Here to read Joel's entire article!](#)



NEW FEATURE!!! Beginning on May 16th, ASHCA will be conducting a monthly safety call for members to discuss safety issues happening around the country. The call will highlight a single effort/issue that is timely and ongoing as the main topic of discussion. If time allows, we'll open up the discussion for other emerging issue that might be happening in you area. Each call is expected to last 30-45 minutes.

If you or your employer is an ASHCA member and you are interested in getting an invitation to participate, please send your contact information to our administration team at info@ashca.org.



United States Department of Agriculture
National Institute of Food and Agriculture

ASHCA Board Members Meet with USDA-NIFA

On April 11th ASHCA Board members Jess McClure, Kyle Liske, Dennis Murphy and Aaron Yoder met with Kristi, Boswell, Senior Advisor to the Secretary, United States Department of Agriculture, Dr. J. Scott Angle, Director, USDA – National Institute of Food & Agriculture, and

Brad Rein, Division Director, Division of Agricultural Systems, USDA-NIFA. The meeting was arranged by former ASHCA Board member Kristi Boswell to introduce Dr. Angle to the ASHCA organization. Topics and issues discussed included the mission and industry leadership of ASHCA; encouragement for USDA-NIFA to have closer ties and involvement with ASHCA; opportunities for closer partnerships between NIFA safety programs and NIOSH Ag Centers; and ways that USDA-NIFA might strengthen support for agricultural safety and health at land grant universities. The 2020 Summit was reviewed, and an invitation was extended to Secretary Perdue to be a keynote speaker. The ASHCA Board members present felt it was a very productive meeting. Dr. Angle indicated there would be some internal discussions about the best way for NIFA to move forward with ASHCA. NIFA has renewed their membership for 2019.



Protecting the People Who Feed the World

Free Naloxone Training Webinar

May 21st

12:00-1:00 pm CDT

Using Naloxone to Reverse Opioid Overdose in the
Agricultural Workplace:
Information for Employers & Workers

[Click here for the link to registration.](#)

Articles of Interest

Network of Knowledge Means Safer Dairies

<https://www.dairyherd.com/article/network-knowledge-means-safer-dairies>

Putnam County third graders learn farm safety

<https://www.limaohio.com/news/351311/putnam-county-third-graders-learn-farm-safety>

Bayer Farm Safety Day Provides Hands on Education to Sixth Grade Students in Muscatine

<https://www.voiceofmuscatine.com/bayer-farm-safety-day-provides-hands-on-education-to-sixth-grade-students-in-muscatine/>

Officials stress farmer safety at Cambria County rural road event

<https://wjactv.com/news/local/officials-stress-farmer-safety-at-cambria-county-rural-road-event>

Local youth complete 4-H tractor, farm safety course

<https://www.mpnnow.com/news/20190411/local-youth-complete-4-h-tractor-farm-safety-course>

Grain safety event held at NT

<https://www.registerherald.com/news/28383/grain-safety-event-held-at-nt>

Tractor safety courses planned across Nebraska

https://www.theindependent.com/agriculture/tractor-safety-courses-planned-across-nebraska/article_30ae63f6-5e7d-11e9-ae65-43f1bcbet84e.html

Death of Norton County teen highlights safety risk associated with farming

<https://www.kwch.com/content/news/Death-of-Norton-teen-highlights-safety-risk-associated-with-farming-508355351.html>

Take it slow, steady and be safe working on the farm

<https://www.gctelegram.com/opinion/20190408/take-it-slow-steady-and-be-safe-working-on-farm>

Farming and the increased risk of hearing loss

http://www.telegraphherald.com/biztimes/articles/health/article_bbe4d341-792f-53b6-ba80-fab52c95b40.html

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