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WHAT'S NEW AT ASCIP?

More FREE Services!

- ADA Consultation for Facility Accommodations
- On-line Learning Management System
- Human Resources Hotline
- Public Relations Assistance
- SAMBA—Pull Notice for Fleet

Now Available

- 2012-13 ASCIP Annual Report on line at www.ASCIP.org or call ASCIP
- Photos from the 2014 Annual Membership Meeting posted at www.ASCIP.org

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Annual Membership Meeting Highlights

On Thursday, March 6, 2014, 93 ASCIP Members traveled together exploring “Its A Small World of School Risk Management” using their ASCIP passports to visit countries such as France, New Zealand, Ireland, Israel, England, India, and more, which were represented by 54 ASCIP Service partners and staff at this fun event. During the members’ “travels” they were provided ASCIP’s newly released 2012-13 Annual Report and learned about new ASCIP Services, including Americans with Disabilities Act Consultation, the Human Resources Hotline (free consultation with an HR attorney!), Public Relations Assistance, Fleet Safety through SAMBA Electronic Pull Notices, and the new Online Training/Learning Management System which can track and assign specific employee training. Participants received a valuable update on the insurance marketplace from



ASCIP staff portraying “It’s A Small World of Schools Risk Management”

the experts at Arthur J. Gallagher, along with receiving a glimpse of the 2014-15 ASCIP rates. Russ O’Donnell, Chief Operating Office for ASCIP, had the privilege to announce the renewal rates for 2014-15. Russ shared that a few of the ASCIP members have experienced some unexpectedly large property losses recently, but due to the advantage of pooling, those unusual losses are blended among the entire membership so that no one District is hit with

huge premium increases. Instead, ASCIP members will see an overall composite property/liability rate increase of only a modest 2.3%, during a time when the industry average is an approximate 5% increase. Due to its unique



Russ O’Donnell delivers Good News!

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ASCIP Values Its Members—Hometown Hero



Left: Superintendent, Dr. Judy White; Teacher, Stephanie Brown; Riverside Co. Office of Ed. Superintendent, Ken Young & Principal, Sam Stager

It was a typical end of school day at Box Springs Elementary School. Principal, Sam Stager, was standing in front of the School, as he does at the end of every day to see students off. A Special Education bus was uphill at the top

of the driveway. The bus driver was outside the bus getting ready to load a wheelchair. All of a sudden, the bus began to roll down the hill toward a line of students waiting for parents to pick them up. Staff and parents yelled for the students to move, but Principal Stager saw the bus roll backward and hit a 5-year-old kindergarten student. By the time he reached her, she was not breathing. Stager and Special Education Teacher, Stephanie Brown, who is CPR certified, began CPR.

Brown had just walked back into the school office after loading her students on the bus when she heard a loud crash. Running toward the sound, she saw Stager crouching over the injured girl. So together, she and Stager performed rescue

breathing and chest compressions. Seconds later the child regained consciousness. Brown kept talking to the girl to keep the student awake.

Following the incident, crisis counselors met with teachers, students and parents. The crisis team helped teachers develop classroom activities and strategies to ease the students back into a normal educational routine.

The injured student has now returned to school with her classmates. Moreno Valley USD Superintendent, Dr. Judy White said staff responding so quickly “may have changed the outcome of the situation.” “I think they are considered heroes.” Thanks to the team at MVUSD for being prepared to respond quickly in an emergency and having trained staff – this likely saved this girl’s life!

Annual Membership Meeting Highlights (cont.)

Reshan Cooray with winners:



Fullerton Schools - Susan Hume, Letty Cortez & Laurie Bruneau



Santa Barbara CCD - Adrienne Betty, Rob Morales and Joe Sullivan

program management, the ASCIP's workers' compensation members will have a 0% base premium change for the renewal while the industry standard is averaging renewals with 10% premium increases. ASCIP's health benefits programs are performing equally well. While it is too early to establish health benefit rates for the fully insured plans, the programs self-funded through ASCIP will renew with a rate change of 2% to 6% - lower than the industry trend of about 8%.

At the Annual Membership Meeting, Fullerton School District and Santa Barbara CCD were recognized for their risk management efforts by being awarded the Excellence in Loss Control and Excellence in Risk Management Awards respectively. Due to these districts' proactive emphasis on utilizing ASCIP's loss control services and having robust Risk Management programs in place, their experience modification factors are very low. A \$10,000 check was awarded to each of these members to recognize their

risk management cost saving measures - Risk Management and Loss Control truly does pay for ASCIP members! The ASCIP Board implemented and supports this award, because it understands that when members utilize the numerous ASCIP offered programs, all members reap the benefits of

fewer losses leading to lower premiums.



Manuel Gomez represents Mexico

As part of the day's fun events, many prizes were given away. ASCIP member, Manuel Gomez from Santiago Charter Middle School won for best member costume representing Mexico, but Deborah Fisher from Santa Clara County Schools Insurance Group came in as close 2nd place representing the Netherlands. The Arthur J. Gallagher team, representing Ireland, won for best vendor costumes - but they had an unfair advantage when Area Vice President, John

Chino stood on stage showing his legs, disclosing that he discovered his complete costume with kilt, came without socks! The winner for the ASCIP staff costumes went to Reshan Cooray and the Risk Services team representing England as they vowed to "Stand Guard over members' assets".



John Chino - "No socks?"

If you missed out this year, you missed a fun, informative adventure as we traveled around the Small World of Risk Management. We hope you join us next year!



Tony Nahale from Norwalk-La Mirada USD visits the York Team in France



At ASCIP Risk Management and Loss Control Pay!

SELF Update

ASCIP members participate in Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF) for excess liability coverage above ASCIP's \$5 Million layer. There are 3 things members should know about SELF's recent activities:

1) Recently, John Didion, was named Board Chair for SELF. John is the Executive Vice Chan-

cellor, Human Resources and Educational Services for Rancho Santiago CCD and currently serves on ASCIP's Executive Committee and the Claims and Coverage Committee.

2) After much consideration and coverage comparisons, the SELF Board determined there is no need to add follow form language to the SELF Memorandum of Cov-

erage, since SELF's coverage remains broader than that offered by members' underlying coverage.

3) The Board approved a proposal to provide more coverage flexibility to the membership by allowing the purchase of Optional Excess Liability coverage in \$5M increments up to \$70M. The change will take effect with the 2014/2015 coverage year.



Upcoming Events

Event	Date	Time	Location
Social Media Effects in Schools	Tuesday, 3/18/2014	10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.	Webinar
HR & Risk Mgt. Roundtable	Wednesday, 3/19/2014	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	ASCIP Training Room
HR & Risk Mgt. Roundtable	Wednesday, 4/9/2014	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	ASCIP Training Room
HR & Risk Mgt. Roundtable	Wednesday, 5/14/2014	11:30 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.	ASCIP Training Room