NOTES FROM THE 2008 PRESIDENT

Kevin Moorhead, CHST

VCF

I would have never imagined that just a few short years ago I would have the good fortune and opportunity to be associated with such a great organization as CCHEST—let alone be President in 2008. During my tour on the Board of Directors, I met and became acquainted with some of the finest safety professionals. When I look back at the Presidents’ notes from years gone by, I can see that great things have been happening and they are continuing to happen right now.

As you read my note, you may wonder if the VCF title is a typo. No, this is an acronym. To this day, I have a hard time deciphering what all acronyms mean. There are easy ones like BCSP (Board of Certified Safety Professionals) and ABIH (American Board of Industrial Hygiene), but what does VCF mean? Well, I thought of this one as I was deciding what to write for this newsletter. VCF stands for Volunteering to Change the Future. As we look at what the year 2008 has brought to CCHEST, we see all of these letters.

V—VOLUNTEERING is the heart of CCHEST. Without dedicated volunteers, we would not be the organization we are today. If you would like to give back to the safety profession, think about volunteering to CCHEST, I can guarantee it will be time well spent. Should you choose to give back to your profession, please contact us. We look forward to hearing from you.

C—CHANGE is happening all around us. This year we have seen many new changes. We saw Keene State College, an accredited degree-granting college in New Hampshire, request the use of the OHST examination as an outcome assessment in its request for ABET-accreditation (see page 6). CCHEST signed an OSHA Alliance agreement with BCSP and ABIH (see page 3). CCHEST received approval from its parent boards to look into the feasibility of developing a new STS Mining examination and a Spanish version of the STS Construction examination. CCHEST reached 5,000 certificants—with the STS program having the largest number of certificants (see page 2).

F—FUTURE. We have many new opportunities as we look to the future. Next year, we will elect a new Public Director on the CCHEST Board. Our current Public Director was last year’s President—Linda Sennett. I want to take this opportunity to publicly thank Linda for her dedication and the expertise she has added to CCHEST. I will truly miss her on the Board. We also look forward to a new STS software system that will make the process of recordkeeping easier for employers in the future (see page 4). We look forward to the multiple computer-based training companies offering STS preparation courses online. These companies can see the benefits and recognize the significance of CCHEST products.

As I contemplate the future of CCHEST, I see a very bright future. We should not be afraid of change or new ideas. You can be assured that CCHEST does not compare itself to the best others can do. We compare ourselves to the best we can do.

CCHEST FEE CHANGES

The following fees increased on January 1, 2008:

- STS Application Fee $105
- STS Examination Fee $165 (U.S. or Canada)
- STS Annual Renewal Fee $50
- OHST/CLCS Retired Annual Fee $25
- CHST Retired Annual Fee $25

CCHEST reviews its fees for applicants, examinees, and certificants at least once every three years.

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CCHEST as President; Rick P. Callor, CSP, STS as Vice President; and Gustavo J. Garcia, CSP, OHST, CHST as Secretary/Treasurer. Both the President and Vice President positions are one-year terms. The Secretary/Treasurer serves for two years.

Kevin Moorhead is serving his second term on the CCHEST Board as a BCSP-elected Technologist/Technician. He has been the Safety Director at The Korte Company for over 18 years. Mr. Moorhead became a CHST in 1995. He resides in Trenton, IL.

Rick Callor is serving his second term as a CCHEST-elected Technologist/Technician. He is the Safety Training Director for the Washington Division of URS Corporation (formerly Washington Group International) in Boise, ID. Mr. Callor obtained the STS certification in 2000 and he achieved the CSP certification in 2005. He resides in Eagle, ID.

Gus Garcia is serving his first term as a CCHEST-elected Technologist/Technician. He is currently a Senior Consultant for ESIS, Inc. in Global Risk Control Services. Mr. Garcia earned his OHST, his CHST, and his CSP certifications in 2004. He resides in Orlando, FL.

Members of the CCHEST Board volunteer their time and serve without pay. They may serve two three-year terms.

CCHEST will elect a new Public Director at its next Board meeting (scheduled for September 5-6, 2008 in Des Plaines, IL). The new CCHEST Public Director will begin serving on January 1, 2009.

NEW CCHEST BOARD DIRECTOR

Eddie Greer

A new director began service to the CCHEST Board of Directors this year: M. E. (Eddie) Greer, CSP, OHST. Mr. Greer takes over as the BCSP Representative on the CCHEST Board for 2008. He is serving his first term on the CCHEST Board.

Mr. Greer is currently the General Partner of EGA Management, LLC. He has held the OHST since 1986. He resides in Horseshoe Bay, TX.

In addition to serving CCHEST, Mr. Greer has filled an At-Large Director position on the BCSP Board of Directors since 2004 and is currently serving his second term. He has held the CSP credential since 1991.

Mr. Greer replaces Linda M. Tapp, CSP on the CCHEST Board of Directors. CCHEST would like to extend its gratitude to Linda for her service.

IN MEMORIAM

Michael Orn

The first Executive Director of BCSP passed away on September 15, 2007. Mike Orn, 65, was involved in the establishment of what is now CCHEST and in the creation of the Council of Engineering & Scientific Specialty Boards (CESB). He served BCSP from 1976 to 1995.

Mr. Orn was a professional member of ASSE. He recently retired from many years of service with the U.S. Army, most recently at the Newport Chemical Depot in Newport, Indiana, where he...
was responsible for the neutralization of chemical weapons—assuring national security.

Mr. Orn resided in Philo, IL. He is survived by his wife, two sons, one daughter, and three grandchildren.

**OSHA NEWS**

**CCHEST and BCSP Renew Alliance Agreement**

CCHEST signed a new Alliance agreement (see photos) on February 22, 2008 with the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) establishing a partnership to enhance safety professionals’ educational and professional expertise. BCSP and ABIH were also part of this Alliance.

CCHEST, BCSP, and ABIH representatives signed the agreement at the U.S. Department of Labor. Edwin G. Foulke, Jr., Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, signed the agreement on behalf of OSHA. Mr. Foulke stated, “Assuring the safety and health of working men and women are the foundations of our respective organizations. OSHA is pleased to join with CCHEST, BCSP, and ABIH as we collaborate to develop products, programs, and resources that will advance safety and industrial hygiene competency in the workplace.”

“We are excited to work with OSHA through the Alliance with BCSP and ABIH,” said CCHEST President, Kevin Moorhead, CHST. “Each of our organizations has one goal in mind, and that is to help advance safety through certification, training, and education so that safety becomes a way of life for everything we do on the job and also at home. By working together we can achieve a higher level of safety performance.”

OSHA will work together with CCHEST, BCSP, and ABIH to encourage safety and health professionals to strive for greater knowledge of workplace safety and health programs, processes, and regulations.
Other goals revolve around training and education, outreach and communication, and promoting a national dialogue on safety and health in the workplace.

Visit the OSHA Alliance Program web page at www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances. The CCHEST, BCSP, and ABIH agreement is currently located online at www.osha.gov/dcsp/alliances/bcsp_cchest_abih.html.

**CCHEST and BCSP Support NAOSH Week 2008**

CCHEST and BCSP joined ASSE, OSHA, the Canadian Society of Safety Engineering (CSSE), and others to support and promote the North American Occupational Safety and Health (NAOSH) Week May 4th - 10th. The event strives to focus the attention of employers, employees, the general public, and all partners in occupational safety, health, and the environment on the importance of preventing workplace injury and illness. Participation by CCHEST reinforces its commitment to the Alliance agreement they have with OSHA and their common goal for a safer workplace.

**NEW MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE**

New management software for the STS program, which will allow certificants to view their own records, manage their recertification online, and provide secure electronic communication of all official notices and transactions, is in development. This same software will also accommodate special STS certification requirements, including the management of groups (i.e. payment of certification fees).

CCHEST will communicate details about the new software’s implementation on its website, through its newsletter, and via email.

During 2009, CCHEST plans to expand the capabilities for its other certifications.

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**WAIVING THE OHST/CLCS AND CHST APPLICATION FEE**

**For Students**

The CCHEST Application Fee Waiver Program recognizes graduates with degrees from ABET-accredited schools. It permits waivers of the $125 OHST/CLCS and CHST application fees to be granted through the use of vouchers.

CCHEST currently grants waivers of the application fee to applicants with associate degrees in safety accredited by ASAC-ABET. Such degrees awarded from Central Maine Community College (www.cmcc.edu) and Trinidad State Junior College (www.trinidadstate.edu) currently qualify.

**For Faculty**

CCHEST grants a waiver of OHST/CLCS or CHST application fees to faculty at U.S. accredited colleges or universities that hold institutional accreditation from an accrediting body recognized by the U.S. Department of Education or the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

Those who teach at least one safety or safety-related course in a degree program in the current or upcoming academic year (and can verify their teaching assignment) qualify. Safety and safety-related courses include those in industrial hygiene, environmental, fire protection, environmental health, and ergonomics.

Please contact Heather Murphy (email: heather@bcsp.org; phone: 217-359-2686 x118) for additional information on OHST/CLCS or CHST application fee waivers for students or faculty.

**ADVANCING YOUR SAFETY CAREER THROUGH CERTIFICATION**

CCHEST collaborated with BCSP to produce a new poster and flyer to promote the STS, CHST, OHST/CLCS, and CSP certifications (see page 8). Posters and flyers use a ladder graphic to depict “the climb to professional success.” CCHEST and BCSP certifications (and the associated qualifications) are offered at every “rung in the ladder” or at every stop along the pathway to becoming a safety and health professional.

The poster now travels with CCHEST and BCSP to national exhibits. Flyers are distributed at these same exhibits as well as at local and regional conferences where table top displays are on hand.

**UNAUTHORIZED USE OF A CCHEST CERTIFICATION**

CCHEST pursues cases of individuals claiming to hold CCHEST certification without permission. Cases come from a variety of sources, including other CCHEST certificate holders, employers, and membership organizations. CCHEST pursues those cases in which there is clear evidence of the unauthorized use and the individual has a clear responsibility, control, or knowledge of the use. Evidence may be a business card, resume, letter, web site, or other publication. If there is no clear evidence, CCHEST cannot act on the case. CCHEST challenges the individuals directly or through its attorney and requires a response. So far this year, CCHEST has handled 6 unauthorized use cases.

Based on the challenge process, CCHEST has barred the following individuals from pursuing or repursuing the OHST/CLCS or CHST certification for five years:

- Rick Meredith, Noble, OK
- John W. Rogers, Jr., Jackson, OH

Individuals are listed (along with their penalty period) at www.cchest.org/cchest/CCHESTUnauthorized.pdf.
CCHEST MENTOR PROGRAM

CCHEST started a mentor program for OHST/CLCS and CHST certificate holders in 2006. The CCHEST Mentor Program recognizes OHSTs/CLCSs and CHSTs who assist the career development of other safety practitioners (see sidebar). All mentors are recognized here in the CCHEST Newsletter and in an online honor roll at www.cchest.org/mentor.

OHSTs/CLCSs and CHSTs, who are interested in mentoring an OHST/CLCS or CHST applicant, should visit www.cchest.org/mentor for the CCHEST Mentor Program form.

PROMOTING CCHEST

Conferences/Exhibits

CCHEST is exhibiting at the following conferences:

- VPPPA Conference
  Anaheim, CA
- Construction Safety Conference
  Date TBD
  Rosemont, IL

CCHEST will share space with BCSP at several national conferences, including:

- National Safety Council (NSC) Congress & Expo
  BCSP Booth 374
  September 22-24, 2008
  Anaheim, CA
- American Industrial Hygiene Conference and Exposition (AIHce)
  June 1-3, 2009
  Toronto, ON
- American Society of Safety Engineers (ASSE) Professional Development Conference & Exposition
  June 28–30, 2009
  San Antonio, TX

Please stop by the BCSP booth to visit CCHEST if you get the opportunity. You can even pick up an OHST, CHST or STS sticker for your name badge!

CCHEST Display

CCHEST has a display that can be used as a floor display or at a shortened height for use on a table (see photo). CCHEST certificants may request a display and earn CM credit under Category 3.

Table top displays are a great way to promote the OHST/CLCS, CHST, or STS certifications. A display is available to any certificate holder for use at chapter meetings, regional or local conferences, career fairs, and other safety-related seminars, meetings, and presentations. CCHEST ships to and from any U.S. venue and provides literature at no cost.

If you would like to request a display, contact Heather Murphy (heather@bcsp.org). It is best to contact Ms. Murphy two to four weeks prior to an event, as the schedule fills up quickly.

CERTIFICATION MAINTENANCE

CM Updates

New activities have recently been approved for Certification Maintenance (CM) credit for OHST/CLCS and CHST certifications.

Category 3. Technical/Professional Committee Service and Health and Safety Organization Offices

- Volunteer professional safety service to one or more employers under the OSHA SHARP program earns 1 CM point for every 40 hours.
  1 point

Category 7. Continuing Education Courses

- Upon passing an online quiz operated by BCSP, BCSP COC credit awarded converts to CM credit at a rate of 1-to-1. Points vary depending on the quiz taken and passed (see https://www.bcsp.org/rqms).
  1 BCSP COC point = 1 CM point

Category 10. Re-examination

- Certified Hazardous Materials Manager
  15 points

CCHEST table top display (shown at full height).
CM Alignment for STS Certificants

In order to minimize duplication of recertification efforts and to provide more convenience for STS certificants, those STSs who hold another CCHEST certification can now benefit from Certification Maintenance (CM) alignment.

An STS who also holds either the OHST/CLCS or CHST can now provide their OHST/CLCS or CHST letter of compliance to completely meet their STS recertification requirement. The individual’s STS recertification cycle will then be aligned with the same cycle start and end dates for their OHST/CLCS or CHST recertification cycle.

Write Questions for CM Credit

OHSTs/CLCSs and CHSTs can earn CM points for writing questions or “items” for CCHEST. CCHEST needs draft items in all subject and task areas and for all examinations.

OHSTs/CLCSs and CHSTs can earn 1 CM point for five acceptable stand-alone examination items for CCHEST certification examinations.

There is no limit to the number of points you can obtain through item development. Examination item development is an inexpensive way to maintain certification.

The Manual for Writing Examination Items is designed to assist OHSTs/CLCSs and CHSTs in developing items. It contains complete instructions and the necessary forms for preparing draft examination items. It is available at www.cchest.org/downloads in PDF or obtainable by contacting the Examination Department.

NEW STAFF

Martin Bargon

Martin Bargon started in the BCSP office as a Systems Administrator on July 31, 2008. He will assist the Business Systems Manager, Bharat Philip-Patel, by taking over daily support needs, maintaining systems hardware and software, and helping with key projects.

Martin comes to BCSP from EDS/Kraft Foods where he was a System Engineer and System Project Leader for nine years. Prior to that, he held positions as a Systems Administrator and Network Administrator for Heartland Community College (Bloomington, IL) and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign.

Janey Morton

Janey Morton started in the BCSP office as a Customer Service Associate for CCHEST on July 1, 2008. She joins CCHEST staff members: Patrick Conroy, Barbara Patterson, and Alicia Neils-Millsap.

Janey comes to BCSP from McGladrey and Pullen, where she was an Administrative Assistant for three years. Prior to this, she worked four years at Eastern Illinois University (EIU) as a Management Methods Analyst. Before EIU, Janey was employed at Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center for 23 years. She recently completed a bachelor’s degree in Business at EIU (24 years after earning her associates degree).

Certificate Programs Earn OHST/CLCS Credit

Certain academic and private certificate training programs are recognized by CCHEST for OHST/CLCS waiver of experience credit. The amount of experience credit waived varies with the individual program (see below). The list of programs currently includes:

Central Maine Community College—Occupational Health and Safety Technologist Certificate (1 1/4 yr), Construction Safety and Health (1 1/4 yr)

Texas Engineering Extension Service (TEEX)—Certified Safety and Health Official, General Industry (1/2 yr), Certified Safety and Health Official, Construction (1/2 yr)

An academic institution or organization (private or government) offering a certificate program in safety and health can apply for OHST/CLCS credit by submitting an Application for Certificate Program Credit toward the OHST/CLCS certification. This application is available in PDF at www.cchest.org/downloads. A program can qualify for a period of five years and must then reapply for recognition.

CLCS Qualifications Waived for ALCMs

Through December 31, 2009, all ALCMs that apply for the CLCS certification can be granted a waiver of the experience course of study, the May 2007 graduates of Keene State College’s Technology, Design, and Safety Studies bachelor degree program are to attempt the OHST examination. Once all of the students complete the OHST examination, CCHEST will provide Keene State College with aggregated examination performance results for the class, as compared against the population of all OHST candidates. Keene State College will then use these results to improve the program to help ensure that its graduates are better prepared for occupational health and safety practice.

OHST/CLCS NEWS

Use of OHST by Keene State College

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OHST/CLCS NEWS

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requirement. ALCMs need only to provide a copy of their ALCM certificate with their application materials. For additional information, please contact CCHEST.

Candidates should contact sources directly about materials, course schedules, fees, or matters related to satisfaction with their products or services.

New CHST Review and Study Software Available

CCHEST has learned that Datachem Software Inc. now offers software to assist candidates with preparing for the CHST examination. Please visit www.datachemsoftware.com for more information.

Other providers of CHST review and study sources include:

- American Society of Safety Engineers (www.asse.org)
- National Center for Construction Education and Research (www.nccer.org)
- Professional Safety Associates (www.professionalsafety.com)
- Richland Community College (www.richland.edu)
- Span International Training (www.spantraining.com).

CCHEST maintains a list of review and study sources as a courtesy. Other than materials copyrighted and/or published by CCHEST (e.g., CHST Candidate Handbook, self-assessment examinations), CCHEST does not have any involvement in the development, content, or distribution of any courses or materials associated with preparing for CCHEST certification examinations. CCHEST neither endorses providers nor evaluates the providers’ materials for consistency with CCHEST examination blueprints.

STS NEWS

CCHEST Recognizes STS Sponsoring Organizations

CCHEST awarded participation plaques and certificates to employers using the STS certification during 2007. These recognize the number of people achieving the certification during the year.

There were 8 new STS sponsors in 2007:

- Clark Construction
- Harbison Mahoney Higgins (HMH)
- Haztek Inc.
- Nippo Construction
- Road Builders
- Safety Management Systems (formerly Acadian Integrated Solutions)
- Tek Pacific
- Worley Parsons

The following companies continue to participate in the STS sponsorship program:

- Alan Shintani Inc.
- American Piping and Boiler
- ASRC Energy Services
- Atlantic Plant Maintenance
- Battelle Energy Alliance
- BP Exploration
- BWXT
- CH2M Hill
- Dick Pacific
- Energy Chemical Corporation
- Hawaiian Dredging
- Healy Tibbitts
- Lyda Swinerton
- Lyz Inc.
- M. Shiroma Construction
- Meadow Valley Inc.
- Nan Inc.
- Nippo
- Nova Group
- Per Inc.
- Performance Safety
- Shaw Stone Webster
- Swinerton
- Tesoro
- Vero
- Washington Closure Hanford
- Washington Division of URS Corporation (formerly Washington Group International)
- Watts Construction
- West Coast Construction

REMINDER: Don’t Forget to Update your Information with CCHEST!

It is your responsibility to keep CCHEST informed of your current mail and email address. We cannot locate you if we do not have a current mail and email address on file. If either address changes, you must let CCHEST know. There is a good chance you may lose your certification, because annual renewal fee notices and other important information does not reach you.

Thank you!

STS APPAREL AVAILABLE!

Go to www.rlk-inc.com/stores and click on the STS logo to order!
Advance your Safety Career through Certification
Climb the ladder to professional success

Occupational Health and Safety Technologist® Certification
- For Safety and Health Associates/Assistants and Safety Administrators
  - Introduced in 1985
  - Five Years of Occupational Health or Safety Experience Required (Education may be substituted for some or all of the experience)

Construction Health and Safety Technician® Certification
- For Safety and Health Technicians and Safety Trainers
  - Introduced in 1994
  - Three Years Construction Work Experience Combined with Supervisory or Safety and Health Experience (Education may be substituted for some or all of the experience)

Certified Loss Control Specialist Certification
- For Insurance Agency, Carrier or Consultant Loss Control Practitioners
  - Introduced in 2007
  - Similar knowledge as OHST with different responsibilities
  - Five Years of Occupational Health or Safety Experience Required (Education may be substituted for some or all of the experience)

Safety Trained Supervisor Certification
- For Workgroup Leaders through Vice Presidents
  - Introduced in 1995
  - There are Three Separate STS Examinations to Choose from: Construction, General Industry, and Petrochemical
  - Workgroup Leaders with the STS Advance Quicker in their Career Paths
  - Two Years Supervisory Experience and 30 Hours of Safety and Health Training Required

Certified Safety Professional® Certification
- For Safety Managers, Safety Directors, Safety Executives, and Consultants
  - Introduced in 1999
  - At Least Four Years of Professional Safety Experience Required
  - Bachelor’s Degree in any Field or Associate’s Degree in Safety and Health Required

BCSP
Board of Certified Safety Professionals
www.bcsp.org

CCHEST
Council on Certification of Health, Environmental, and Safety Technologists
www.cchest.org
Current Certificate Holders

The table below lists the number of certificate holders in each CCHEST certification program at the end of 2007. CLCSs data were not available at press time.

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<th>Certification</th>
<th>Number</th>
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<td>OHST</td>
<td>1,387</td>
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<td>CHST</td>
<td>1,011</td>
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<td>STS</td>
<td>2,747</td>
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New Certificate Holders

During 2007, CCHEST awarded new certifications in each program as follows:

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<td>OHST</td>
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<td>CHST</td>
<td>135</td>
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<td>STS</td>
<td>878</td>
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Examinations

All CCHEST annual examination performance statistics are reported in the aggregate (in lieu of “by form”). Examination results and statistics for the OHST/CLCS, CHST, and STS examinations during 2007 are summarized as follows:

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<th>Certification</th>
<th>Number of Candidates</th>
<th>Mean Score</th>
<th>Candidate Passing Rate</th>
<th>Standard Deviation</th>
<th>Standard Error of Measurement</th>
<th>Decision Consistency [K2(x,t)]:</th>
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<tr>
<td>OHST/CLCS</td>
<td>186</td>
<td>63.8%</td>
<td>72.6%</td>
<td>18.29</td>
<td>5.96</td>
<td>0.92</td>
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<tr>
<td>CHST</td>
<td>189</td>
<td>69.6%</td>
<td>70.9%</td>
<td>13.3</td>
<td>5.59</td>
<td>0.86</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STS-Construction</td>
<td>656</td>
<td>78.4%</td>
<td>89.5%</td>
<td>6.53</td>
<td>3.43</td>
<td>0.88</td>
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<tr>
<td>STS-General Industry</td>
<td>200</td>
<td>78.5%</td>
<td>95.0%</td>
<td>6.43</td>
<td>3.28</td>
<td>0.94</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>STS-Petrochemical</td>
<td>19</td>
<td>77.9%</td>
<td>100%</td>
<td>5.15</td>
<td>3.09</td>
<td>0.94</td>
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Certification Maintenance

89 OHSTs and 78 CHSTs completed their five-year CM cycle in 2007 and were required to complete a report of recertification activities in order to retain their certification. 88 OHSTs and 66 CHSTs submitted a CM Worksheet. CCHEST randomly selected a portion of those submitting CM Worksheets for an audit to demonstrate proof that the points claimed were actually earned. All certificants selected for audit were able to document their activities.

Based on a sample of submitted reports, the average person earned 28.67 points compared to the 20 required for a five-year cycle.

Most points came from Category 1 (Safety and Health Practice) and Category 10 (Re-examination).

The average number of points earned from each category of activity and the percent of those participating are below:

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<th>Category Description</th>
<th>Points</th>
<th>Percent</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. Safety and Health Practice</td>
<td>8.5</td>
<td>88%</td>
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<tr>
<td>2. H&amp;S Organization Memberships</td>
<td>3.1</td>
<td>69%</td>
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<td>3. Technical/Professional Committee Serviceand H&amp;S Organization Offices</td>
<td>0.7</td>
<td>21%</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. Professional Publications, Papers, Technical Presentations, and Patents</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>3%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>5. Preparation of Examination Questions</td>
<td>0.0</td>
<td>0%</td>
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<tr>
<td>6. Professional Development Conferences</td>
<td>2.3</td>
<td>49%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>7. Continuing Education Courses</td>
<td>3.9</td>
<td>48%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>8. College or University Credit Courses</td>
<td>3.8</td>
<td>10%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>9. Academic Degrees</td>
<td>2.8</td>
<td>14%</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>10. Re-examination</td>
<td>6.2</td>
<td>29%</td>
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For the eleventh consecutive year, CCHEST completed the year with a net revenue. The net revenue goes toward a reserve fund. The CCHEST goal is to have a reserve fund equal to at least one year’s operating budget. The reserve fund is also needed to pay for special projects, such as periodic validation studies and capital projects.

While all three CCHEST programs exceeded the budgeted revenue, the STS program once again did exceptionally well in 2007. The STS continues to grow and is demanded by more and more employers.

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Statements of Net Assets
Years Ended December 31, 2007 and 2006

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<td>Increase in unrestricted net assets</td>
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<td>Balance, December 31, 2006</td>
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<td>Increase in unrestricted net assets</td>
<td>32,257</td>
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Statements of Cash Flows
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<td>Cash flows from operating activities</td>
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<td>Decrease in prepaid expenses</td>
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<td>Net cash provided by operating activities</td>
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<td>Purchases of certificates of deposit</td>
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<td>Net cash provided (used in) investment activities</td>
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Note 1. Nature of Organization and Significant Accounting Policies

Nature of organization:

The Council on Certification of Health, Environmental and Safety Technologists (CCHEST) is a joint venture between the American Board of Industrial Hygiene, Inc. (ABHI) and the Board of Certified Safety Professionals (BCSP). CCHEST is a nonprofit joint venture organized to provide certification of health, environmental and safety technologists.

Significant accounting policies:

Revenue recognition:

Revenue from exam and application fees is recognized in the calendar year in which it is incurred. Unearned amounts and exam fees represent revenue applicable to future periods.

Revenue from exam examination fees is recognized when the examinations are given, or when the time allowed to take the exam expires.

Revenue from application fees is recognized as earned.

Cash and cash equivalents:

For purposes of reporting, the Council considers: money market accounts and certificates of deposit with original maturities of less than 90 days to be cash equivalents.

Certificates of deposit:

Includes certificates of deposit with original maturities in excess of 90 days.

Exam development costs:

Examination development costs are capitalized when incurred and amortized over the period of time the exams are expected to generate revenue before the exams become ready to be updated. The exam development costs are amortized over a three to five-year period.

Use of estimates in the preparation of financial statements:

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Note 2. Concentrations of Credit Risk

The Council maintains its cash in bank deposits accounts which, at times, may exceed federally insured limits. The Council has not experienced any losses in such accounts, and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash.

Note 3. Transactions with Related Parties

BCSP performs administrative duties related to the Cchest's operations and receives a management fee for these services. In 2007 and 2006, this fee was based on actual hours worked for CCHEST multiplied by an hourly effective rate plus an allocation of employee benefits and overhead expenses. BCSP charged CCHEST $384,780 and $275,658, to cover direct staff support and overhead for the years ended December 31, 2007 and 2006, respectively.

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Note 4. Pending Adoption of Accounting Pronouncements

In September 2006 the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 157, Fair Value Measurements ("SFAS No. 157"). SFAS No. 157 defines fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and requires disclosures about fair value measurement. SFAS No. 157 also emphasizes that fair value is a market-based measurement, not an entity-specific measurement, and sets out a fair value hierarchy with the highest priority being quotes in active markets. Under SFAS No. 157, fair value measurements are disclosed by level within the hierarchy. This statement is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Council is currently assessing the potential effect of SFAS No. 157 on its financial position, changes in net assets and cash flows.

In February 2007, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 160, Noncontrolling Interests in Consolidated Financial Statements ("SFAS No. 160"). SFAS No. 160 requires companies to report noncontrolling interests and related equity transactions in the equity section of the balance sheet and requires companies to report noncontrolling interests in consolidated financial statements. The standard also requires, when necessary, representation and disclosure in the financial statements of the effects and nature of such important changes in ownership interest. The Council is currently evaluating the impact of the adoption of SFAS No. 160.